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Integrative Alpine wildlife and habitat management for the next generation

TRI-NATIONAL MEETING

On the 22nd of May 2019 in Chamonix-Mont-Blanc

Hunting activities and ecological connectivity

1 General organization

As a tri-national meeting, a contact with the hunting partners of the Canton du Valais and the Aoste Valley has been necessary. So, the hunting federation of Haute-Savoie, with the company of ASTERS-CEN74, organised a first launch meeting, on the 26th of October 2018, at the hunting room of the hunting society of Chamonix-Mont-Blanc. This



meeting allowed to explain the objectives and the final meeting content. Following this meeting, the owl partners approved their participation. Since this meeting, 3 others meetings were planned to fix the orientations, the proceedings and the aim objectives of the final meeting.

The personalities who were presents at the different meetings are listed in the Annexe 1.

2 Choice of themes

One of the starting questions was: Do the hunting activities have an impact on the ecological connectivity ?

Even if between all the concerned regions, differences of practices and organisation of hunting can influence very locally and temporarily the wildlife movements, it doesn't seem that the hunting practices make the biological corridors permeable, on the study region. This is the conclusion that the hunters oh the Canton du Valais, Aoste Valley and Haute-Savoie maintain. On the other hand, on the transalpine scale, two major and important issues in view of the obstacles they impose on ecological continuities for the wildlife: the road collisions and the disruption brought on by the summery and wintry touristic activities. So, this is around these two topics that the meeting was born.

The road collisions with wildlife are a common curse for the 3 regions: Swiss, Italian, and French. To date, the hunting managers contribute to the reduction, installing their own actions. Reflector stakes, wild-animal passage, infrared detector... The means that are executed are convergent, but the specific seasonal and place constraints induce variable results. Concerning the disruption linked with the touristic activities, the observation is eloquent. We can see a fast transformation of outdoor activities, more particularly in winter. It's the increasing of the natural environment visits, combined with the development of activities and their spatial and temporal conquest that are worrying on either side of borders. According to the legislation and the season, the speaker hunters reminded the heavy impacts of skiing in all its forms: from the heliski, to snow racket but also mountain bike, trail or the recent development of new forms of outdoor sports (paraglider, base jump, wingsuit...). The impact on the quality of habitats, useless energy spending for animals, direct mortality (collision with the cables) and induced mortality (increasing of predation, abandonment of nests, decreasing of feeding hours...) are colossal and constitutes a real jam for the good spatial operation of nature. Like the road collisions, several solutions have been developed by the hunters and some singular ones. Through rules, awareness and communication.

3 Today's program

The meeting took place at the "Refuge Aiglons hotel" on May 22, 2019.

9h00 – Accueil café

9h30 – Ouverture du meeting

9h35 – Accueil de la municipalité et de la Région

Auvergne Rhône-Alpes

9h40 – Accueil des partenaires organisateurs

9h45 – Présentation du projet Alpbionet 2030

9h50 – Thématique n°1 : Synergie transfrontalière autour de l'activité cynégétique

Présentation des territoires de la région de travail transfrontalière du Mont-Blanc (Mont-Blanc/Giffre, Vallée d'Aoste, Valais)

L'activité cynégétique en quelques mots (présentée par des professionnels)

Zoom sur la gestion de cinq espèces : le Cerf élaphe, le Chamois, le Chevreuil, le Sanglier et le Tétrás Lyre

Les espèces protégées : l'implication du monde cynégétique

Les propositions pour une entente tri-régionale

12h45 – Temps d'échange avec la salle

13h00 – Pause déjeuner

14h30 – Thématique n°2 : La connectivité écologique ; des pratiques auxquelles il faut faire face

La connectivité écologique : de quoi parlons-nous ?

La chasse a-t-elle un impact sur la connectivité écologique ?

Les problématiques de nos régions : les collisions routières et le dérangement de la faune sauvage

Les solutions apportées pour limiter les collisions : présentation par pays

Le dérangement : présentation des pratiques qui dérangent

Zoom sur le dérangement hivernal : quelles solutions pour quel dérangement

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16h45 – Temps d'échange avec la salle

17h00 – Clôture du meeting

The PPT editing that served as a support is in Annexe 2.

4 Communication

A large number of articles have been written. They are archived in Annexe 3.

5 Pictures

