



## Letter to Biodiversity Working Group

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Dear friends,

After many months of inactivity within our working group "Biodiversity PERDIX", it is time to gather new ideas.

The current suggestion for this arose during the IAF meeting in Poland on the basis of discussions with young falconers, such as Santiago Camarena from Spain, by whom the issue of global biodiversity loss is painfully perceived.

On the other hand, we finally have a paradigm shift in EU policy: through the Green Deal and CAP 2023, which will more or less take effect next year, the allocation of public money is finally being linked to public services: Soil, water, climate and species protection.

The decisive factor, however, will be the national implementation, i.e. the national strategy plans in the individual countries. There will be enough work to be done there.

On the other hand, I think it is extremely important that we falconers visibly commit ourselves to our game species. For small game does not have to be hunted, but may be hunted if it occurs in sufficient numbers.

Thus, we as falconers have an extraordinary responsibility, not only for the species we hunt, but for habitats as a whole.

I would like to suggest that everyone introduces themselves a little (including if they like their falconry background) and outlines their thoughts and ideas. I would like to also do this at the end and then also present a little bit of what we have done (or not done) in the past.

A joint meeting is also planned in Brussels on the occasion of the opening of the IAF exhibition. Hoping for a fruitful discussion!!!

Yours,

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