



Position of NGOs on implementing article 10 of the Habitats Directive

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What is EHF

- Forum of 14 international conservation NGO networks
- Voice of nature conservation NGOs in Europe
- Working towards a better implementation of the Habitats and Birds Directives



Natura 2000 and Article 10

- Strong legal basis – most powerful nature conservation tool in Europe
- Not a real network, but a collection of independent sites
- Vague language of Article 10 and lack of clear obligation on Member States
- Other processes stressing importance of coherence and connectivity
- 2010 biodiversity target



Coherence is essential

- Long term viability and functioning of individual sites
- Corridors for species movement caused by climate change
- Increasing fragmentation of habitats



How to make Article 10 work

- EC to provide guidance for MS on Article 10 implementation
- Corridor/ stepping stones areas targeted for LIFE+, RDP etc. by the commission and national govts.
- Utilisation of Key Biodiversity Areas (KBAs – IBAs, IPAs, IHAs, PBAs etc.)



What NGOs can contribute

- Tools to incorporate biodiversity into connectivity
- Local community involment, public support and participation
- Providing valuable biodiversity data



Example of biodiversity data – Important Plant Areas

- Data on distribution of threatened plant species and habitats
- Key threats for plants identified – forestry, agriculture - recommendations for corridor areas
- Corridors should cover important biodiversity areas

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