

Information Sheet



Restoration of sand pits for wildlife, Southern Bohemia

Project - Restoration of disused sand pits and quarries offer an opportunity to create important habitats to benefit endangered and threatened wildlife including sand martins (the smallest European swallow) and amphibians. Calla has created one of the largest nest sites in Southern Bohemia over the last 10 years through the management of a disused sand pit and has continued its work with the cooperation of local sand pit landowners, mining companies and professional institutions. The project includes:

- Creating new ponds and pools that are easier to keep clean, attracting a greater variety of amphibians
- Creating artificial nesting banks for sand martins, made by boring tunnels into the sand
- Management and cleansing of existing nest sites to remove parasites, re-cutting new sheer faces and removing excess vegetation providing clear flight for returning birds
- Informing the general public about the work through lectures, excursions, media and web presentations

Organisation - Calla is a long-established organisation that aims to assist local people to conserve the environment, contribute to the preservation of valuable ecosystems and support the development of renewable energy resources.

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