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La base de données sur le savoir lié à l'agriculture traditionnelle alpine

Les connaissances sur les techniques culturales, l'élevage, la reproduction, l'utilisation et la production des plantes cultivées et des animaux d'élevage traditionnels dans la région alpine se perdent aujourd'hui plus rapidement que les espèces et les rariétés. Les animaux et plantes sauvages ont besoin d'un écosystème approprié pour prospérer. Cependant, les animaux l'élevage et les plantes cultivées nécessitent de plus des personnes, des techniques et des méthodes de gestion adaptées. Dans les Alpes, l'agriculture traditionnelle est basée sur des techniques et des méthodes spéciales pour pouvoir produire de manière durable. Si l'on oublie ces méthodes de production, la protection des variétés et des races ne peut pas être garantie à long terme. Il est donc essentiel pour la conservation de l'agrobiodiversité de rassembler, transférer et maintenir les connaissances agricoles traditionnelles.

Créer un compte

Se connecter

Sélection des domaines

Veuillez cliquer sur le domaine qui vous intéresse







Plantes



Techniques culturales



Traditions

Séléction des régions

Veuillez cliquer sur la région souhaitée



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Welcome

What is Arca Net?

The diversity of traditional and endangered livestock breeds and cultivated plants is cared for, bred and marketed in different places and in very different institutions in Europe. This diversity can be experienced at arc farms, in open-air museums, animal parks, arboretums, variety gardens and various collections. The database-supported Arca-Net 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 so that the entries are as up-to-date as possible. Both interested persons and the operators of the individual facilities benefit from Arca-Net.

How did Arca net come about?

"People can only protect and conserve what they know". This perception led the European SAVE Foundation to develop Arca-Net, the network for institutions that conserve agrobiodiversity, the diversity in agriculture, and make it accessible to the public.

Surveys on rescue and conservation stations for rare and endangered livestock breeds by the European SAVE Foundation showed that it is often difficult to find facilities where agricultural diversity can be experienced first-hand. Agrobiodiversity hotspots are mostly to be found in remote areas, as are the farms and facilities for their lively consequation.

For those involved in the conservation of agricultural diversity, it is important to maintain contact with the public and to present the unique regional diversity of livestock breeds and cultivated plants, because love and thus support comes from the senses. Many institutions are now opening up to visitors are farms in different countries show. But if an arc farm was searched for at the holiday destination in order to experience the local agricultural diversity, the search turned out to be very difficult. The European Arca-Net network closes a gap here.

Since 2004 SAVE-Foundation has been collecting such publicly accessible institutions as part of various projects. As an interactive guide to facilities that preserve ancient and endangered farm animal breeds and crops and make them accessible to the public, the places are accessible to a wide audience. This diversity can be experienced at arc farms in openair museums not parks archoretums variety earchers and various collections.



Single Projects: Balusha



• **Balusha sheep** in Kosovo: genetic investigation made at University of Giessen. Collection of animals for a nucleus group is pending because there is no reliable farmer on place.

Rare Breeds and Zoos: Opportunities for Conservation?



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Rare Breeds in Zoos

- Saving the Turopolje pig Zoo Schönbrunn, AT
- Donkey Survey Promotion with Zoo Rapperswil (CH)
- Tiroler Chicken (Zoo Rapperswil)
- Bündner Oberländer sheep (Animal Park Goldau, CH)
- Poitou Donkey (Zoo Moulhouse, France)
- Baroque Donkey (Schönbrunn, AT)
- www.zootierliste.de



Questions to the SAVE Partners

- How do you as NGO/breeding Organisation see zoos in relation to livestock conservation?
- Are you already in any collaboration with zoos in your region?
- Do you think zoos can act as a rescue place for urgent actions?

SAVE Partner Livestock Breeds































Responses

- 10 Responses out of 31 Addresses
- Definition of «Zoo» was not clear (are Safari parks, Museums etc. included?). The term is not clear defined or protected up to now.





- <u>Council Directive 1999/22/EC:</u> 'zoos' = permanent establishments where animals of wild species are kept for exhibition to the public for 7 or more days a year.
- <u>EU Zoos Directive Good Practice Document</u>: With regard to animals of domestic and/or domesticated species that form part of the zoo collection, notwithstanding any other international, EU or national legislation that may apply to their conditions and protection, Member States' competent authorities may consider applying to these the requirements related to accommodation and animal husbandry established in Article 3 of the Zoo Directive.

Responses

• Zoos in Relation to Livestock Conservation

- In AT, GR, DE, CH: positive experience
- No collaboration in BE, IT and DK (lack of agric. skills)
- «last saving method»
- «could be an opportunity»

Existing collaboration with Zoos

- Yes in AT, CH, DE, GR, NL
- No in BE, DK, IT, RS

Zoo as a rescue place for urgent actions

- Yes in GR positive experience in several urgent actions, (IT: theoretically), RS, depending on Experts and funds
- No in
 - BE (no strategic vision in zoos);
 - CH: PSR no: no free capacity, legal restictions,
 - DE: legal restictions
 - DK
 - NL: legal restictions

Preliminary Conclusion

- It must be better defined what is mentioned with the term «Zoo»
- Positive experience in collaboration is rare
- Collaboration means also instructions and agreements
- Lack of agricultural skills in zoos
- Rescue place: not in acute outbreak of a disease (no in no out)
- Education: rare breeds on the same stage with famous wild animals (Siberian tiger)

Ongoing Project

- Interdisciplinary VdZ Symposium 22/23 Nov. In Nordshorn, Germany: present qation of the results of the short suirvey of the conservation side.
- European-wide gathering of information about collaboration possibilities with zoos.
- Development of a concept for
 - Conservation issues with zoos
 - Educational programmes with zoos
 - PR for rare breeds

Council of Europe NGO Participatory Status



Application for a participatory Status at the Council of Europe?

Projects in the Pipeline

- Rare Breeds and Zoos: Opportunities for Conservation?
- Stregnthening the cooperation with ECLLD (let's liberate Diversity)
- E.g. Arca Net, e.g. Fundus, e.g. Agrobiodiversity policy
- Vegetable varieties in Switzerland yesterday and today
 - Comparison of the inventoried accessions in the Swiss PGREL-NIS with the historical inventory (based on NAP32/32bis finished in 2003 «Hist. Inventory of Swiss Vegetable Varieties»)
- Update Feral Populations and Nature Conservation
- Mocanitza Fundraising is running
- Greece Fundraising is running

SAVE Changes

- To streamline the organisational structure the «**Project Commission**» is no longer in place. Interested single persons are invited to participate the SAVE meetings, to propose articles or project ideas.
- The «Patronage Committee», which was never really acting, also was cancelled. The former «members» still get the eNews and are invited to participate SAVE however they like.
- Some of the BoD members are retiring. If there are any interested persons, please tell us!
- WK is retiring 2023 and will be replaced by Dr. Bettina Müller

