

WOLFWATCH EUROPE

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WolfWatch Europe is a new initiative launched in response to the recent EU decision to downgrade the protection status of the wolf. It serves as an information gateway dedicated to wolf-related developments across Europe. The platform provides updates on scientific research, science diplomacy, legal frameworks, litigation cases at both EU and Member State level, emerging policies, key events, economic analysis and cultural perspectives.

Curated by **Green Impact**, the platform supports informed stakeholder dialogue and evidence-based decision-making by bringing together reliable, cross-sector information on wolf conservation and management across Europe. It is designed to evolve in a participatory manner, actively encouraging contributions and engagement from a diverse range of stakeholders.

LEGAL EUROPEAN UNION

- **Case T-563/25**; Green Impact and other Associations, Appeal before the European Court of Justice (EUCJ) to annul the 2025 EU act of downlisting of the Wolf. Represented by: L. D'Agostino and M. Giovinazzo, lawyers. **READ** the Appeal: https://greenimpact.it/wp-content/uploads/2025/10/OJ_C_202505359_EN_TXT.pdf
- **Discover** the list of Associations which contributed with an **act of intervention**: <https://www.greenimpact.it/wp-content/uploads/2025/12/PDF-Appellants-Acts-of-Intervention.pdf>
- **Case T-634/24**; Green Impact and other Associations Appeal before the European Court of Justice (EUCJ) to annul the 2024 EU Council Decision proposing the Wolf downlisting at the Bern Convention. Represented by: L. D'Agostino, lawyer. **READ** the Appeal: https://greenimpact.it/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/OJ_C_202500922_EN_TXT.pdf
- **Discover** the list of Associations which contributed with an **act of intervention**: <https://greenimpact.it/wp-content/uploads/2025/06/2025-LUPI-Caso-Corte-UE.-Lista-Ricorrenti-e-Atto-di-intervento.pdf>

LETTERS

49 NGOS SENT A LETTER TO THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION ASKING TO DEFER SWEDEN TO THE EUROPEAN COURT OF JUSTICE FOR AUTHORISED ILLEGAL KILLING OF WOLVES.

49 NGOs sent a Letter to the European Commission asking to defer Sweden to the European Court of Justice for authorised illegal killing of wolves. No time to wait – the Swedish formal reporting lacks science base and violate the EU Habitats Directive . The Wolves population is at risk of extinction.

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SCIENCE DIPLOMACY

TESTING A CONSERVATION COMPROMISE: NO EVIDENCE THAT PUBLIC WOLF HUNTING IN SLOVAKIA REDUCED LIVESTOCK LOSSES

(NOVEMBER 2023)

Variation in the legal status and management of wolves (*Canis lupus*) across EU Member States provides a good opportunity to test the effectiveness of different practices to reduce livestock losses. This opportunity for testing is particularly useful for lethal interventions, as they are among the most controversial actions within the large carnivore management toolbox...

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BROAD COALITION HAS FORMALLY CALLED ON THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION TO INVESTIGATE THE RECENT KILLING IN AUSTRIA OF MIRCO

Several NGOs among the signatories of a broad coalition of European environmental organisations, scientific experts, wildlife professionals and conservation advocates has formally called on the European Commission to investigate the recent killing in Austria of Mirco, a young Italian GPS-collared wolf that was part of a long-term scientific research project coordinated by the Dolomiti Bellunesi National Park and the University of Sassari.

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30 JUNE 2026 – THE IBERIAN WOLF: PROTECTED IN PORTUGAL, HUNTABLE IN SPAIN – NOW ONE LAW AND ONE FUTURE

A wolf protected in Portugal can be killed across the border in Spain – the two countries must manage one shared population together. The Iberian wolf (*Canis lupus signatus*) – a genetically unique subspecies classified as Endangered in Portugal and protected under national law since 1988, six years before EU law required it – is facing a mounting conservation crisis rooted in the absence of coordinated management across the Portugal–Spain border...

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Portugal stands out for maintaining its strict legal safeguards for the Iberian wolf.

The species is genetically unique, still classified as Endangered, and requires strict protection. Green Impact ETS, Rewilding Portugal and the Fondo para la Protección del Lobo Ibérico, welcome the formal adoption of the ICNF Programa Alcateia 2025–2035 (Despacho n.º 14505/2025, 5 December 2025) and call for its full and effective implementation to enhance Iberian wolf conservation through modernised compensation frameworks and anti-predator infrastructure.

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SCIENCE DIPLOMACY

RESPONSE OF WOLVES TO CORRIDOR RESTORATION AND HUMAN USE MANAGEMENT

(DECEMBER 2006 - [ECOLOGY AND SOCIETY](#))

Corridor restoration is increasingly being used to connect habitat in mountainous areas where rugged topography and increasing human activity fragment habitat. Wolves (*Canis lupus*) are a conservation priority because they avoid areas with high levels of human use and are ecologically important predators. We examined how corridor restoration through a golf course changes the distribution of wolves and their prey in Jasper National Park, Alberta, Canada. We followed and recorded wolf paths in the snow both within the corridor and in the surrounding landscape before and after a corridor was re-established. Track transects were used to estimate prey abundance and snow depths, and trail counters measured human activity. We compared resources on wolf paths to available movement routes using conditional logistic regression and also compared resources used by wolves before and after restoration. We addressed potential confounding effects of prey abundance, snow depths, and levels of human use by testing for changes in these variables. Prior to restoration, wolves traveled around the golf course and used the mountainside to connect valley–bottom habitat. Conversely, elk (*Cervus elaphus*) densities were highest in the golf course...

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