

36th European Mustelid Colloquium programme — 6-9 October 2026

Registration and Welcome Reception — Tuesday 6 October

Venue:

17:00-20:00 Welcome Reception and Poster Session

Day 1 — Wednesday 7 October

08:15-08:50 Registration

08:50 Welcome

SESSION I: Population Restoration

09:00-09:35	Keynote Lecture 1 Dr. Jenny MacPherson Vincent Wildlife Trust	Recovery and Restoration: Parallel Pathways of Pine Martens and Polecats in Britain
09:35-09:55	Karen Keegan	The recovery of European pine marten in Britain; the relevance of genetics in future conservation efforts
09:55-10:15	Jess Stevens	Enhancing Monitoring of Reintroduced Pine Martens Using a Custom Drone-Based Radio-Tracking System
10:15-10:35	Ali North and Daniel Brown	Initial post release dispersal and habitat selection of pine marten (<i>Martes martes</i>) translocated to the southwest of England
10:35	COFFEE BREAK	
11:05-11:25	Yoann Bressan	European mink (<i>Mustela lutreola</i>) reintroduction in France — first-year results of radio-telemetric monitoring
11:25-11:45	Luuk Zwartenkot	Goodbye American mink, welcome European mink! Working towards a reintroduction in the Netherlands

SESSION 1 Lightning Talks

11:45 - 11:50	Christelle Bellanger	Using pre-release enclosure for European mink (<i>Mustela lutreola</i>) reintroduction in France — first-year feedback
11:50 - 11:55	Veronika Koch	Habitat Suitability Index for the Eurasian Otter (<i>Lutra lutra</i>) in Germany
11:55 - 12:00	Ellie Scopes	Individual-based models reveal population recovery and impacts of woodland creation on pine martens (<i>Martes martes</i>) in Britain
12:00 - 12:05	Lucy Nord and Victoria Chanin	The contribution of volunteers to the recovery of pine martens in Britain
12:50-12:15	Lightning Talk questions	
12:15-13:30	LUNCH	

SESSION 2: Monitoring

13:30-14:05	Keynote Lecture 2 Dr. Tim Hofmeester Department of Wildlife, Fish and Environmental Studies at the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences	Small Carnivores, Big Data: Unveiling Mustelid Biology Through Technology
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SESSION 2: Lightning Talks 1

14:05-14:10	Jeroen Mos	From Elusiveness to Evidence: Seasonal dynamics in common weasel (<i>Mustela nivalis vulgaris</i>)
14:10-14:15	Victoria Knight	Mapping the Irish Stoat: insights from a two-year citizen science survey
14:15-14:20	Franziska Sommer	Publishing the unsuccessful – Are failures in monitoring methods for martens (<i>Martes</i> spp.) underreported?
14:20-14:25	Pallavi Ghaskadbi	Monitoring Pine Martens (<i>Martes martes</i>) Across Sweden: A Multi-Site Camera-Trap Study of Reproductive Timing and Population Demography

14:25-14:35 Lightning Talk Questions

14:35-14:55	Umrah Viqar	Ecological Insights into the Yellow-throated Marten (<i>Martes flavigula</i>): Habitat Use and Dietary pattern in the Reserved Forest of Ranikhet, Kumaon Himalayas
14:55 - 15:30	COFFEE BREAK	
15:30 - 15:50	Emily Currie	It's not always black and white: using thermal imaging to monitor badger populations
15:50 - 16:10	Irene Weinberger	How many? Estimating the number of bridges required for otter surveys
16:10 - 16:30	Teun Smink and Wender Bil	When legislation meets reality: can we reliably assess the conservation status of highly dynamic mustelid populations using trapcams? A power analysis using occupancy modelling
16:30 - 16:50	Kutlu Alkan	Monitoring Mustelids in Mountainous Terrain: Comparison between Snapshot Europe and ENETWILD Protocols in Babia Góra National Park, Poland

SESSION 2: Lightning Talks 2

16:50-16:55	Michał Strączyński	Implications and insights from meso-carnivore monitoring using a systematic approach for camera trapping
16:55-17:00	Katherine McBride	Masked Bandits of Britain: Insights from the National Polecat Survey 2024-2025
17:00-17:05	Benjamin Szydlowski	Estimating Fisher (<i>Pekania pennanti</i>) Survival and Space Use following a Population Decline in New Hampshire, US
17:05-17:10	Izabela Stachowicz, Mammal Research Institute PAS and Open Science Conservation Fund	TRAPPER AI – a scalable, open-source camera trap data infrastructure for professional and citizen-science projects

17:10-17:20 Lightning Talk Questions

17:20 Closing Remarks

Day 2 — Thursday 8 October Field Trip to Białowieża National Park's Strict Nature Reserve and Conference Dinner with raffle (all included in Colloquium fee)

08:00-11:00 (approx)	Fieldtrip to Białowieża National Park's Strict Nature Reserve
14:00-17:00	Optional excursion to European Bison Show Reserve (not included in conference fee but available for those with paid tickets)
19:00-22:00	Conference dinner and bonfire Venue: Karczma Biesiadna (garden of Białowieski Hotel)

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Day 3 — Friday 9 October

08:55-09:00	Welcome	
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SESSION 3: Threats and Solutions

09:00-09:35	Keynote Lecture 3 Dr. Karol Zub Mammal Research Institute of the Polish Academy of Sciences	Monitoring Stoat Eradication Progress
09:35-09:55	Vasco Valdez	Too hot to handle: climate-driven northwards shift in Iberian mustelids' distribution
09:55-10:15	Sirma Zidarova	Marbled Polecat (<i>Vormela peregusna</i>) in the Balkans — distribution, habitat preferences, pressures and future threats in Bulgaria and Romania
10:15-10:35	Orus Ilyas	The Underappreciated Apex: Reviewing the Ecological Role and Conservation Status of the Yel-low-throated Marten (<i>Martes flavigula</i>) Across the Himalayan and East Asian Bioregions
10:35-11:05	COFFEE BREAK	
11:05-11:25	Kristel Nemvalts	The role of the EEP in European mink conservation
11:25-11:45	Louison Blin	Badger vaccination as a complementary tool for controlling bovine tuberculosis: eco-epidemiological analyses of a trial in low-to-medium-density contexts in France

SESSION 3 Lightning Talks 1

11:45-11:50	Marco Granata	A requiem for the Winter Games mascot: Snow loss and prey mismatch threaten alpine stoats
11:50-11:55	Stephanie Johnstone	What is the future for The Martes Complex (<i>Guloninae</i>) in the face of climate change and ecological breakdown
11:55-12:00	Enrico Mirone	Mink in the Mist: A Novel eDNA Assay for Early Detection of an Invasive Mustelid
12:00-12:10	Lightning Talk questions	

SESSION 3 Lightning Talks 2

12:10-12:15	Michiel Stas	The impact of otter grids in fykes on the European Water Framework Directive metrics
12:15-12:20	Samantha Bremner-Harrison	Using the Conservation Standards to plan, implement and monitor conservation of threatened mustelids
12:20-12:25	Jasja Dekker	Mitigation translocation of polecat (<i>Mustela putorius</i>)
12:25-12:30	Emiliano Manzo	Sharing space, avoiding time: How Martes coexist with humans and domestic cats
12:30-12:40	Lightning Talk questions	
12:40-13:45	LUNCH	

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SESSION 4: Behaviour , Ecology and Evolution

SESSION 4 Lightning Talks 1

13:45-13:50	Andrin Dürst	Population structure of stoats in Switzerland using genome-wide sequencing
13:50-13:55	Marie Eggers	Stoat (<i>Mustela erminea</i>) dynamics in a changing Arctic: responses to shifting lemming cycles in Northeast Greenland
13:55-14:00	Rémi Bodinier	Fine scale habitat selection for resting sites by the critically endangered European mink (<i>Mustela lutreola</i>)

14:00-14:10 Lightning Talk Questions

14:10-14:30	Pieter Otte	Stoats at scale: unravelling orders of habitat selection in the Netherlands
14:30-14:50	Nadia Rocco	Understanding interspecific interactions of small mustelids in mountain communities using structural equation modelling
14:50-15:10	Ekaterina Rostovskaya	Do not use my den: mustelids and large carnivores in the Gorce Mountains, southern Poland

15:10-15:45 COFFEE BREAK

SESSION 4 Lightning Talks 3

15:45-15:50	Alejandra Zarzo-Arias	Enhancing biodiversity predictions by integrating biotic interactions in Species Distribution Models for the European mink in the Iberian Peninsula
15:50-15:55	Luís Miguel Rosalino	Mesocarnivore movement across exotic forestry plantations in Mediterranean Europe
15:55-16:00	Morten Elmeros	Temporal activity patterns of pine marten and stone marten in anthropogenic modified landscapes

16:00-16:10 Lightning Talk Questions

16:10-16:30	Andrzej Zalewski	Spatial variation and ecological drivers of pine marten density across Europe
16:30-16:50	Pat White	Seasonal patterns of breeding Eurasian otters studied from crowd-sourced citizen science and professional data
16:50-17:10	Malin Aronsson	Wolverine reproductive chronology in relation to individual characteristics and resource availability

17:10 Student Prize Giving and Closing Remarks