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Dear ladies and gentlemen, project partners, and friends,

Do you not feel the same sometimes? – concerning nature conservation and protection, people moan way too much. But that does not help anybody. Therefore, our motto is not to lament, but to act and set examples! People from third world countries live in poverty and mostly do not have any opportunity to improve their situation; they do not have access to drinking water, suffer hunger, and destroy their own environment just by fighting for survival every day. In contrast to that, people from Europe often just have "luxury discussions".

But despite of all challenges and problems, things are moving a lot in environmental protection, and we are happy to contribute to this movement with our concrete measures. In this newsletter, we will present you current initiatives and projects for nature conservation, environmental protection, and a sustainable development. We do not stop to bring together different people like economic experts or representatives from politics and society in order to achieve new goals for the environment.

Numerous winegrowers and -makers show how our ideas are welcomed. Within the project "Living Vineyard" (see below), they will again plant rare species in their vineyards in the soon coming spring.

Best regards

Claus-Peter Hutter



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“Living Vineyards”

For centuries, nature and culture come together in vineyards. And because wine grows best where there is a mild climate and a lot of sun, many sun-seeking wild animals have made the vineyard their space to live. Wall and sand lizards, various butterflies like the wall brown or the old world swallowtail, or numerous bumblebees and other wild bees. Together with different plants like common rue, iris, and pokeweed, they are all part of an ecologically valuable biocoenosis.

The objective of the project is the greening of formerly consolidated vineyards. This is not only important for groundwater and soil protection, but is also to lead to such an extensification as to allow a higher biodiversity and create new recreation areas for example in curves of paths or chevron shaped rows.

The project combines practical environment protection, conservation of local habits, and tourism.



The world-famous singer Milva was the special guest on the gala “Gourmets for Nature” in November

Gourmets for Nature

NatureLife-International together with the German producer group Bäuerliche Erzeugergemeinschaft Schwäbisch Hall and Slow Food Germany showed on the 10th cooking festival how landscape and food are linked together and how they can be combined in an even more delicious way. The festival took place in November under the slogan “Gourmets for Nature”. Rudolf Bühler from the Bäuerliche Erzeugergemeinschaft Schwäbisch Hall, Claus-Peter Hutter, president of NatureLife-International, and Otto Geisel, chairman of Slow Food, all stated that the slogan “Gourmets for Nature” stands for a new orientation in both the environment and the kitchen. More than ever it is important to convey to the consumers that a variety of local, sustainably produced ingredients in the kitchen are also a basis for a manifold, intact, and interesting landscape.

Cooking – one of the oldest cultural activities of the human race – should again be brought in line with nature and a nature-friendly agriculture. This was the message the initiators wanted to convey on this gourmet evening. Prince Philipp zu Hohenlohe-Langenburg was the patron of the gala, and in the kitchen. Besides that, Rudolf Bühler could welcome the special guest, the world-famous Italian singer Milva.



Which one is the real one?

The tarsier symbol for endangered nature

The tarsier – a plush toy on the course of success

The demand for the cute Steiff plush toy in the form of a tarsier does not stop. NatureLife-International receives not only numerous requests, but also throughout positive feedback. Together with Deutsche Lufthansa, NatureLife-International designed the plush toy of the cute monkey which is a symbol for the threat from deforestation in the tropical rainforest to endangered animals. The proceeds go to NatureLife-International projects for the protection of rainforests.

"For my daughter, the plush toy is everything. She takes her little tarsier everywhere", says Cem Özdemir, federal chairman of the German Green Party (Bündnis 90/Die Grünen) and member of the NatureLife-International board of trustees.

Cem Özdemir appreciated the collaboration of NatureLife-International and Deutsche Lufthansa for the symbolization of the necessary protection of rainforests, which are green lungs, habitat of unique animal and plant species, and the basis of life for many people.



Cem Özdemir, federal chairman of the German Green Party, supports NatureLife-International projects for the protection of rainforests, the green lungs of our planet

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Dr. Gerhard Langenberger of the University of Hohenheim takes successful steps for a sustainable development in south-west China.

LILAC – together for a sustainable development

NatureLife-International supports the project "Living Landscapes China" (LILAC) which, in collaboration with six German universities, fights for a sustainable development in south China. Dr. Gerhard Langenberger, one of the project founders, says: "Globalisation also affects formerly isolated regions. Xi-shuangbanna, land of the twelve thousand rice fields and autonomous prefecture of the Dai people in the southwest of the Chinese province Yunnan, is experiencing a dramatic change. Just a few years ago, Xishuangbanna was completely world-forgotten; now, it is an active part of the world economy. Within only a few years, the economy of the 14 ethnical minorities changed from complete autonomy to large-scale production of market products like tea, rubber, or bananas. The landscape, which formerly reflected the different land use traditions of the ethnical groups and – with a high percentage of forest areas – was very heterogeneous, turns more and more into an agro-industrial monotony with plantations and monocultures. In addition to social and cultural changes, this also has severe consequences for the environment and biodiversity which had been identified as one of the richest of our planet."

Concerning the development of the rural areas, mainly short-term economical measures for poverty reduction are taken into account. Ecological aspects are neglected, often because people are not aware of the potential effects of their actions. The consortium of German and Chinese scientists LILAC was founded to propose solutions to this problem. Six German universities, lead managed by the Hohenheim University, together with their Chinese partners, research into the analysis of the

relations between land use changes and socio-economic and ecological consequences. The results of the research will be used for a computer model with which decision makers will be able to make the consequences of different action alternatives visible in different scenarios and thus make a thorough evaluation. The project is financed by the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research and aims at a sustainable development of the rural areas as well as the awareness that the environment is a very important aspect. <http://lilac.uni-hohenheim.de/de/projekt/hintergrund.php>



Despite having his leg in plaster, Prof. Dr. Werner Mühlbauer (middle) of the Hohenheim University came to the discussion round and presented the new plant-oil cooker



Dr. Hans-Josef Zimmer (left), patron of the event "Cooking on fire" as well as chairman of the foundation Energy and Climate Protection Baden-Württemberg, and Claus-Peter Hutter, president of NatureLife-International, present delicious fish from the Neckar River



Healthy nutrition, regional products, and the right kitchenware save energy and thus protect the climate – an advantage from which eventually everybody benefits, also these children from Leyte on the Philippines

On fire

Delicious fish from the Neckar River was served on the discussion round "Cooking on fire" in the lakeside palace Morreps in Ludwigsburg, Germany. The evening was organized by the foundation Energy and Climate Protection together with NatureLife-International for business representatives, environmental experts, and politicians as a contribution to the dialogue about nature and climate protection. The core message: Just by choosing the right kitchenware and buying regional products, you can significantly save energy and thus contribute to climate protection. Claus-Peter Hutter, president of NatureLife-International, and Dr. Hans-Josef Zimmer, chairman of the foundation Energy and Climate Protection, could welcome numerous famous speakers.

Nature protection depends on volunteers

The success of NatureLife-International is only possible because many volunteers contribute in various ways to the projects and initiatives. Without this support, NatureLife-International could not achieve as many goals as it can at present. Today, we present you Jana Glaser who studies translation at the School for Applied Linguistics and Cultural Studies in Germersheim (part of Mainz University). After her European Voluntary Service in the National Park Dadia in Greece, she continues to get involved with nature and environment. For NatureLife-International she regularly translates the newsletter into English. We thank her very much for her help!



Jana Glaser makes nature protection possible even across language barriers



Nora Kreher,
environmentalist from South
Africa, passed away in
October 2008

Nora Kreher - an obituary

Nora Kreher from Johannesburg in South Africa has passed away. With her death in October 2008, the South African conservation movement lost one of its most successful and most involved activists, and NatureLife-International lost a tireless, internationally accepted, and highly recognized partner. Nora Kreher and NatureLife-International together supported the Save the Wild Coast Campaign in South Africa.

Nora Kreher founded "Bateleurs", a non-profit environmental airline. "During its ten years of existence, the airline has been able to celebrate many successes in nature protection", says graduate engineer Ulf Doerner, our partner in Munich and South Africa who has worked with Nora Kreher for many years. We hope that the work of "Bateleurs" will be carried on according to her convictions and ideas and we will have pleasant memories of our meetings with Nora Kreher.



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Nature conservation across language barriers – the Practical Dictionary of Environment, Nature Conservation, Sustainability

Nowadays, English is the lingua franca in business, travel industry, and even for private communication. But for the whole field of nature conservation and sustainability, there was no practical dictionary between German-English and English-German which could be used as a basis and reference for the international dialogue about nature. The completely revised and updated edition of the Practical Dictionary of Environment, Nature Conservation, Sustainability by Prof. Dr. Johann Schreiner, director of the Alfred Toepfer Academy for Nature Conservation (NNA), edited by NatureLife, fills this gap.

The dictionary contains more than 40,000 German and more than 36,000 English terms from different subject fields and is an extensive reference for translations of specialized texts from English to German and vice versa.

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Schreiner, Johann (2008): Practical Dictionary of Environment, Nature Conservation, Sustainability. Praxis Wörterbuch Umwelt, Naturschutz, Nachhaltigkeit. Wissenschaftliche Verlagsgesellschaft mbH, Stuttgart. 730 pages. Hardcover. EUR 49.00; ISBN: 978-3-8047-2483-9



Dr. Josef Margraf and his wife
Minguo Li from the TianZi
Biodiversity Reserach &
Development Centre in the
Bulang Mountains in south-
west China

Saving the last tea forests

Within the framework of the model project "Saving the last tea forests" and in collaboration with the local village communities of the Akha, it is possible to recreate speciose forests in the Bulang Mountains in south-west china. These forests function as buffer zones for the last original tea forests and provide a habitat for highly endangered plant and animal species, e.g. the slow ioris. The near-natural forests which thus come to existence will bind about 300 tons of carbon dioxide per hectare in the course of ten years. Furthermore, a sustainable use of the speciose and high-structured secondary forest offers new perspectives to many of the mountain people. All in all, about 100 different local tree and bush species are planted.

The project is another way to fight against poverty is the development of responsible tourism. All measures to reach this aim are carried out under scientific support by the Tian Zi Biodiversity Research & Development Centre together with the Centre for Agriculture in the Tropics and Subtropics of the Hohenheim University.



News from the last tea forests – the ball gets rolling!

In our project area in west China at the border to Laos and the Union of Myanmar in the Bulang Mountains, remains of the original tea forest are still growing. Tea, like we know it today, goes back to the first use of the plants by the Bulang people. NatureLife-International and the TianZi Biodiversity Research & Development Centre and the Bulang Heritage Foundation have therefore concluded an agreement on the renaturation of an area of six square kilometres. Now, the ball gets rolling. The area was defined and carbon dioxide zones were marked. At intervals of two by two metres, first tea tree seedlings from the project's own nursery as well as other bushes and trees have been planted. Like this, a secondary rain forest will grow. We will keep you posted!

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