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## Information Sheet



### **PAN Europe (Pesticide Action Network Europe)**

**In brief** - Farming is an area not immediately thought of as affecting the outdoor sector, but pesticide usage on crops is having a drastic effect on European wildlife. PAN Europe is a campaigning network that informs and lobby's EU policy makers to encourage them to legislate to protect the environment by restricting the use of pesticides. PAN has commissioned a scientific study of pesticide usage.

**Project** - Every year European Farmers release more than 200,000 tonnes of agricultural pesticides which is almost 400g of active substance for every European citizen. The impact of these on biodiversity is huge, especially as much of Europe's land mass is given over to agriculture. PAN Europe seeks to consolidate its portfolio of lobbying activities by publishing a new report documenting the negative impact of pesticides on European wildlife and the environment. The report will be used to inform EU decision makers on the need to include concrete measures to protect European wildlife and the environment within the new pesticides legislation and to draw media attention to the issue.

**Organisation** - PAN Europe is a small, not for profit organisation, which works to motivate and co-ordinate some 50 environmental and public health NGO's, based across Europe, in pushing for more effective controls on pesticides and the wider adoption of sustainable pest management strategies. Since 2002 PAN Europe has placed a specific emphasis on working to promote the creation and implementation of

tougher EU legislation on pesticides. Many of the smaller NGO's that work with PAN Europe would not individually have the resources to continue with lobbying action, particularly those based in the former eastern block countries. PAN Europe has been successful in getting 66 legislative amendments to draft EU legislation on the use of pesticides and now needs to work hard to lobby the council of ministers to ensure these become part of the final legislation. In 2007 they published a highly successful 12 page report on the negative impact on human health from pesticides.

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