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# **Nature without borders**

More than 190,000 people have <u>taken action</u> to keep strong EU laws for nature protection, by Stefania Campogianni, WWF.

Every year more than 6 million birds fly across Europe from the north, and stop in Coto Doñana, a unique nature protected area in the south of Spain, before continuing their long trip to Africa. This is just one of the few marvelous travel stories that occur in nature every year, even more than once a year.

Birds, insects, butterflies, but also mammals, and fish do not know national borders – they fly, walk and swim from one country into another. And the laws that manage and protect them should not have national boundaries either. *Read more* 

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June challenge and save time,
money and nature.



# **LATEST NEWS**



#### Rich countries hiding billions in coal projects

2 June - A joint report reveals that many developed countries pushing for ambitious climate action are simultaneously funding coal abroad, amouting to US\$9 billion a year.





# What climate negotiators must do to ensure success in Paris

27 May - WWF's three recommendations to negotiators from more than 190 countries for a new global climate deal in Paris (Infographic).



#### NatureAlert campaign smashes response record

27 May - After 3 weeks, over 170 000 EU citizens took part in the public consultation, proving they want their nature to be protected and saying 'no' to the dismantle of laws that are to the benefit of all.



# EU Member States don't lead on energy efficiency in buildings

21 May - The Coalition for Energy Savings reveals that Member States have no clear plans to either renovate or put in place alternative measures to end energy waste in their own buildings.



#### 'State of Nature' report confirms poor nature condition in EU

20 May - Only 23% of Europe's species and 16% of habitats are in good status. EU report shows that when properly protected and managed, nature can recover.



#### EU eating up world's forests

20 May - The high consumption of soy in the EU is causing the destruction of unique forests and ecosystems in countries like Brazil. WWF asks for an EU Action Plan on deforestation.



#### **EC Better Regulation Package fails on environment**

19 May - WWF criticised the EU new proposals that prioritise legislative efficiency at the expense of longer term environmental as well as social priorities.



#### Joint online NGOs action to save European nature

12 May - Over 100 environmental NGOs across Europe launched 'Nature Alert', an e-action allowing EU citizens to participate in the Commission public consultation and to tell they want to save Europe's nature laws.

# **TOP TWEETS @WWFEU**





# **MULTIMEDIA**



#### Be a defender of nature

Europe's land, forest, water and marine resources are at risk. Vital laws that protect our most precious nature could be weakened.

<u>Watched this inspiring video</u> and tell your politicians that you want these laws and nature to be defended. <u>Join the action now!</u>

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### STORIES FROM AROUND EUROPE



**Bison in the Wild: The second bison release in Romania begins** On 12 and 13 June, 18 European bisons, Europe's largest living land mammal, will be released in the Southern Carpathians rewilding area. This is part of a joint initiative of WWF-Romania, Rewilding Europe together with national and international partners, aiming to have a population of at least 500 bisons in this area by 2025. Read more

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