



From Red List to Green List Using IUCN Insights to Reconnect Swimways for Migratory Freshwater Fishes

Tuesday 18th November | 10:00 – 11:00 CET

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Agenda

Time	Agenda Point	Content
10:00	1	Opening
10:05	2	Global status of freshwater fauna - Catherine Sayer, IUCN
10:15	3	European freshwater fish assessment - Matthew Ford, IUCN
10:30	4	Global Swimways Initiative - Twan Stoffers, WUR
10:45	5	Discussion and next steps
10:55	6	AOB and wrap-up

Meet our speakers

Catherine Sayer | IUCN
| Biodiversity Assessment and
Knowledge Team | Lead for
Freshwater Biodiversity

Catherine is the lead for freshwater biodiversity in IUCN's Biodiversity Assessment and Knowledge Team. Her work focusses on increasing the representation of freshwater species on The IUCN Red List of Threatened Species, using this data to guide conservation action, policy and management, through the identification of Key Biodiversity Areas (KBAs) for example. She joined IUCN in 2014 and has been at the forefront of Swimways conservation globally through her involvement in the Global Swimways Initiative.

Matt Ford | IUCN | Lead Assessor for
European Freshwater Fishes

Matt is a freshwater conservation specialist who leads the assessment of Europe's freshwater fish species for the IUCN Red List, identifying population trends, key threats, and management priorities. Over the past 15 years, he has contributed extensively to research on freshwater fish diversity, distribution, and extinction risk. His work plays a crucial role in informing evidence-based strategies that combine scientific rigour with practical conservation outcomes, supporting the protection of aquatic biodiversity across Europe and beyond.

Twan Stoffers | WUR | Assistant
Professor of Fish
Ecology | Global Swimways Initiative
migratory fish database coordinator

Twan is a freshwater ecologist and project manager at Wageningen University & Research (WUR). He specializes in fish ecology, river restoration, and floodplain dynamics, focusing on how habitat diversity and connectivity support healthy aquatic ecosystems. With a background in aquatic ecology and extensive experience linking research with practice, Twan works to translate scientific insights into effective restoration and management strategies that enhance river biodiversity and resilience.