



The Rewilding Conference

Programme

Thursday 21st September

- 0930 Official Opening by the Hon Prof. John E. Cortes, Minister with responsibility for Heritage and the Environment
- 1000 Opening Lecture: Professor Jacques Blondel, CNRS, Montpellier, France
Rewilding in the Anthropocene: taking up scientific, technical and ethical challenges
- 1130 Professor Lars Werdelin, Swedish Museum of Natural History, Stockholm, Sweden
How 'wild' is the wild in rewilding? Lessons from the African fossil record
- 1230 Dr Carlo Meloro, John Moores University, Liverpool, United Kingdom
Predators from the past, still hiding in the present
- 1500 Professor Jens-Christian Svenning, Department of Bioscience, Aarhus University, Denmark
Broad-scale, long-term perspectives on megafauna ecology and trophic rewilding in a changing world
- 1630 Dr Juan Jose Negro, Estación Biológica Doñana, CSIC, Sevilla, Spain
Rewilding before the era of Biodiversity Conservation: the case of Doñana National Park

1730 Professor John Cortes, Ministry of the Environment, Gibraltar and Professor Clive Finlayson, Gibraltar Museum, Gibraltar
Raptors and their satellites: Can meso-predators have an effect on the rewilding of mega-predators?

Friday 22nd September

1400 Dr Paul Jepson, Smith School of Enterprise and Environment, University of Oxford, UK
Investable Earth: rewilding and the rise of a 21st century environmental narrative

1500 Professor Joris Cromsigt, Department of Wildlife, Fish, and Environmental Studies, Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences, Umeå, Sweden
Rewilding Europe with large herbivores: insights from African savanna ecology

1630 Dr Dennis Hansen, Department of Evolutionary Biology & Environmental Studies, University of Zurich, Switzerland
Islands reborn: The lesson of the giant tortoise

1730 Professor Felisa Smith, Department of Biology, University of New Mexico, USA
Megafauna in the Earth System

Saturday 23rd September

0930 Dr Liesbeth Bakker, Netherlands Institute of Ecology (NIOO-KNAW), Netherlands
Ecosystem impacts of rewilding with large herbivores in temperate grasslands and wetlands

1100 Professor Chris Johnson, University of Tasmania, Australia
Rewilding for management of threatened and invasive species in novel ecosystems

1200 Professor Miguel Araujo, Museo Nacional de Ciencias Naturales, CSIC, Madrid, Spain and Dr Diogo Alagador, Universidade de Evora, Portugal

Optimal spatial conservation strategies for rewilding

- 1430 Professor Pedro Jordano, Estación Biológica Doñana, CSIC, Sevilla, Spain
Megafauna in the entangled web: the ghost of extinct ecological interactions
- 1600 Discussion
- 1730 Closing Lecture: Professor Valerius Geist, Faculty of Environmental Design,
University of Calgary, Canada
Rewilding with a view to history, promising current practices and the future