

## “Rewilding in Italy: state of the art and future perspectives”

3-4-5 November 2023, Gioia dei Marsi

### Programme

#### **Friday 3 November**

<b>8:30 - 9:15</b>	<b>Registration of participants</b>	<b>Team of Rewilding Apennines</b>
<b><u>I session</u></b>	<b>The strategy of Rewilding Apennines for a wilder Apennine</b>	<b>Moderator: Piero Visconti</b> , Board member and scientific supervisor of Rewilding Apennines
<b>9:15 – 9:20</b>	Institutional greetings	<b>Gianluca Alfonsi</b> , Mayor of Gioia dei Marsi
<b>9:20 - 9:30</b>	Short film "Central Apennines. A rewilding journey", by Bruno D'Amicis and Umberto Esposito	<b>Piero Visconti presents</b> , Board member and scientific supervisor of Rewilding Apennines
<b>9:30 - 9:45</b>	The benefits of rewilding for the local communities	<b>Antonio Carrara</b> , Chairman of Rewilding Apennines
<b>9:45 – 10:00</b>	The rewilding movement in Europe	<b>Piero Visconti</b> , Board member and scientific supervisor of Rewilding Apennines
<b>10:00 – 10:15</b>	Rewilding Apennines, 10 years after: the story of rewilding in Italy	<b>Bruno D'Amicis</b> , Vice chairman of Rewilding Apennines
<b>10:15 – 10:30</b>	Rewilding: fashion or necessity?	<b>Izabella Zwack</b> , Board member of Rewilding Apennines
<b>10:30 – 11:00</b>	Commitments and challenges of the rewilding initiatives in the Central Apennines	<b>Mario Cipollone</b> , Team Leader of Rewilding Apennines
<b>11:00 - 11:20</b>	Coffee break	
<b><u>II session</u></b>	<b>Living with wildlife in the Central Apennines</b>	<b>Moderator: Piero Visconti</b> , Board member and scientific supervisor of Rewilding Apennines
<b>11:20 – 11:50</b>	Objectives and actions of the LIFE Bear-Smart Corridors initiative	<b>Annette Mertens</b> , Project manager of LIFE Bear-Smart Corridors – Rewilding Europe <b>Fabien Quetier</b> , Rewilding landscapes coordinator - Rewilding Europe
<b>11:50 – 12:40</b>	The Bear Smart Communities in the Central Apennines: challenges and opportunities	<b>Antonio Di Croce</b> , Director of Monte Genzana Alto Gizio Regional Nature Reserve <b>Serena Frau</b> , Conservation Biologist at Salviamo l'Orso <b>Fabrizio Cordischi</b> , Field Operations Manager of Rewilding Apennines

		<b>Luciano Sammarone</b> , Director of Abruzzo, Lazio and Molise National Park
		<b>Paola Morini</b> , Biologist of Sirente Velino Regional Park
<b>12:40 - 13:00</b>	Research to map the perspectives of human-bear coexistence in the Central Apennines	<b>Paula Mayer</b> , Institute for Planning of Landscape and Urban Systems (PLUS), ETH Zurich
<b>13:00 - 13:20</b>	Discussion. The implementation of coexistence best practices with large carnivores	
<b>13:20 - 14:30</b>	Lunch break	
<b>III session</b>	<b>Financial and legislative tools to support nature conservation</b>	<b>Moderator: Donato Pinto</b> , Financial Manager of Rewilding Apennines
<b>14:30 - 14:50</b>	The role of the private sector in the initiative of conservation and restoration of nature	<b>Valerio Reale</b> , Enterprise Manager of Rewilding Apennines
<b>14:50 - 15:10</b>	The evolution of the EU LIFE programme and the European Biodiversity Strategy for 2030	<b>Annette Mertens</b> , LIFE Project Manager - Rewilding Europe
<b>15:10 - 15:30</b>	Rewilding credits and ecosystem services	<b>Fabien Quetier</b> , Rewilding landscapes coordinator - Rewilding Europe
<b>15:30 - 15:50</b>	The sustainable management of private lands: opportunities for the communities	<b>Caterina Palombo</b> , Coop. ETICAE
<b>15:50 - 16:10</b>	The legal framework of rewilding	<b>Giulia Testa</b> , Coordinator of European Young Rewilders of Rewilding Europe
<b>16:10 - 16:30</b>	Coffee break	
<b>16:30 - 17:30</b>	Discussion. Nature conservation: a collective challenge	
<b>17:45 - 18:45</b>	Poster session	6 posters (10' presentation per poster)
<b>20:00</b>	Dinner	
<b>21:30 - 22:15</b>	Storytelling: stories and legends about the plants' world	<b>Anna Lisa Cantelmi</b> , herbalist
<b>22:30 - 23:30</b>	Concert of traditional music	<b>Antonello Iannotta</b>

### Saturday 4 November

<b>IV session</b>	<b>Biodiversity on the move in Italy</b>	<b>Moderator: Elisabetta Tosoni</b> , Biologist
<b>9:00 - 9:40</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Italy, the country with the greatest biodiversity in Europe: reality or legend, problem or resource?</li> <li>Species that return on their own or expand their range. General framework</li> </ul>	<b>Andrea Monaco</b> , Zoologist of ISPRA

9:40 - 10:10	The golden jackal: on the move southward	<b>Luca Lapini</b> , Zoologist at the Friuli Museum of Natural History of Udine
10:10 - 10:30	Coffee break	
10:30 - 11:30	Species that come back as a result of successful reintroductions in the Apennines. The return of the Apennine chamois	<b>Roberta Latini</b> , Biologist and Scientific Manager of Abruzzo, Lazio and Molise National Park
		<b>Antonio Antonucci</b> , Biologist of Maiella National Park
		<b>Paola Morini</b> , Biologist of Sirente Velino Regional Park
		<b>Alessandro Rossetti</b> , Biologist of Monti Sibillini National Park
11:30 - 12:10	Vultures in the Central Apennines: current situation and future perspectives	<b>Mario Posillico</b> , Biologist at Department of Carabinieri Biodiversità of Castel di Sangro <b>Nicolò Borgianni</b> , Vulture Field Officer of Rewilding Apennines
12:10 - 12:30	Monitoring the nesting of golden eagles in some protected areas of the Abruzzo region	<b>Filippo La Civita</b> , Ecologist at Department of Carabinieri Biodiversità of Castel di Sangro
12:30 - 13:00	Discussion	
13:00 - 14:30	Lunch break	
14:30 - 14:50	The national program of conservation of Mesola red deer	<b>Col. Giovanni Nobili</b> , Department of Carabinieri Biodiversità of Punta Marina - Ravenna
14:50 - 15:10	The lynx reintroduction in the Tarvisio forest	<b>Ten. Col. Cristiano Manni</b> , Department of Carabinieri Biodiversità Tarvisio
15:10 - 15:40	The white-clawed crayfish in the Central Apennines	<b>Tommaso Pagliani</b> , Biologist
		<b>Giuseppe Di Renzo</b> , Manager of the white-clawed crayfish breeding center in Borrello
15:40 - 16:10	Freshwater fish and environmental changes	<b>Amilcare D'Orsi</b> , Ichthyologist
		<b>Marco Seminara</b> , Hydrobiologist
16:10 - 16:30	Coffee break	
16:30 - 17:00	Amphibians and reptiles. State of conservation	<b>Leonardo Vignoli</b> , Biologist and Associated professor at Università Roma Tre
17:00 - 17:40	Plant biodiversity in the central Apennines. What changes for the future?	<b>Carmelo Gentile</b> , Scientific manager and forest doctor at Abruzzo, Lazio and Molise National Park
17:40 - 18:10	The conservation challenges for the Apoidea world	<b>Gaia Di Francescantonio</b> , University of Pisa
18:10 - 18:40	Discussion	
20:00	Dinner	
21:30 - 23:00	Screening of documentaries:	<b>Presents Pao Fernández Garrido</b> , World Fish Migration Foundation and <b>Francisco Campos-Lopez Benyunes</b> , film director
	Dambusters (66'), by World Wildlife Fund (WWF), Magen Entertainment, World Fish Migration Foundation (WFMF)	

	The Kentish plover (10'), directed by Michal Stenzel and Francesco Verrocchio, Paliurus - natura, storia ed ecoturismo APS	<b>Presents Francesco Verrocchio, Paliurus</b>
	VULTURE: The Story of the Bearded Vulture (11'), by Lizzie Daly	<b>Presents Rewilding Apennines team</b>

### Sunday 5 November

<u>V session</u>	<b>From reintroductions to the protection of species and habitats: the active rewilding</b>	<b>Moderator: Mario Cipollone</b> , Team Leader of Rewilding Apennines
<b>9:00 – 9:30</b>	Species that have become established as a result of reintroductions or intentional and unintentional introductions. General framework	<b>Andrea Monaco</b> , Zoologist of ISPRA
<b>9:30 – 10:00</b>	The return of the Eurasian beaver in the Central Apennines	<b>Emiliano Mori</b> , Conservation Biologist of CNR
<b>10:00 – 11:00</b>	Initiatives of river ecosystems restoration in the Central Apennines	<b>Ileana Schipani</b> , River ecologist <b>Simone Giovacchini</b> , Biologist and PhD student at Università degli Studi del Molise
<b>11:00 – 11:20</b>	Coffee break	
<b>11:20 – 11:40</b>	Threats to the conservation of endangered species. Focus on LIFE Egyptian vulture and migratory avifauna	<b>Guido Ceccolini and Anna Cenerini</b> , CERM Endangered Raptors Centre
<b>11:40 – 12:00</b>	Application of environmental protection regulations. Magnifying glass on anti-poison strategy.	<b>Magg. Massimiliano Di Vittorio</b> , Central Department of Carabinieri Biodiversità
<b>12:20 – 13:15</b>	Round table “Future perspectives: strategies to protect, restore and boost the biodiversity in Italy” Staff from public bodies, representatives of environmental associations and stakeholders’ groups will be present.	
<b>13:15 – 14:30</b>	Lunch break	
	Greetings, commitments and future appointments	