

# INVITATION

## Consortium meeting « Lost Friends » Barcelona, 9th October 2008

EDIT Public Awareness is promoting modern taxonomy and biodiversity to the general public in order to broaden the understanding for your work. One important aspect is to stress the value of our collections to guarantee a continued funding.

In this sense we are planning for the International Year of Biodiversity 2010 a travelling photo exhibition focusing on collection specimens.



The relationship between men and wolves has always been intense. The last wolf hunted in Brittany, France, in 1885 can be seen in the university collections of Rennes.

This exhibition, called "Lost Friends", will gather images of extinct and locally extinct species from Europe, which cannot be observed in nature anymore. The only place where they are documented, is in our collections. In this way we will demonstrate the uniqueness of collections to the general public and policy makers

A first meeting of the consortium will be held in Barcelona during the IUCN World Congress on October 9, 2008 in the Natural History Museum of Barcelona.

Travelling expenses can be charged for EDIT members via your institution.

The great Auk, a tall flightless bird, also called the « penguin of the North » used to be frequent in the North Atlantic. Hunted for feathers and meat it became rare and the last couple was killed 1844 on Iceland. Here a last representative from RBINS, Brussels.



Registration for the one day workshop in Barcelona should be made to Dr. K. Articus ( EDIT-PA officer) and Dr. O. Retout, RBINS  
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