WIESELNETZ

WIN – Stiftung zur Förderung von Kleinkarnivoren

What is "WIN Wieselnetz"?

Literally translated, „Wieselnetz" means a net for weasel and stoat. WIN Wieselnetz is a non-profit organisation (foundation) concerned with promoting the long-term conservation of weasels and stoats and other small carnivores in Switzerland. As the name suggests, the network also aims to enhance the connectivity of habitats for populations of weasels and stoats and their ecological communities and to preserve important trophic interactions. The program started in 2006.

What are the topics of "WIN Wieselnetz"?

WIN Wieselnetz has several objectives:

- **Enhancement**
  Development and realization of habitat enhancement programmes

- **Expertise**
  Transfer of knowledge, professional training for experts

- **Research**
  Direction and guidance for applied research projects

- **Information**
  Information provided to experts and decision makers

WIN Wieselnetz has developed and tested efficient measures for the enhancement of habitats for weasels and stoats. Several projects have already been completed in the lowlands of Switzerland, and others continue today. The work achieved by these projects provides a firm foundation for the support of weasel and stoat populations, and it is the goal of the programme to secure their long-term survival. The main focus lies with the restoration of weasel and stoat habitat and improving connectivity among isolated patches of habitat. Based on this foundation, WIN Wieselnetz is currently planning a national project for the enhancement of weasel populations. Another project will focus on the implementation of conservation measures for weasels and stoats in agricultural landscapes.

Who are "WIN Wieselnetz"?

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