

SAVE Foundation Project Office

Current Status of Projects and
Activities



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SAVE Annual Meeting 2023, Fredericia, Denmark

Wild fruits

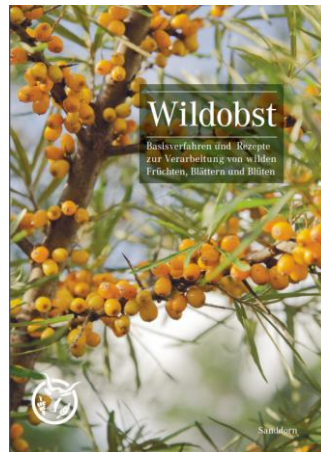
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Switzerland

- Mogelsberg, CH: Europe's largest wild fruit collection
- Brochure: preparation of wild fruits, recipes (in German)
- Guided tours with tastings
- In preparation: workshops and product development



Schneeball {Viburnum spec.}



Maulbeere {Morus}



Wild fruits

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Switzerland

- Inforama Wildobst: database with >300 descriptions of wild fruit species and >2100 descriptions of wild fruit varieties (in German)
- 2023: translation into French (ongoing)



www.wildobst.info

Vegetable varieties in Switzerland – Yesterday and Today

Switzerland

- SAVE Project Office searched and compiled data regarding old Swiss vegetable varieties and set up a historical inventory (project NAP32/32bis «Historical Inventory of Swiss Vegetable Varieties» within former Swiss national action plan, finished in 2003)
- Project: match data of the Historical Inventory with the Swiss national database PGREL-NIS
- Project proposal submitted in May 2023, approved in July 2023
- Budget 60'480,-CHF, project duration: Jan. 2024 to Dec. 2025

Busha Cattle

Balkan

- FAO Project BushaLive, 2013-2015
 - Monitoring
 - Molecular genetic characterization
 - Establishment of in situ conservation and (comparable) herdbooks
 - Promotional activities
- Subsequent survey (population, usage) in 2019
- Busha Cattle Survey 2023: ongoing



Balusha sheep

Kosovo

- Study on the genetic diversity of the Kosovar Balusha sheep
 - initiated in 2017 and financed by SAVE
 - results published in 2022
- 2023:
 - planning of activities to conserve the breed by international working group
 - letter to official bodies has been sent (Kosovar ministry, in copy to: EU commission, ...)



Adeniyi et al., 2022 <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC9140571/pdf/genes-13-00866.pdf>

Rare livestock breeds in zoos – EU survey

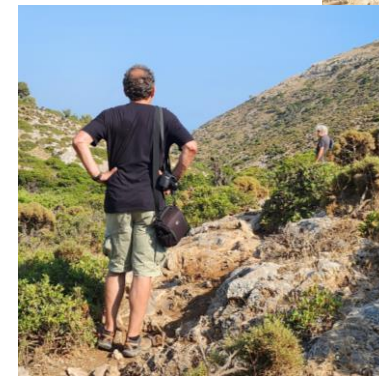
Europe

- online survey: can zoological gardens be involved in the conservation of rare livestock breeds?
- members of the European Association of Zoos and Aquaria (EAZA) will receive survey



Indigenous cattle breeds of the Dodecanese Greece


- visits to islands (Nisyros, Lipsi, Agathonisi, Kastelorizo) in June/July 2023 (Stefano, Iosif, Nikos, Daniele, Bettina)
- Collection of data on herds and animals
- Sampling of hair roots
- Project aiming at the conservation of Dodecanese cattle breeds will be initiated



Redesign of the SAVE website



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Suche... 



Wir sichern und schützen traditionelle Nutzierrassen und Kulturpflanzen.
Europaweit – jetzt – für die künftigen Generationen.

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Wechseln Sie zu den Einstellungen, um Wind
aktivieren.

Further activities



Arca-Net

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Belgien
Die gemeinnützige Organisation 'Steunpunt Levend Erfgoed' (SLE) baut ein qualitatives und nachhaltiges Netzwerk von „Living Heritage Farmen“ in Flandern auf



Alte Nutztierrassen zum Greifen nah – im Freilichtmuseum Bokrijk in Genk, Limburg, Belgien
(<https://www.sle.be/wat-doen-wellevend-erfgoed/hofabel/bokrijk/limburg>)

Die SLE bemüht sich seit mehr als 25 Jahren um die Erhaltung des lebendigen Kulturerbes in Form von alten Haustierrassen, die früher auf dem Bauernhof oder im Stall gehalten wurden. Viele dieser Rassen sind selten geworden, einige sind bereits ausgestorben. Diese zählen zu verschiedenen Arten "von der Taube bis zum Pferd": Tauben, Kaninchen, Zwerg- und Großhühner, Truthähne, Enten, Gänse, Hunde, Schafe, Ziegen, Schweine, Rinder und Pferde. Viele Behörden, Verbände, Organisationen, Unternehmen und Einzelpersonen sind bereit, gemeinsam an der Rettung dieser alten Rassen zu arbeiten. Um diese Bemühungen und Aktionen zu strukturieren

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The knowledge platform for traditional agriculture in the Alps

Knowledge about cultivation, keeping, breeding, utilization and production techniques of traditional crops and farm animals in the Alpine area is lost more quickly than the species and varieties. Wild animals and plants need a suitable ecosystem for their prosperity. However, domesticated animals and plants also need people, techniques, methods and management. Traditional agriculture in the Alpine region needs special techniques and processes to be able to produce at least sustainably. The protection of varieties and breeds is not guaranteed in the long term if production methods are going to be forgotten. Therefore it is essential for the livelihood of the agrobiodiversity to collect and preserve the traditional rural knowledge.

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Selection of group

select the group.



Networks

Welcome

What is Arca Net?

 The diversity of traditional and endangered livestock breeds and cultivated plants is cared for, bred and managed in different places and in very different institutions in Europe. This diversity can be experienced at arc farms, museums, animal parks, arboretums, variety gardens and various collections. The database-supported Arca platform lists facilities that are accessible to the public in any way. The platform is designed for a wide audience and provides information about the facility, access and offers, but also information on the respective livestock breeds, their distribution, endangerment and history can be called up in the Arca-Net using the comprehensive search function in four languages. There are registered more than 600 institutions in 46 European countries. Users can find out where an arc farm is in their area and whether it has regular opening times or can only be visited, for example after registering by phone. The managers of the respective facility should manage their entries themselves; the entries are as up-to-date as possible. Both interested persons and the operators of the individual facilities from Arca-Net.

Outlook

- EU Horizon call: Developing EU advisory networks on sustainable livestock systems
 - Option to apply: Balkan Advisory Network on Sustainable Livestock Systems
- Option: Application to become a Technical and Scientific Cooperation Support Center (CBD)
 - subregional (Balkan)
- IBK Kleinprojektefonds (region around lake Constance)

**Thank you
for your
attention**



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