

The Wildlife Patrons

Foundation Pro Biodiversity

Emergency assistance for endangered wildlife species

The Foundation, originally founded as *Die Tier Paten gGmbH* in 2002, concerns itself with the conservation of endangered wildlife species and species diversity. It sees its role as patrons for wildlife, with a firm obligation to care for these aspects of the natural world in Germany and beyond.

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Who we are

Background

In November 2008 the DieTierPaten® shareholders agreed to change the legal form of the organisation at the year's end from a limited charitable company to that of a foundation. The successful and acknowledged work to the benefit of endangered wildlife species would continue unchanged. The objectives of the new foundation are:

- ◆ The implementation of the ideas and requests of many of our donors and sponsors.
- ◆ Safeguarding the future of our work above and beyond the fate of our present management.
- ◆ Creation of a clear and unmistakable profile for our work according to our statutes - that is to preserve and protect endangered wildlife species and their biodiversity.



The Foundation Pro Biodiversity - Stiftung Pro Artenvielfalt®

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Our operations

The operational strengths of the foundation are based on the highly motivated and experienced project team, together with a highly qualified network of specialist volunteers who have worked for *DieTierPaten* since 2002. They can call on the experience of eight years of recognized cost and time-effective project work for endangered wildlife, and for animals and birds in distress. The foundation intensifies and deepens the existing close and friendly relationships with regional nature protection organisations and initiatives, to wildlife care and rehabilitation centres, to nature protection authorities at regional level as well as the management of nature and national parks in the German-speaking parts of Europe. This qualified and

reliable network provides the foundation with the practical support it needs to implement its often urgent wildlife protection projects.

Our philosophy

We have an obligation as patrons of wildlife to conserve and protect endangered animal and plant species and preserve species diversity.

Where we stand

We are the emergency relief organization for endangered wildlife species.

What our commitment means

A part of our basic human living conditions dies with the extinction of each and every wildlife or plant species. Extinction is a quiet and insidious process. It happens on our very doorstep, at our holiday destinations, in practically every corner of the world. The extermination of the unique world of flora and fauna as a result of human activity escalates at an alarming pace. At present an animal or plant species becomes extinct every 10 minutes. That is 6 species every hour. Or more than 140 species in a single day. Our planet is becoming ever more monotonous and is losing its familiar countenance. As a result we humans lose our inner harmony and spiritual balance. The quality of human life can only be guaranteed by a balance in the natural world through biodiversity.

Our obligations

The people working with the **Foundation Pro Biodiversity** are convinced that the conservation and protection of wildlife species and their habitats is a generation responsibility. Our work is based on the Rio Convention on Biodiversity and Agenda 21, agreed at the UN Convention in Rio de Janeiro (Rio) 1992. We aim to preserve the basic necessities of life for already endangered wildlife and, where necessary and possible, to re-establish or improve them.

Our objectives

Our objectives as set out in our statutes are, in the 21st Century, to ensure the survival of endangered and threatened wildlife species in their traditional and natural habitats. In detail this includes:

- ♦ The protection of natural habitats.
- ♦ Concrete measures to protect species.
- ♦ Promotion of the interest in wildlife conservation through exemplary campaigns.
- ♦ Educational work, dissemination of information and public relations.

Our statutory project work

The Foundation Pro Biodiversity discovers and realizes wildlife conservation projects that have a fair chance of success, or where quick decisions and consistent action are required to tackle acute problems. The Foundation Pro Biodiversity is a dependable partner not only for on-site practical nature and species protection project work, but also for local people committed to nature and species conservation. The latter often work in the background, full of ideals and with sparse financial means. They often sacrifice what little free time they have, as well as their private interests, for the well-being of endangered wildlife species and their habitats.

The Foundation's bodies

The Foundation Board is the supervisory body. It monitors and controls the work of the Executive Board. The CEO is completely responsible for all operational matters and the fulfilment of the foundations objectives as set out in the statutes.

The Supervisory Board

Jens Genge (Chair)
Dr. Klaus Richarz
Hubert Zöllner

The Executive Board

Roland Tischbier (CEO)

Your donation and sponsorship matters

Your donation, whether 5, 15, 30 or even 50 Euro help to lay an important cornerstone for the realization of an urgent wildlife protection project in Germany and the rest of Europe.

News

Occasional important new items will be published in English here from time to time.
Our up to date news service in German can be read [here](#).

Projects

The focus of our projects:

Land purchase

To protect valuable habitats (biotopes) **for endangered species**

Species sanctuary towers & rescue centres

For structure-dwelling wildlife species and rehabilitation release stations

Migrating birds protection camps

To combat the migrant bird slaughter in Southern Europe

Land purchase

Projects include:

- ♦ **Paderborner Land, North Rhine-Westphalia:** Little Owl habitat improvement.
- ♦ **Drömling Nature Park, Saxony-Anhalt:** Otter and Common Crane habitat improvement, foraging areas for White Stork, natural farm garden habitat.
- ♦ **Kleiner Gollinsee, Brandenburg:** Preservation of natural habitat for Otter, Beaver, Common Crane, Kingfisher, Reed Warbler and Great Crested Grebe.
- ♦ **Finowtal, Brandenburg:** Preservation of an Ice Age terminal moraine surrounded by inland dunes and bogs. Habitat for Beaver, Otter, Small Copper butterflies as well as freshwater fish such as Spined Loach and European Bullhead. Also home to many invertebrate, insects, amphibian and reptile species and breeding, rest and feeding site for birds of prey, waders, water and song birds. These include such strictly protected species such as Daubenton's Bat, Sedge Warbler, Kingfisher, Black Stork, White Stork, Corncrake, Black Woodpecker, Snipe, Savi's Warbler, Grass Snake and Sand Lizard.
- ♦ **Torfstich Klosterfelde, Brandenburg:** A post-Ice Age lowland bog with lake, meadows and Oak-Pine mixed woodland. Our landscape maintenance has won back habitat for the White Stork, Whinchat, and Common Crane, as well as a number of orchid species and other endangered flora. The woodland is an ideal habitat for Redstart, Lesser and Middle Spotted Woodpecker and Wryneck.
- ♦ **Altenburger Land, Thuringia:** The most ecologically valuable part of a former GDR nature reserve consisting of up to 300 year old mixed woodland of Pedunculate or English Oak, Large-leaved Lime and Hornbeam. Habitat for the Edible Dormouse and several hundred greatly endangered butterfly, beetle and fungi species.
- ♦ **Wünschendorf/Elster, Thuringia:** Water meadow and woodland slope river bank plots along the River Weida. Restoration and preservation of habitat for wildlife of woodland and river wildlife including Red Kite, Long-Eared Owl, Black and Middle Spotted Woodpecker and four bat species as well as provision of amphibian biotopes.
- ♦ **Henfstadt, Thuringia:** Preservation of a former flowering meadow for more than 300 butterfly species.
- ♦ **Altötting, Bavaria:** Provision of habitat, dead and rotting wood stumps, for the endangered Stag Beetle.
- ♦ **Munich, Bavaria:** Provision of nest boxes for the Swift on a school building. This involves the schoolchildren in a species protection project.

- ♦ **Rotenburg an der Fulda, Hesse:** Restoration of two underground water tanks as winter quarters for at present five bat species.
- ♦ **Allendorf, Hesse:** Restoration of the attic of an old half-timbered house as summer quarters and roost for one of the largest Greater Mouse-eared Bat colonies in Hesse.
- ♦ **Nordhausen, Thuringia:** Preservation of upland flowering meadows and woodland fringe as habitat for butterfly and wild bee species and the extremely shy wildcat.

(Click on the thumbnails for a detailed illustrated project exposé in German)

Species sanctuary towers & rescue centres

House renovation, roof renewal and insulation measures destroy thousands of nest sites and day and night time roosts for structure-dwelling wildlife species,

Our species sanctuary towers are real safe havens for regionally endangered structure-dwelling wildlife species, many of which are on the German Red List.

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Participate and donate

Get involved in our work

We need your solidarity for our projects!

If you want regular information on our projects please send a mail to:

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