

## ENABLING ACTIVITIES

The Endangered Landscapes Programme supports organisations working on the ground by drawing on the extensive networks and expertise of Cambridge Conservation Initiative partners and wider institutional collaborators. The programme facilitates an iterative process in which the knowledge, information and experience gained from funded projects helps to build capacity and drive improvements in the wider practice of landscape restoration. The programme does this by:

### Advancing understanding, learning lessons

Funded projects provide valuable opportunities to learn and share ways of improving the process of landscape restoration. The programme creates mechanisms to maximise this potential, such as through the provision of best-practice guidelines for monitoring and assessment of the impact of landscape restoration.

### Exchanging knowledge and making information accessible

Lessons and best practice for creating sustainable landscapes are exchanged amongst practitioners by establishing a 'community of practice', and through convening and facilitating outcome-focused workshops and symposia. Summarised evidence of restoration interventions is made available through open-access platforms, to support decisions about how to maintain and restore global biodiversity.

### Building capacity

Capacity is built through the publication of tools and guidelines. Skills are strengthened through an innovative and interactive programme of peer-to-peer exchange and learning activities including workshops, training courses and webinars.

### Stimulating change and facilitating partnerships

The programme stimulates coalitions and convenes events with a broad base of stakeholders, to make a strong case for the enrichment and recovery of functioning landscapes. Projects are used as flagships to foster support regionally and nationally. Cross-programme activities on culture and landscapes help connect people to places and build support for restoration at the local level.

## PROGRAMME MANAGEMENT

The Endangered Landscapes Programme is managed by the **Cambridge Conservation Initiative (CCI)**, a unique collaboration between the University of Cambridge and nine internationally-focused Cambridge-based conservation organisations (BirdLife International, British Trust for Ornithology, Cambridge Conservation Forum, Fauna & Flora International, International Union for the Conservation of Nature, RSPB, TRAFFIC, Tropical Biological Association and the UN Environment - World Conservation Monitoring Centre). CCI connects the strengths of these organisations and helps to spark ideas for innovative and more effective ways to tackle the challenges facing global biodiversity.

The Endangered Landscapes Programme's international **Oversight and Selection Panel** brings together the experience, networks and knowledge of eight distinguished professionals, chaired by the eminent British ecologist Professor Sir John Lawton. This independent panel is responsible for making funding recommendations, and advising on strategy and programme development.

### The Panel members are:

- **Mr Angelo Salsi**  
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- **Dr Anne Tolvanen**  
University of Oulu and Natural Resources Institute Finland
- **Dr Bart Fokkens**  
Wetlands International and European Centre for River Restoration (associated expert)
- **Sir Charles Burrell**  
Knepp Wildland Project, UK
- **Dr Gerardo Fragoso**  
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- **Professor Sir John Lawton**  
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# Restoring Landscapes for Life



# THE ENDANGERED LANDSCAPES PROGRAMME PROVIDES INSPIRATION FOR A FUTURE IN WHICH BIODIVERSITY AND ECOSYSTEM PROCESSES ARE RESTORED TO EUROPE'S DEGRADED LANDS, ESTABLISHING RESILIENT, MORE SELF-SUSTAINING ECOSYSTEMS THAT BENEFIT BOTH NATURE AND PEOPLE.

The Programme supports the establishment of large, connected landscapes that allow species to move and adapt to climate change and other kinds of environmental stress. Working in partnership with local communities, the programme seizes new opportunities to combine the restoration of biodiversity and ecological processes with economic regeneration and the creation of sustainable livelihoods.

## RESTORING LANDSCAPES FOR LIFE

Landscapes, rich in biodiversity and with functioning ecosystem services, support our lives in many ways. They supply clean air, fresh water, food and fuel, and protect us from the worst effects of floods and storms. They provide inspiration and enjoyment. Yet across Europe landscapes are endangered, and the biodiversity they support is in decline, as agricultural intensification, urbanisation, and expanding transport infrastructure lead to habitat loss and fragmentation.

The EU biodiversity strategy to 2020 is aimed at *reversing* biodiversity loss. Only through restoring biodiversity and ecosystem processes to Europe's degraded lands will it be possible to meet this objective.

The Endangered Landscapes Programme focuses on realising the potential of our land and seas, supporting work that allows nature to heal and become resilient for the long-term. By giving space back to nature, ecological processes can recover, ecosystem services can increase, and species populations can grow.

“This is an exciting shift away from the traditional conservation narrative of ‘no net loss’ and ‘slowing declines’. Landscapes should be places where nature thrives, and the programme’s inspirational agenda is bringing attention to the urgent need to change our approach to conservation and land use.”

**Professor Sir John Lawton,**  
Chair of the Oversight and  
Selection Panel

## GRANT-MAKING

The Endangered Landscapes Programme funds ambitious projects that offer a vision of hope for the future. Grants support the development and implementation of projects that will drive the creation of extensive, connected, resilient landscapes to provide habitat for European wildlife and create space for the natural functioning of ecological processes.

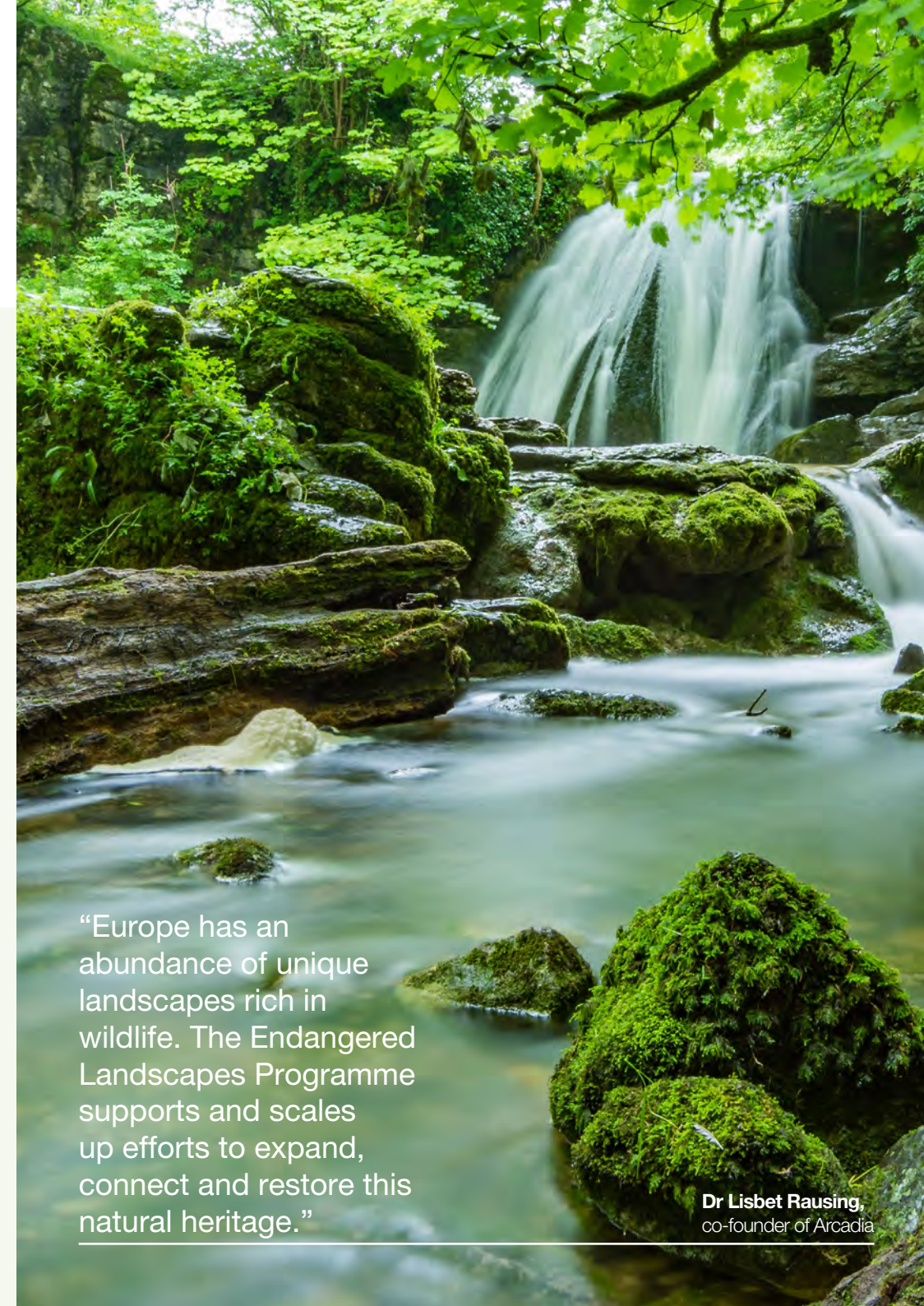
Projects help overcome barriers to ecosystem recovery and demonstrate cost-effective and replicable ways of restoring nature. They are focused on expanding the diversity and abundance of Europe's native wildlife, while at the same time promoting the significant environmental, social and economic benefits that healthy landscapes can deliver.

The programme encourages strategic collaborations that strive to:

- feed experience, knowledge and information from on-the-ground project implementation into policy;
- build capacity based on shared experience of successful interventions;
- underpin initiatives with a solid foundation of political, natural and social science and the evidence of what works.

“The Endangered Landscapes Programme provides an extraordinary opportunity to transform the conservation of nature in Europe. It will enable collaborative teams to create and restore biologically diverse and economically sustainable landscapes.”

**Dr Mike Rands,**  
Executive Director of CCI



“Europe has an abundance of unique landscapes rich in wildlife. The Endangered Landscapes Programme supports and scales up efforts to expand, connect and restore this natural heritage.”

**Dr Lisbet Rausing,**  
co-founder of Arcadia