

International seminar *Monitoring and restoration of freshwater (mussel) habitats*

Tuesday 27th November – Thursday 29th November 2018

Clervaux, Luxembourg



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*Restoration of Unio crassus rivers in the Luxembourgish Ardennes
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Dear colleagues,

In Luxembourg, more than 80% of the wetlands and their related habitats have disappeared within the last 50 years. This is however, not only a national problem as in most highly developed countries, a similar decline of wetlands was observed. The loss of aquatic habitats often goes together with a loss of aquatic species. One of the most imperiled aquatic groups worldwide are freshwater mollusks. Freshwater mollusks are however, vital for ecosystem functions and are a bioindicator for healthy freshwater systems. The only sustainable way to ensure the survival of these flagship species is to protect or to restore their natural habitats.

Organized within the LIFE Nature Project « **Restoration of *Unio crassus* rivers in the Luxembourgish Ardennes LIFE11 NAT/LU/857** », the aim of the seminar is to present the latest monitoring and habitat restoration methods, as they were carried out in different countries throughout the last years. The presentations may or may not be related to freshwater mussel conservation.

This seminar will hopefully bring together researchers from different fields and give rise to discussion of synergistic basin-wide strategies for the recovery of freshwater-species and -habitats.


The local organization team would be glad to welcome all of you in late autumn 2018 in the north of Luxembourg.





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Important Seminar Information



Date	Tuesday 27th November – Thursday 29th November 2018
Venue	Centre Culturel Château de Clervaux (Castle Clervaux) L-9712 Clervaux Luxembourg  <small>(c)2006 by ONT</small>
Early registration date	April 27, 2018
Late registration date	October 26, 2018 A registration form is available under: http://www.unio.lu
Deadline for the abstract submission	September 7, 2018 An abstract submission form will be available under: http://www.unio.lu
Registration Fee	Fees are yet to be confirmed and set, but are expected to be in the order of 100 €
Oral communications and posters	Each oral presentation should take 30 minutes maximum (20 to 25 minutes for the presentation plus 5 to 10 minutes for the discussion). All oral presentations should be in Microsoft Power Point format. If other equipment is needed please contact the organization team. Posters will be presented during the whole seminar. The poster dimensions should be around 70x100 cm.
How to get there	Clervaux is situated in the northern part of Luxembourg. Follow this link: https://goo.gl/maps/X7xfVpWQwV52

Accommodations	Clervaux, a small touristic town, offers a variety of different accommodations. See: http://www.destination-clervaux.lu/accomodation/hotels/
Accompanying persons	For further information about sightseeing in Luxembourg or the area see : http://www.visitluxembourg.lu/ http://www.lcto.lu http://www.tourisme-clervaux.lu http://www.naturpark-our.lu
Excursion	A 4 km hike from the border triangle (Belgium, Luxembourg, Germany) to the rearing facility at the mill of Kalborn will be organised. During the hike, some of the restoration measures, completed during the LIFE freshwater mussel projects in Luxembourg can be seen.
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Please feel free to forward this document to anyone who could be interested in this seminar.

Thank You!