



Dear LIFE Nature Beneficiary,

I am pleased to inform you that your project has been selected as one of the 23 Best LIFE Nature projects out of the 73 that finished and were evaluated in 2009.

You will receive a "Best LIFE Project" award plaque and be featured in a specific brochure and page on the LIFE web site (you may wish to view the LIFE [web site pages](#) and [brochure](#) dedicated to the 2008 Best projects).

The Member States are further evaluating this year's Best projects, including yours, so as to select the 5 "Best of the Best projects". The results should be announced in May.

An award ceremony will be held on the 31st of May in Brussels during the LIFE Nature and Biodiversity conference, 18.15 - 19.00 in the Charlemagne Building (see below for full address). You are cordially invited to participate and receive your award in person.

The 5 Best of the Best projects (when we know who they are) will be invited to make a short presentation of their project and its results (5 minutes, 3 slides).

As an added incentive to your participation at the Best LIFE Nature project award ceremony, it is being held in the framework of a conference on LIFE Nature and Biodiversity (*the link to more information to this conference is not yet available, we will send to you as soon as possible*). This is taking place in Brussels in the Charlemagne building on Monday afternoon 31 May and Tuesday morning 1 June. Some 250 people actively involved in the LIFE Nature & Biodiversity programme and its projects will be there to discuss the role of the programme, its contributions to nature conservation and its future.

Moreover, this conference will be followed directly by the [Green Week](#) event (Tuesday 1 to Friday 4 June, also in the Charlemagne building) which this year focuses on Biodiversity. A wide range of sessions will discuss all aspects of biodiversity and related policy in the EU. Some 4000 participants are expected.

It is however entirely up to you to decide whether you wish to participate in either or both of these events as well as to the award ceremony.

If you wish to come to the award ceremony, please:

- reserve the 31st of May in your agenda

- let us know if you are coming and who will come (please send an email to Katerina.Srbkova@ec.europa.eu)

- register with the LIFE Nature & Biodiversity conference (necessary for access to the award ceremony) (*link will be sent to you soon in a separate e-mail*)

- optional: register with [Green Week](#) if you wish to attend Green Week

Unfortunately, we cannot contribute to your travel expenses. If you do not plan to come, please let us know so that we can post you your award plaque immediately after the presentation ceremony.

I look forward to meeting you on May the 31st.

Yours sincerely,

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