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# What are the ecological consequences of wilding as a long term conservation strategy?



# WILDING

What is 'wilding'?

“conservation of sites using only, or very largely, natural processes”



# Questions

- Do we have the information we need to predict the ecological consequences?
- What questions do we need to ask?

# Consequences for current strategies and legal frameworks



# Outline of the Day

- 11.20: The Dutch experience. Frans Vera
- 12.20. Networks and Stability. Chris Thomas
- 13.00 – 14.00 Lunch.
- 14.00 – 14.40. – 'Rewilding - a field of dreams?' Kathy Hodder.
- 14.40 – 15.20. Naturalistic Grazing for conservation management. Peter Dennis.
- 15.20 – 16.00. Carnivores. David Hetherington.
- 16.00 – 16.30 – Tea.
- 16.30 – 17.00 Re-instating ecosystem processes – using small organisms to good effect – Sarah Dalrymple.
- 17.00 – 18.00 Plenary.