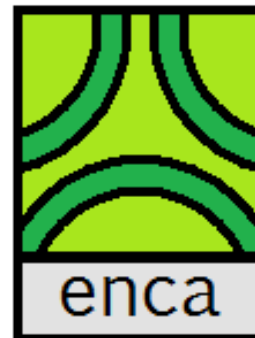


# Heads of European Nature Conservation Agencies (ENCA network)



## Update on ENCA activities and actions from the ENCA secretariat

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### 1. Meetings

#### Past 8<sup>th</sup> plenary meeting in Inverness/Scotland

The 8<sup>th</sup> ENCA plenary meeting hosted by the Scottish ENCA member (details under point 4) was taking place in its comfortable and welcoming SNH head offices in Inverness from 15<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> May 2011. 18 parties have been participating in the meeting covering the following topics:

#### Green Infrastructure (GI)

- After a number of input presentations, the concept has been discussed and a definition “as seen by ENCA” of Green Infrastructure has been compiled by Natural England’s Pete Brotherton in cooperation with BfN’s Daniel Wolf: [http://encanet.eu/home/fileadmin/filemount/Statements/ENCA\\_21\\_GreenInfrastructure\\_2011.pdf](http://encanet.eu/home/fileadmin/filemount/Statements/ENCA_21_GreenInfrastructure_2011.pdf)
- The second focal topic was dedicated to the EC’s Resource Efficiency (RE) initiative which was presented by Paul Speight of DG Environment. It was on the agenda to get insights and a taste of the commissions views on RE, especially in relation with biodiversity. This turned out to be a complex task which needs further discussion and clarification.
- Ecosystems services won again their attention due to their potential ability to link RE and biodiversity. Further steps, how to follow up the topic have been discussed and the conclusions have been drawn to make the topic the focal topic of the next plenary meeting in Haarlem/NL.
- The discussions were summed up with the discussion around the ENCA IG on sustainable land use and the statement on the common agriculture policy (CAP) prepared by the group and presented by the IGs member Maria della Torre, SNH (cp. 3.). The conclusion was to follow the proposition of the group to focus in “Sustainable Intensification” – producing more without further

loss of biodiversity” – a possible handle on the resource efficiency topic launched by the European Commission.

- An update on the work of ENCA’s interest groups was given, the group’s and their chair’s work was highly acknowledged.
- Europe Vision 2050: a core group of ENCAs will prepare the topic as an input to the next plenary meeting.
- Internal affairs and ways of developing the network further were discussed.
- A number of announcement were made (cp. 5.).

#### Upcoming 9<sup>th</sup> meeting in the Netherlands

Between 9<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> October 2011, the Dutch PBL, supported by Staatsbosbeheer will host the 9<sup>th</sup> ENCA plenary meeting. It will be a back-to-back meeting with the EPA network and taking place in the city of Haarlem. Both networks will have separate meetings, with a 2 hours common session, dedicated to the topics of Ecosystem Services. The aim is to create an environment where both networks can interact and openly discuss subjects of common interests, and in the same time to facilitate the development and dynamics in each of the networks.

### 2. Interest groups and workshops

#### 2.1 Sustainable Land Use

Chaired by Karin Robinet, BfN, [Karin.Robinet@BfN.de](mailto:Karin.Robinet@BfN.de)

The group was meeting in May and finalised the statement on the CAP reform (cp. 3). Also the working programme was discussed for the coming year. Which has been approved by the 8<sup>th</sup> plenary meeting and will focus on: “Sustainable Intensification” – producing more without further loss of biodiversity”.

Check the following link for further information: <http://encanet.eu/home/index.php?id=suslaus>

## 2.2 Monitoring and Assessment

Chaired by CCW's Alan Brown [a.brown@ccw.gov.uk](mailto:a.brown@ccw.gov.uk)

The joint ENCA/EBONE workshop on "Optimising field-based recording of ecological data for integration with remotely sensed data", was offered by Doñana Natural Space, Matalascañas, Spain on 10/11 May 2011, where members of 18 organisations exchanged of experience and discussed relevant topics. ICTS has shown the participants one of the most elaborated monitoring schemes combining on-ground and remote sensing techniques and data: <http://icts.ebd.csic.es/CambiarIdiomaAction.do?idioma=ingles>

Presentations are ready to download on the IGs website, as well as further information: <http://encanet.eu/home/index.php?id=monitoring>

## 2.3 Climate Change and Adaptation

Chaired by Natural England's Nick MacGregor [nicholas.macgregor@naturalengland.org.uk](mailto:nicholas.macgregor@naturalengland.org.uk)

The joint BfN-ENCA Climate Change Adaptation event organised in April in Bonn was considered as a successful frame for either a wider scientific exchange in form of a 2 day international and public conference, as well as the exchange among agencies on the following 2 days of the week, where 9 organisations met. The major outcomes have been presented during the 8<sup>th</sup> plenary meeting:

Due to the changes in the composition of the group, the working programme has been discussed, and it was concluded that the focus should remain on adaptation, with mitigation as an important related, but secondary, issue. Also the close collaboration with further organisation and a close exchange with the EPA IG CCA should be maintained, in order to make the groups outputs available for a wider public.

In autumn a back to back meeting between the two IGs (ENCA and EPA) is planned to be arranged around the topic of 'biodiversity and ecosystem benefits of catchment management' taking place in September.

The working programme for the coming months will focus on collating and reviewing practical examples of conservation for climate change:

- Ecosystem-based adaptation – projects that use the natural environment to provide specific adaptation benefits for people
- Ecosystem-based mitigation – projects that maintain natural carbon stores and/or increase sequestration of carbon to soil and vegetation, while protecting or enhancing biodiversity
- Adaptive conservation – conservation projects that aim to assist wildlife and natural systems to adapt to a changing climate

The collection of case studies will be initiated during the workshop on ecosystem-based adaptation hosted by BfN, Vilm, Germany, 10-13 July 2011 (cp. 5).

Check the following link for further information: <http://encanet.eu/home/index.php?id=clchange>

## 2.4 GMO and Hazardous Organism

Chair: Hans Hosbach, [hans.hosbach@bafu.admin.ch](mailto:hans.hosbach@bafu.admin.ch), coordination: Anne-Gabrielle Wust-Saucy [anne-gabrielle.wust-saucy@bafu.admin.ch](mailto:anne-gabrielle.wust-saucy@bafu.admin.ch), both FOEN

The IG has provided a report on monitoring: [http://www.umweltbundesamt.at/aktuell/publikationen/publikationssuche/publikationsdetail/?pub\\_id=1903](http://www.umweltbundesamt.at/aktuell/publikationen/publikationssuche/publikationsdetail/?pub_id=1903)

Check the following link for further information: <http://encanet.eu/home/index.php?id=gmo>

## 2.5 Workshop on Marine Biodiversity

Coordinated by Ana Štrbenac of the Croatian (SINP): [Ana.Strbenac@dzzp.hr](mailto:Ana.Strbenac@dzzp.hr)

EUROSITE will organise the following meeting:

2nd AMP workshop organised by EUROSITE, from 30 August to 1 September in Conquet (Bretagne, France), jointly organised with AAMP, CdL, l'ATEN and PNMI.

Information and registration : <http://euosite-mpawg.espaces-naturels.fr/>

Check the following link for further information: <http://encanet.eu/home/index.php?id=marinebioid>

## 2.6 IG on Communication of Biodiversity

Chair: tbd

10 participants from 8 organisations met for a one day meeting during Brussels Green Week.

The meeting was focusing on the exchange of experience and the discussion of specific elements of the countries activities, leading to a number of conclusions. DG Env informed on the campaign on EU Resource Efficiency starting in September, highlighting major elements and orientation, but also challenges of the campaign. The UN year and now decade of biodiversity and its implications on communication have been discussed: Starting point: Love. not loss (3'27"; CBD COP10): <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BvldwOEzreM>

Finally future activities of the group were subject of an outlook and next steps to be taken have been discussed in the final block of the ENCA IG meeting, leading to a list of actions. Due to organisational matters, a considerable number of interested experts have not been able to attend, proposing to participate in the discussion in future meetings.

Check the following updated link for further information: <http://encanet.eu/home/index.php?id=98>

### All IGs are happy to welcome new members for participation.

The participants of the 8<sup>th</sup> plenary meeting were expressing their gratitude for the excellent work which has been carried out.

### 3. Statements

The paper points to the need for substantial reform of the CAP and to the scope for strengthening the link between the CAP and the provision of public goods, highlighting the need to maintain funding to be able to effectively tackle the new challenges associated with biodiversity, climate change and water management. The documents has been sent out on 24 June 2011.

You may find the document on our website:

[http://encanet.eu/home/uploads/media/ENCA20\\_CAP2011.pdf](http://encanet.eu/home/uploads/media/ENCA20_CAP2011.pdf)

Further positions and letters might be accessed here:

<http://encanet.eu/home/index.php?id=statements>

### 4. ENCA members and partners

#### ENCA members in the spotlight:

#### Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH)



**Dualchas Nàdair na h-Alba**

Nàdar air fad airson Alba air fad

Staff: around 800

*Number of protected areas managed: SNH manages the National Nature Reserves (62 reserves covering almost 130000 ha, 1.6% of area of Scotland) and has an advisory role in relation to management of the other sites.*

Commissioned by: Government of Scotland

Mission: **'All of nature for all of Scotland'**

*Purpose of SNH: Promote care for and improvement of the natural heritage, help people enjoy it responsibly, enable greater understanding and awareness of it, promote its sustainable use, now and for future generations.*

*Typical activity: Cp. Corporate Strategy 2008-2013:*  
<http://www.snh.gov.uk/docs/A201274.pdf>

*An activities during the 2010 year of biodiversity:*

**Biodiversity starts with a B and ...**

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v\\_otglfQw4](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v_otglfQw4)

*Particularity: Vision for what Scotland's natural heritage could be like in 2025, and how that could be achieved:* <http://www.snh.gov.uk/about-snh/what-we-do/nhf>

*Head of agency: Chief Executive Ian Jardine*

*Headquarter: Inverness, Scotland, in total 11 offices across Scotland.*

*Further information:* <http://www.snh.gov.uk>

#### ENCA troika

The ENCA troika, the governing body of the network is currently consisting of the three following agencies: Netherlands Environmental Assessment Agency (PBL), Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH) and the Austrian Umweltbundesamt (UBA Wien) deciding on urgent ENCA matters, following up activities and supporting the organisation of the next meeting.

#### Partner organisations: DG Environment

An ENCA delegation has met Mrs Pia Bucella, new director of DG Environment's Directorate B: Nature, Biodiversity & Land Use on May 24. The delegation has handed over ENCA's best wishes to for her new duties and assured the continuation of the exchange between her directorate and the network. An invitation to the next plenary meeting has also been delivered. ENCA is looking forward to a fruitful and interesting exchange with Ms Bucella and her directorate.

#### NHEEPA network

During the **16th plenary meeting** in Malta the following topics were on the agenda:

- Overview of the Commission priorities in the field of environment.
- Green economy: EEA provided a summary of results from analysis of national resource efficiency policies and instruments across Europe
- Survey on the differing roles of the EPAs was also presented.

#### Interest groups:

The Better Regulation Interest Group had provided a draft response to the Commission consultation on 6EAP: [http://ec.europa.eu/environment/newprg/consult\\_2011.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/environment/newprg/consult_2011.htm)

#### EPA Internal affairs

Will Fawcett was presented as the new secretary. The meeting considered an evaluation of the roles of the different Interest Groups and also possibilities for future work of the secretariat.

The 56 participants represented 29 national environmental organisations from 25 countries and the European Environment Agency and DG Environment.

**Next** 17th EPA Network will be a back to back meeting with ENCA in Haarlem/ the Netherlands (cp. 1).

## 5. Conferences, publications, projects and announcement from ENCA members

### 1. ENCA – BfN Joint Workshop “Ecosystem-based adaptation and mitigation – good practice examples and lessons learnt from Europe” will be held from July 10-13 2011 on Vilm Island, Germany

The aim is to share good practice examples and projects demonstrating how managing biodiversity and ecosystem services can contribute to the mitigation of climate change or to support other sectors in adapting to climate change.

Presentations and other inputs are highly welcomed.

Limited funds are available upon request (see registration form) for participants from new EU Member States, Accession Countries, NGOs and academia.

A short questionnaire on possible case studies to be analysed and included in an accompanying study will be sent to you in due course by our contractor Ms. Nathalie Doswald from WCMC.

Nick Macgregor (Natural England), Horst Korn (BfN) and Jutta Stadler (BfN), on behalf of the organising team.

[http://www.bfn.de/0603\\_kalender.html?&no\\_cache=1&tx\\_blitzcalendar\\_pi1\[qlist\]=3&tx\\_blitzcalendar\\_pi1\[uid\]=25&tx\\_blitzcalendar\\_pi1\[cid\]=17&tx\\_blitzcalendar\\_pi1\[cmd\]=single](http://www.bfn.de/0603_kalender.html?&no_cache=1&tx_blitzcalendar_pi1[qlist]=3&tx_blitzcalendar_pi1[uid]=25&tx_blitzcalendar_pi1[cid]=17&tx_blitzcalendar_pi1[cmd]=single)

Registration:

[http://www.bfn.de/10990.html?&tx\\_blitzcalendar\\_pi1\[cid\]=17](http://www.bfn.de/10990.html?&tx_blitzcalendar_pi1[cid]=17)

**For further information** on the contents of the workshop please contact Ms. Jutta Stadler ([jutta.stadler@bfn-vilm.de](mailto:jutta.stadler@bfn-vilm.de)). Registration forms should be sent to Ms. Gertrud Freitag ([Gertrud.Freitag@bfn-vilm.de](mailto:Gertrud.Freitag@bfn-vilm.de)). Please forward share and send in project which are currently carried out in your agency and which might be of interest for other agencies.

### 2. TEEB Processes in European Countries: An International Workshop to Facilitate Exchange and Coordination 12th – 14th October 2011, Isle of Vilm, Germany

The German Federal Agency for Nature Conservation (BfN) and partners are inviting national European TEEB initiatives to participate in a workshop that primarily aims to:

- provide a platform for exchange and mutual learning about various TEEB initiatives in different European countries,
- facilitate the cooperation and coordination among European countries and, thus,
- generate synergies to foster TEEB processes at various levels.

Thematic issues

- general approaches to TEEB at the national level
- methodological approaches to identify important ecosystem services
- current status and trends of ecosystems
- approaches to monetary and non-monetary valuation of ecosystem services
- policy instruments and tools to safeguard ecosystem services at national and European level
- involving the private sector
- communication to decision-makers and public
- synergies from coordination and cooperation
- liaising national and European TEEB processes

**For further information** on the contents of the workshop please contact: [Bettina.hedden-dunkhorst@bfn.de](mailto:Bettina.hedden-dunkhorst@bfn.de)

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# Things to do whatever your age!

Feed the ducks  

Find 3 yellow things  

Float a leaf on water and watch it drift  

Look for a spider, what's it doing?  

Stand really still and count the sounds you hear  

Find a face or animal in the clouds  

Spot a wild living animal  

Tick them off when you've done them ✓

For more inspiration and ideas of things to do go to [snh.gov.uk/simplepleasures](http://snh.gov.uk/simplepleasures). If you had fun, tell everyone about it on our Facebook page – search for "Nature on your doorstep".



Typical activity organised by the Scottish SNH: 'Simple pleasures, easily found' (©SNH).