

# Survival Ecology - New pathways for European nature conservation?

## Registration

Online via <https://veranstaltungen.hs-geisenheim.de/event/survival-ecology-new-pathways-for-european-nature-conservation>

Button: "Anmelden"

Costs: free

The session will be mainly in English. Questions in the Q&A part can be raised in German and will be translated into English by the moderator.

## Access

via Greenlight

Link will be provided after registration

## Short note

Reading the paper is not a prerequisite, but you are welcome to do so:

(<https://doi.org/10.3389/fcosc.2021.659912>).



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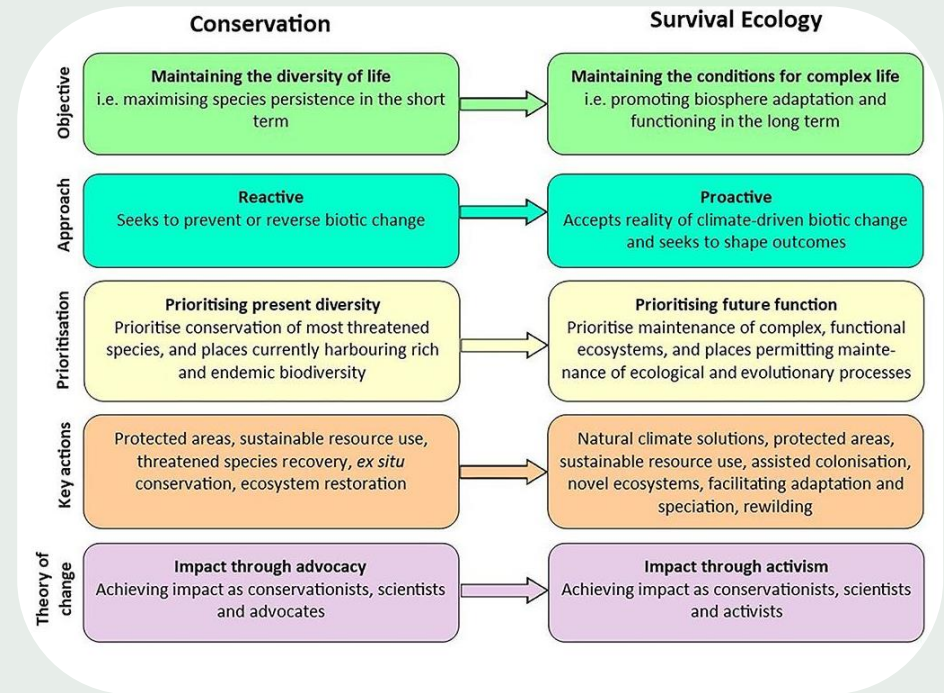
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“In the climate emergency, conservation must become Survival Ecology” (Gardner & Bullock 2021). The authors introduce Survival Ecology as a concept and paradigm shift: a new perspective, which “rather than seeking to maintain a world which will no longer exist, [...] acknowledges unavoidable change and seeks to shape the world that [...] looks to the future, not the past”. Its ultimate objective is to maintain the conditions for complex life, instead of focusing on maintaining the diversity of life. A change in narrative should emphasize healthy ecosystems and biodiversity as crucial for human existence and advocate for a safeguarding of an earth system that in which both humans and other species can survive.

In this online session we want to discuss the added value of the concept for European nature conservation strategies. The aim is an critical exchange between scientists, policy makers and practitioners, looking into the future of nature conservation in the context of global change.



The transition from conservation to survival ecology, which requires a shift in objectives and approach, as well as prioritisation, key actions, and theory of change (Gardner CJ, Bullock JM, 2021: In the Climate Emergency, Conservation Must Become Survival Ecology. *Front. Conserv. Sci.* 2:659912. doi: 10.3389/ffcosc.2021.659912)

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- 11:00 Welcome and introduction (CULT)  
Team CULT
- 11:15 Survival Ecology – introduction to the concept  
Charlie Gardner, *University of Kent (UK)*
- 12:00 Q & A Session (Open discussion)  
Charlie Gardner and James Bullock, *UK Centre for Ecology & Hydrology, Wallingford*
- 12:45 Summary, conclusion and further activities
- 13:00 End of the online session



**Dr. Charlie Gardner** is an associate senior lecturer and researcher in conservation science at the University of Kent (UK), a practitioner and an activist with a particular interest in societal responses to the climate and biodiversity emergencies (<https://www.charliegardner.net/>).

**Prof. James Bullock** is a globally-leading expert on the spatial dynamics and management of biodiversity at the UK Centre for Ecology & Hydrology in Wallingford (<https://www.ceh.ac.uk/staff/james-bullock>).

The **Competence Centre Cultural Landscape (CULT)** in Geisenheim, Germany, undertakes research, but also organises events and trainings. A special focus of our work lies in supporting critical debates and developing cooperative networks with diverse sets of stakeholders to promote change.