

Our vision is to have rivers full of fish!

Migratory fish connect us! Nature and underwater life are under threat like never before. No single person, country or organisation can solve this alone. All over the world, thousands of people are already working on solutions that help migratory fish. By connecting and sharing, the foundation is building a stronger movement to save migratory fish in rivers.

Join us for the Global Swimways Webinar Marathon

This is a 24-hour webinar starting on May 14 2020

In honour of World Fish Migration Day, we are hosting a special 24-hour webinar marathon! In this webinar, leaders on this issue will tell us about global swimways, fish species population status' and trends. Practitioners and experts from each continent share best practices about what is going well and inspire us all to take action! We are inviting people all over the world who are, or want to be, active and passionate about rivers, fish and nature.

Save migratory fish in rivers together

The world's migratory fish are in an enormous decline, with human development and infrastructure, like dams and weirs, blocking critical migratory pathways. We want to turn the tide and save these migratory fish, connect a global movement of practitioners and to open up the swimways of the world together. To support this process we recently started the Global Swimway Initiative, together with IUCN and the Cambridge Conservation Initiative. We have defined swimways as pathways fishes migrate along.

15:00 - 15:15 INTRO: GLOBAL SWIMWAYS Arjan Berkhuisen - World Fish Migration Foundation, The Netherlands

15:15 - 15:30 Europe status and trends: What we know and don't know when mapping Swimways William Darwall - IUCN, UK

15:30 - 15:45 Reconnecting Europe's Rivers: where do we start? Carlos García de Leaniz - Swansea University, AMBER, UK

15:45 - 16:00 As the sturgeon swims- why we need a combination of open migration corridors, in situ protection and ex situ conservation to save the Danubes living fossils. Thomas Friedrich - University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences (BOKU), Austria

16:00 - 16:15 River Rhine - Restoring fish migration in the former sewer of Europe Marc de Rooy - Ministry of Infrastructure and Environment, The Netherlands

16:15 - 16:30 Ätran Dam removal (Falkenberg, Sweden) Olle Calles - Karlstad University, Sweden

16:30 - 16:45 Restoring 3000 km of free flowing river in Estonia. Meet the biggest European river restoration project. Külli Tammur - Environment Agency, Estonia