



RESOLUTION:

### **Sustainable Wolf management**

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#### **Recognising that:**

- The population of the European wolf has rapidly increased in the past decades (for example in Italy from 100 wolves in the 1970s to over 2000 in 2016).
- There have been several wolf attacks on farmed animals and also wolf attacks on humans all over Europe.
- The European wolf is no longer an endangered species.
- The hybridization of the wolves has reached a threatening situation (for example in Italy already every 4th Wolf is already hybridized).

#### **Acknowledging that:**

- The wolf is listed in annex II of the Berner Convention as a strictly protected species.
- The wolf is listed in annex IV of the fauna and flora directive (Directive 92/43 EEC) as an animal species of community interest in need of strict protection.
- The wolf is part of the European fauna but a sustainable control of the wolf population is necessary to secure a viable agricultural cultivation (especially in the mountain areas).
- Some European states have already set a maximum number of wolves to secure a healthy animal population in their state.
- A unproportionable return of the wolves is an extremely risk for the continued existence of an economic and natural grazing.

**YEPP calls on:**

- The European Commission and the member states to change the protection status of the wolf in the Berner Convention from annex II to annex III (from strictly protected species to protected species).
- The European Commission and the member states to change the protection status of the wolf in the fauna and flora directive (Directive 92/43 EEC) from annex IV to annex V (from animal species of community interest in need of strict protection to animal species of community interest whose taking in the Wild and exploitation may be subject to management measures).
- The member states, that have an indigenous population of wolves, to set a maximum number of wolves to secure a healthy animal population in their state.