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Dear GENOA community members,

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REMINDER - Online MC4 Meeting - save the date

The 4th GENOA Management Committee Meeting (**MC4**) will take place online on **27 November 2026, from 1 to 4 PM CET**.

The meeting will bring together **the GENOA Management Committee** to review progress across the Action (progress report) and discuss priorities and activities for the coming period GP3, as well as sharing COP17 delegation feedback. The programme will include updates on Action membership, participation and management, as well as relevant information from the COST Association.

A key part of the meeting will be dedicated to reviewing progress across the five Working Groups (WG1–WG5), including their deliverables, goals and ongoing tasks. The MC will also review progress towards the Action's Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) objectives, current Grant Period goals and deliverables, and the budget status. The meeting will conclude with planning for upcoming GENOA activities and grant opportunities, followed by a summary of MC decisions.

The final agenda will be shared with participants 1–2 weeks before the meeting.

Save the Date: 27 November 2026

Time: **13:00–16:00 CET**

Format: Online via Zoom

INBO podcast on Conservation Genetics

Three GENOA members, **Karen Cox** (INBO, Belgium), **Laura Bertola** (National Centre for Biological Sciences (NCBS), India), and **David O'Brien** (NatureScot, UK) partake in the latest podcast produced by The Research Institute for Nature and Forest (INBO), Belgium, to talk about how understanding genetics can help us to predict the future of biodiversity and guide its restoration. The podcast reveals how genetics come to the rescue of endangered plant and animal species like the Natterjack toad, black Bengal tiger or Scottish Twinflower.

The podcast was recorded for the **7th European Conservation Genetics Meeting**, held at the Antwerp zoo in August 2026.

Enjoy listening to this episode on Spotify via this link.

RELEVANT PUBLICATIONS

Global Biodiversity Framework-related publications

CBD COP17 might be over, but the work towards accomplishing goals and targets of the KMGBF is still far from finished. With that in mind, we're bringing to your attention a selection of relevant publications, some co-authored by fellow GENOA members:

- Milner-Gulland et al. (2026) **A Critical Year for Nature: Now Is the Time to Accelerate Action on the Global Biodiversity Framework**. *Conservation Letters.* Read the paper here.
- Shaw et al. (2026) **Halting genetic diversity loss, from local to international action and policy**. *Nature Reviews Biodiversity.* Read the paper here.
- Collins et al. (2025) **A review of country ambition in targeting important areas for biodiversity under the Kunming–Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework**. *Conservation Biology.* Read the paper here.

Questions?

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Are you organizing an event? Did you receive an award? Are you looking for collaborators on a publication? If you have any news or information you'd like to share with the GENOA community, write to us and we will share it.

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