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Mission and Vision



Mission & Vision

“Giving wild animals opportunities to flourish”

- **Time**
Offer wild animals opportunities from before birth to after death
- **Place**
Give wild animals freedom of movement
- **Social context**
The health and well-being of humans, wild animals and the environment are closely linked





How?

- **Policy work**

Themes: protection of wildlife, co-existence, wildlife rehabilitation

- **Campaigns and projects**

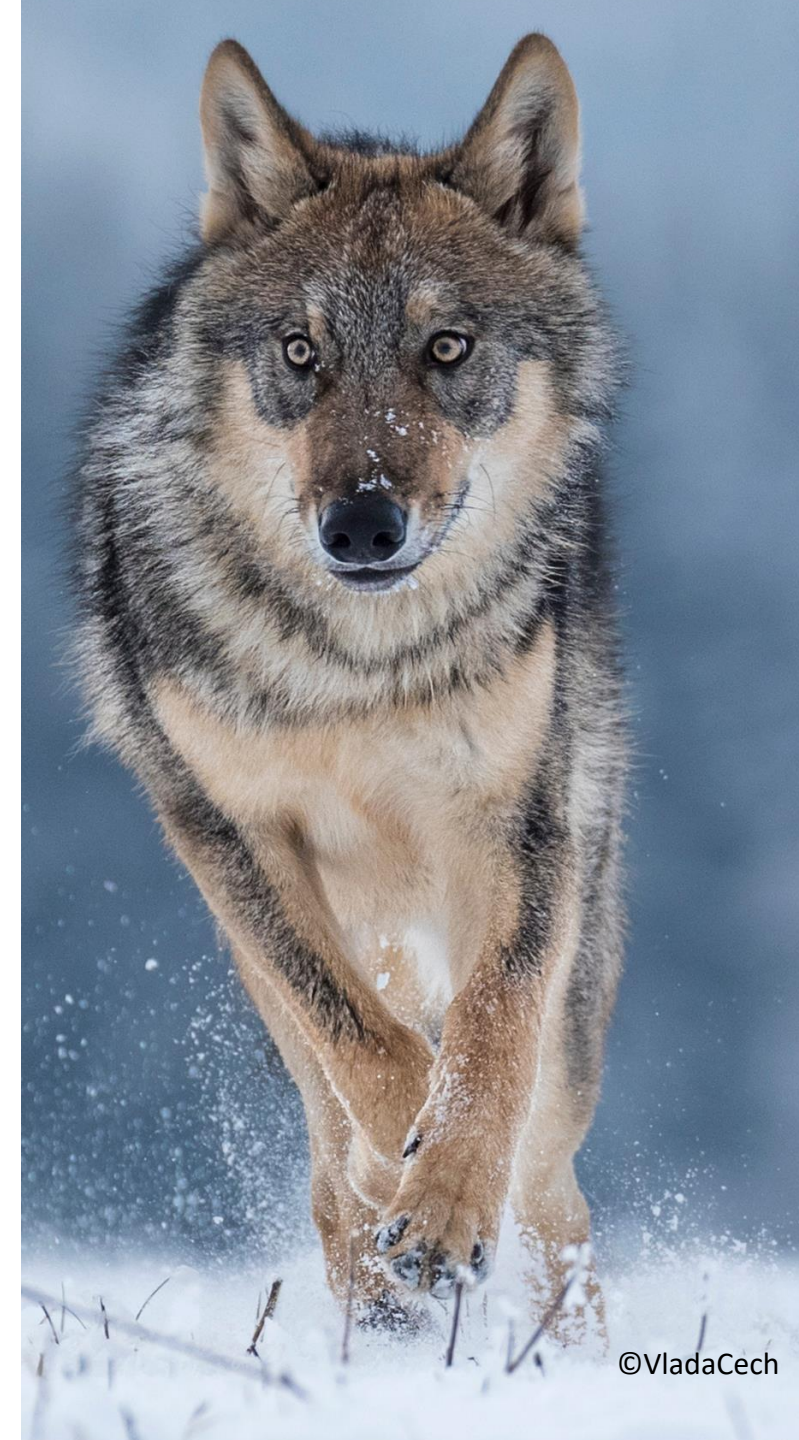
'Bird of the year' in 2025 Big black birds

'Schiet in actie'

- **Wildlife refuge and rehabilitation**

9 'opvangcentra voor vogels en wilde dieren' work closely with Vogelbescherming Vlaanderen

Read all about it at: www.vogelbescherming.be





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Policy Actions (2024-2028)

Learning to live better with wild animals





Learning to live better with wild animals

- **Creating public support for wild animals that can cause controversy**
- **(Re)organisation of hunting regulations**
- **Holistic species damage policy in which killing animals becomes the exception**
- **Plan of approach for invasive alien wild animals**
- **One Health as a guideline for welfare and health policy**



Give shelter to and rehabilitate distressed wild animals

- Professionalization of current bird and wildlife rehabilitation centers
- Spatial distribution of bird and wildlife rehabilitation centers



Better protection of wildlife

- **Species protection**
- **Positive list for birds**
- **Better protection crow species**
- **Stop hunting of endangered species**
- **Better enforcement of regulations**
- **Connect nature**



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Join us!



Word lid en steun ons

<https://www.vogelbescherming.be/word-lid-van-vogelbescherming-vlaanderen/>

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fauna
talks 2024
verbindt wilde stemmen

<https://www.vogelbescherming.be/campagnes/fauna-talks/>



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Workshop

Borgloon - European hamster (*Cricetus cricetus*)



Heusden-Zolder - European badger (*Meles meles*)



Sint Job In 't Goor - Eurasian otter (*Lutra lutra*)



Waasmunster - western barbastelle (*Barbastella barbastellus*)





How?

- **Divide yourselves in 4 groups**
- **You will get an image and focus species**
- **Discuss based on the questions given**
- **Make a list of:**
 - **Priorities knowledge development**
 - **Collaboration & parties that should be involved**
 - **Existing networks/initiatives**

Thank you!

Questions?



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