A BERN CONVENTION

HANDBOOK

for YOUTH:

A GUIDE TO DEFENDING OUR RIGHT TO A HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT

Prehistoric times

SHIFTING BASELINE SYNDROME :

YOUR WINDSCREEN

YOUR PARENT'S WINDSCREEN

YOUR GRANDPARENTS WINDSCREEN

1900

1950

1979→ CONVENTION DE BERNE
BERN CONVENTION

SPECIES PROTECTED

2000

2025 →

WOLF STATUS DOWNLISTED

2050

INTERGENERATIONAL JUSTICE !

What do we WANt our world TO LOOK LIKE ?

2100 ?

WHAT'S THE BERN CONVENTION?

CONVENTION DE BERNE
BERN CONVENTION



Binding international treaty to protect animals, plants and whole ecosystems

DID YOU KNOW YOU HOLD RIGHTS?



WHY WE NEED AN INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION:

? convention = formal agreement between states

ACCOUNTABILITY



COOPERATION

NATURE HAS NO BORDERS





As young people we have the right to impact the decisions that affect our future!

NATURE FOR YOUTH



YOUTH FOR NATURE

digging into the BErn CONvenTion

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1. Conserve wild flora and fauna
2. Conserve habitats
3. Promote cooperation between states

CONVENTION

A formal agreement between country leaders, politicians, and states on a matter that involves them all.

19 september 1979

WILDLIFE

NO OTHER LIKE THE

FAUNA

FLORA

OTTER *Lutra lutra*

The Eurasian otter is on the logo of the Bern Convention due to its semi-aquatic nature and because it's threatened by human activity.

CONVENTION DE BERNE
BERN CONVENTION

conserving biodiversity

CHAPTER 2
Protection of Habitats

CHAPTER 3
Protection of Species

CHAPTER 4
Provisions for migratory species

DEROGATIONS
when...
- There is no other solution
- The exception will not be detrimental to the population's survival

APPENDIX 1 = 'STRICTLY PROTECTED SPECIES'

APPENDIX 2 = 'PROTECTED SPECIES'

PROHIBITED













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Rivers, Forests, mountains and migration routes do not stop at national borders.



Wild plants and animal need protection across borders







STANDING COMMITTEE

COURT

PROTEST

STOP!

NO TO UNNECESSARY DEVELOPMENT!

STAY GREEN!

STANDING COMMITEE



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ДОБРИТЕ В НОВИНИТЕ

WHO IS NEXT?

Miután szólt a téren egybegyűltekhez, a pápa átsétál a Királyi termen. A pazarul díszített, festményekkel teli helyiség régen főrangú vendégek fogadására szolgált.

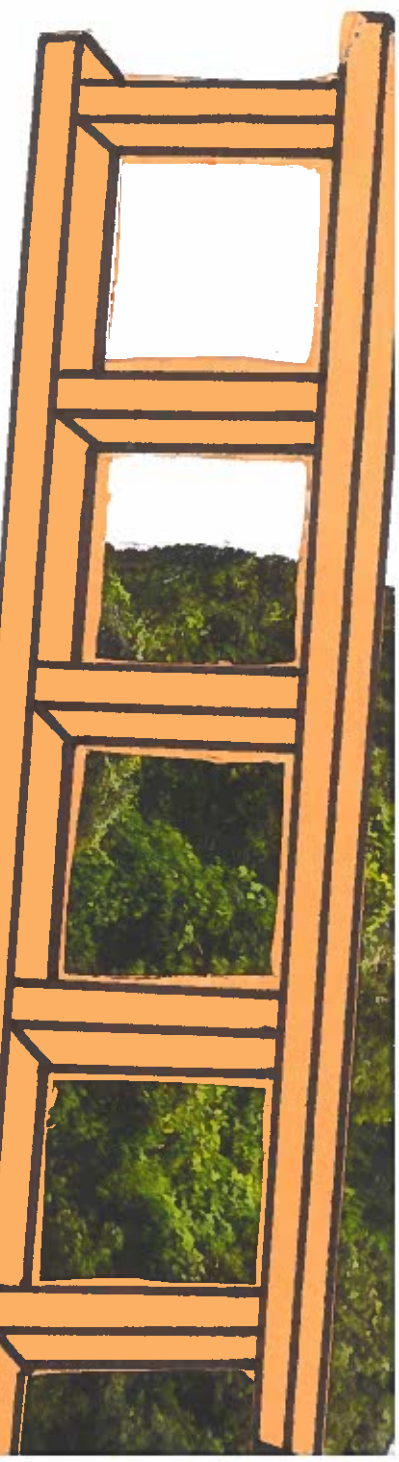
hands Off Nature!

CASE FILE CHECKLIST

1. TRY NATIONAL CHANNELS

2. BUILD COALITION
   - NGOs
   - COUNTRIES

3. FILE CASE
   - COMPLAINT FORM



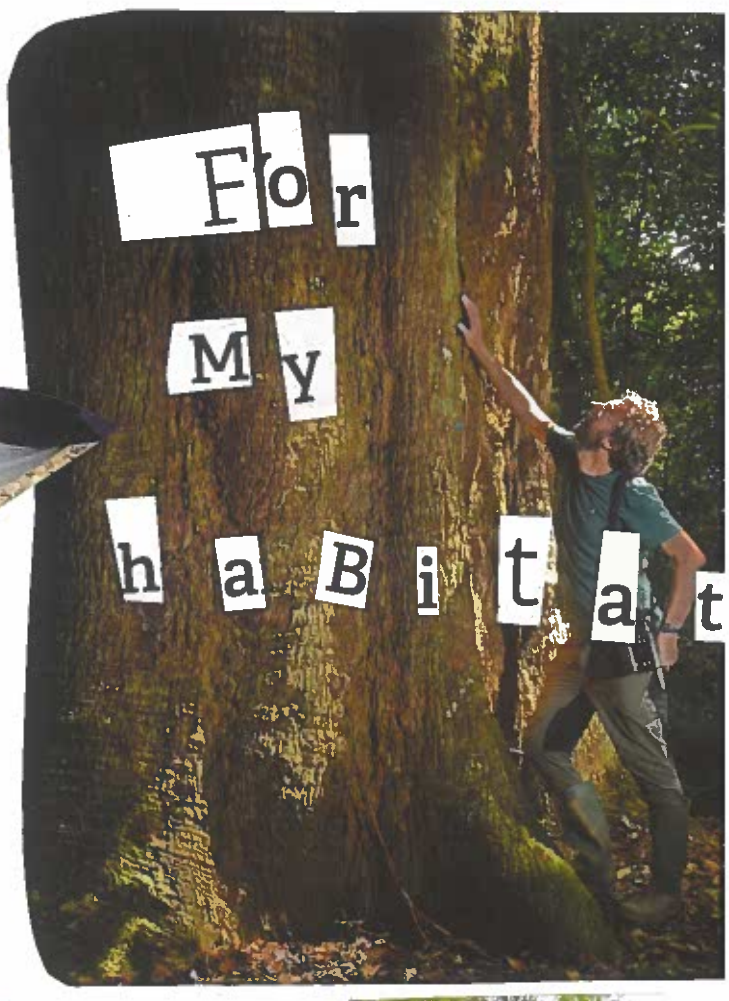
FOR STARTERS





READY TO TAKE ACTION?









LET'S GO!

GOING AGAINST THE FLOW

Challenges and opportunities

We need your help

ARE YOU READY TO...

1

First steps

Drive-by nature

JOIN TEAM Wilder SUPPORTERS

2

Action

HIT THE TRAILS

IDENTIFY STAKHOLDERS and ALLIES

DEVELOP MESSAGE

Intergovernmental co-operation at pan-European level on the development and implementation

nature's recovery

DONT FORGET!

Grass roots

Moving together

rights

WHAT COULD YOU DO?

kickstart **greater things** and take targeted action!

We know what needs to be done.

and technology can actually play a helpful role in breaking down barriers.

- Ask what matters to your community ?
- Plan how to use news stories and social media to speak up
- Consider who could spread the word
- Collect and use local stories - consider rights and overlooked voices

The most important thing we can do is empower young people to feel like they can actually do something, and that their voice matters

Communication is the name of the game

Where to visit Europe and its institutions

The **European Union**

The **European Council**

The **Council of the European Union**

The **European Parliament**

The **European Committee of the Regions**

A **European Commissioner**

The **Court of Justice of the European Union**,

The **Charter of Fundamental Rights**

The **Council of Europe**

The **Committee of Ministers**

The **Parliamentary Assembly**

The **Congress of Local and Regional Authorities**

The **Commissioner for Human Rights**

The **European Court of Human Rights**

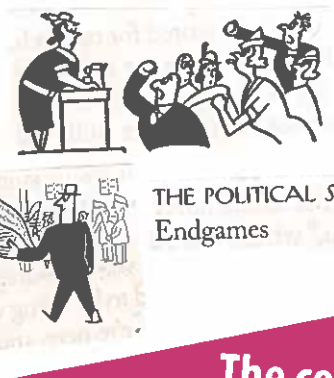
The **European Convention on Human Rights**

DONT FORGET!

Hard choices

It's all about THE VOICE

for the future



REMINDER

IMPORTANT

REMINDER

GET INVOLVED!



Youth for Democracy

The co-management system

Partnership

instruments

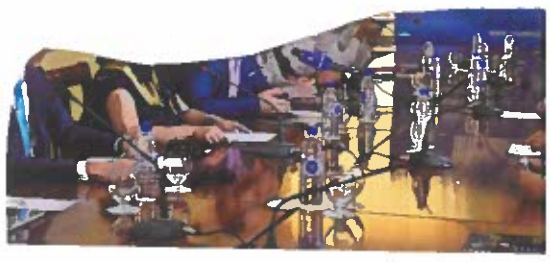
policy

mission

Driving ambitious, regional climate action plans

Networks, resources and tools

vote



objective

decision-making

vision

Where to go, what to do.







Share portfolio





Climate adaptation can



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EDUCATE YOURSELF!



GO ONLINE!

FIND LOCAL CHARITIES!

JOIN A WEBINAR!



BOOK CLUB!

TALK TO OTHERS!

WE ♡ COLLECTIVE LEARNING

KNOWLEDGE IS POWER







JOIN A COALITION

Listen TO PODCASTS

TEACH OTHERS ABOUT THE BERN CONVENTION

ACTIVISM

- Engage in local democracy
- Write to the government
- Attend local council meetings

MAKE YOUR OWN ZINE

About a nature topic that you love!

WRITE

- Write an article for your local paper
- Write a blog or substack!

SHARE THE KNOWLEDGE

SHARE NATURE YOUR PHOTOS

take action

CITIZEN SCIENCE

ATTEND A PROTEST

VOTE!

Seed BOMB

START A REWILDING PROJECT

BIOBLITZ

MONITORING

Forest

At Epping Forest, young people from marginalised groups took part in events like walks to learn more about nature and feel comfortable hiking.

Young people are campaigning to improve forest management with organisations like Pro Silva.

Swifts

Young people have joined community events, researched, petitioned for, surveyed and supported campaigns to improve urban habitats for swifts, a declining species in the UK.

Community

In French Polynesia, young people organised a community festival to help protect the omao kee kee bird. They had:

- Games for children.
- Cultural art projects.
- Group T-shirts.
- A contest.

In 2024, young people joined the Restore Nature Now march to advocate for change.

Young people from Youth Environment Europe (YEE) advocate for nature and wildlife, helping to shape policy.

Seagrass

In the UK, young people have been involved in projects to protect and restore seagrass habitats. They:

- Collected and Planted seeds.
- Took part in a summer seagrass camp.
- Learnt to snorkel.
- Spoke to people in their community.

And more!

Terns

On the coast of North Wales, young people have become Wardens to survey for and monitor a tern colony and teach the public about the importance of these birds.