

First announcement

Invitation to

International beaver workshop:

The reintroduction of European beavers – a plus for biodiversity or detrimental for the environment?

20 October 2016, Uppsala, Sweden

Background

Until their almost extirpation in the 19th century, beavers were dominant ecosystem engineers in many European riverine landscapes. After re-introductions and conservation measures, beavers are presently recolonizing many European countries with partly high population density. Especially the beavers' damming of streams may result in conflicts with land use but also in wetland restoration, with potential benefits for biodiversity, hunting and tourism.

Aim

The aim of the workshop is to

- Exchange knowledge and experience on the benefits and threats, respectively, posed by the recolonization of beavers
- Identify gaps in knowledge needed for successful beaver management
- Frame the basis for a national evidence-based beaver policy

When: 20 October 2016, 9.00 am – 4.00 pm

Where: Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences, Uppsala, Sweden

Language: English

Keynote speakers: Glynnis Hood (University of Alberta), Peter Busher (Boston University), Nigel Willby (University of Stirling)

Admission: The workshop is free of charge thanks to the Center for Fish and Wildlife Research, SLU and Uppsala Vattencentrum (UVC)

Registration and contact: Please register for the workshop no later than 23 September by e-mail to Frauke.Ecke@slu.se.

If you have any questions, please contact Frauke Ecke, Göran Hartman (Goran.Hartman@slu.se) or Carl-Gustaf Thulin (carl-gustaf.thulin@slu.se)

Target group: Researchers, wildlife managers, administrators at authorities working with nature conservation and environmental protection.



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