

PERSPECTIVES ON COMBATING ILLEGAL KILLING: THE ROLE OF HUNTERS



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Welcome and introduction by **Karl-Heinz FLORENZ MEP**

Panel:

- **Marita ARVELA**, Policy Officer, DG for Environment
Nature Protection Unit, European Commission
- **Dr. Mari POHJA-MYKRÄ**, Senior Researcher University of Helsinki
- **Julia NEWTH**, Senior Ecosystem Health Officer
Wildfowl & Wetlands Trust (WWT)
- **Michele SORRENTI**, Scientific Country Manager
Migratory Birds Office, Italian Hunting Federation
- **Johan SVALBY**, Senior Advisor for International Affairs
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Karl-Heinz Florenz *MEP*

Karl-Heinz Florenz is the President of the Intergroup Biodiversity, Hunting and Countryside. He is an economist and agricultural master. He has been a Member of the European Parliament since 1989.

He is a Member of the Committee on Environment, Public Health and Food Safety and was Chairman of this Committee from 2004 to 2007.

*Policy Officer, DG for Environment, Nature Protection Unit,
European Commission*

Marita Arvela

Marita is a biologist and she has worked altogether six years in the DG Environment's Nature. She works with hunting issues under the Birds Directive and she is the Commission focal point on the agreement on conservation of African-Eurasian migratory waterbirds (AEWA) and the Raptors MoU.

In addition, she was also responsible in developing the EU large carnivore policy in the DG Environment's Nature Protection unit.



Dr. Mari Pohja-Mykrä *Senior Researcher University of Helsinki*

Dr Mari Pohja-Mykrä, Senior researcher at the Ruralia Institute University of Helsinki, Finland, is an ecologist specialized in biodiversity research and environmental science. She has 15 years' experience in human-wildlife conflict research and wildlife management planning.

Senior Ecosystem Health Officer, Wildfowl & Wetlands Trust (WWT) **Julia Newth**

Julia undertakes ecosystem health work to understand and address threats to wild populations of wetland species and their habitats in the UK and overseas. Most recently, this has involved undertaking surveillance activities, research, advocacy and policy work for issues that affect populations of conservation concern such as illegal hunting. Julia engages with a range of stakeholders to bridge research, policy and public interfaces. She uses social research to understand the human dimension of conservation issues in efforts to identify solutions for conservation conflicts.



Michele Sorrenti *Scientific Country Manager, Migratory Birds Office Italian Hunting Federation*

Michele Sorrenti has University studies on Biology, with a Thesis in *Anas penelope* population structure and ringing recoveries. He is member of Biodiversity Manifesto Working Group of FACE and Chair of the FACE Birds and Habitat Directive Working Group. He is working for the involvement of hunters in conservation, both on habitat protection and monitoring bird population, aiming at a cooperation for Biodiversity with all stakeholders.

Senior Advisor for International Affairs, Safari Club International **Johan Svalby**

Johan Svalby works in Brussels as Senior Advisor for International Affairs to Safari Club International (SCI), the Nordic Hunters' Alliance (NHA) and the Swedish Association for Hunting and Wildlife Management (SAHWM). Before joining SCI, NHA and SAHWM in June 2017, Johan Svalby was leading the legal and public affairs team of the Federation of Associations for Hunting and Conservation of the EU (FACE). He has nine years of experience in European and International wildlife law and policy, and has attended three Conferences of the Parties to CITES.

