



Conservation Results for 14 Projects

- 1990** **The Barrier Island of Schiermonnikoog, The Netherlands**
Partners: World Wildlife Fund (WWF) and Nature Monuments of the Netherlands
Problem: Conflict between modern agricultural practices and nature conservation; lack of protected status
Results: A year after the project, exhibition and book publication and with the endorsement of Prince Bernhard of the Netherlands (co-founder of WWF) two-thirds of the island was declared a National Park in which cars are no longer allowed.
Book: *Wind, Wad en Waterverf* (Wind, Wadden Sea and Watercolor) In Dutch only
- 1992** **Biebrza Marshes, Poland.**
Partner: World Wildlife Fund International
Problem: Absence of protected status for these globally significant riverine wetlands resulting in illegal timbering, poaching and water pollution.
Results: Following the ANF project and numerous international exhibitions, the Biebrza and Narev Marshes National Park was established. Ysbrand Brouwers, founder and President of ANF, was invited to join Prince Bernhard to take part in the park's opening ceremonies in 1994.
Book: *Portrait of a Living Marsh* (In English and Dutch)
- 1995** **Loire River Estuary, France**
Partners: WWF France and BirdLife France
Problem: Pollution of the estuary by industrial development and shipyards, threatening vital feeding and resting habitat for millions of migrating shorebirds in spring and fall.
Results: Increased cooperation between local industry and conservation organizations resulting in abatement of pollution and significant clean-up of the estuary
Book: *Pour une Loire Vivant / That the Loire May Live* (bilingual)
- 1996** **Wexford Coast, Ireland**
Partners: BirdLife Ireland
Problem: Absence of protected areas along the east coast, resulting in significant declines of colonial and migratory water and sea related birds and other wildlife due to human disturbance.
Results: ANF project enabled BirdLife to promote the ecological value of coastal habitats resulting in protected status for a number of beaches and bays.
Products: Exhibition, catalogue and newspaper articles.



1996-97 Copper River Delta, Alaska, USA

Partner: Clean Water Alliance, Cordova Alaska

Problem: Environmental pollution of a vast amount of critical habitat as the result of The Exxon Valdez oil spill.

Results: Local activists achieved national prominence when they gave copies of the resulting ANF book with a foreword by Jimmy Carter to every member of congress together with an invitation to visit. Since then, threats to oil and gas drilling in the Delta have ceased. However President Trump wants to begin extraction, and a reissue of the ANF book is under consideration.

Book: *Alaska's Copper River Delta*

1998 Bandhavgarh National Park, India

Partners: Glasgow Museums and Galleries and 21st Century Tiger Foundation

Problem: Significant decline of the tiger population due to development and resulting destruction of habitat.

Results: 21st Century Tiger Foundation used the ANF project as a flagship for a International campaign and fundraising for Tiger conservation. An Exhibition in Glasgow attracted 400,000+ visitors, and an environmental education program was developed in the Bandhavgarh school system. Since our project, Tiger conservation is much higher now on the international and national agenda (India)
Serious efforts to create and protect corridors between the different protected areas and National Parks

Book: *Tigers*

2001 Catalan Pyrenees, Spain

Partners: Fundació Territori i Paisatge and Caixa de Catalonia

Problem: Destruction of old growth forest due to the development of ski resorts.

Results: Development of ski runs has been halted, and the remaining old growth forest now has official protected status.

Book: *Mature Forests* (In French, Spanish, Catalan and English)

Film: Documentary of the ANF project by filmmaker Richard Kemp.

2002 Algarve, Portugal

Partners: Quinta do Lago and SPEA, Sociedade Portuguesa o Estudo das Aves (Portuguese Society for the Protection of Birds), BirdLife Portugal.

Problem: Uncontrolled development of golf courses and other tourism facilities, threatening important bird habitat.

Results: **Much improved cooperation between the partners. Reduced use of pesticides on the golf courses.** Hides were built for birdwatchers (and golfers), and information panels were installed. Protected areas now have better monitoring and enforcement.

Book: Living Paintings (*Quadros de Vida*) (bilingual)



2003 Tumbesian Dry Forest of Peru and Ecuador

Partners: Bosques sin Fronteras (Peru & Ecuador) and WWF the Netherlands

Problem: 70% of all species in this isolated dry forest are endemic (exist nowhere else), yet only 10% of the original forest remains due to uncontrolled logging and the absence of any protected status.

Results: The governor of the state in Peru where the project took place was so impressed, that he halted all “nature-unfriendly” activities. The remains of the dry forest on both sides of the border are now totally protected.

Book: *Treasures of the Forgotten Forest (Bosques sin Fronteras)* 2 different books

Film: Documentary of the ANF project by filmmaker Richard Kemp.

2004-05 The Great Fen, Cambridgeshire, England

Partners: English Nature and The Wildlife Trust

Problem: This once extensive wetland, harboring rare birds such as Eurasian Bittern, European Crane and Osprey was drained by the Dutch by the end of the 17th century. Since then, the soils have become degraded by agricultural development causing further loss of species.

Results: Following the ANF project, 75% of the habitat has been purchased from local farmers and a restoration project is proceeding (ahead of schedule!). The book played a major role in inspiring the national lottery fund to contribute £11million to the project and in winning the support of Prince Charles.

Book: *The Great Fen (Artists for Nature in England)*

2005-06 Windmills in the Dutch province of Utrecht

Partners: Foundation ‘Het Utrechts Landschap’

Problem: On-going pauperizing of the valuable old windmills often situated in rural and beautiful settings in the province of Utrecht because of lack of money and therefor lack of maintenance.

Results: Project, Book and Exhibition has helped to get subsidies from the local government and raise funds from foundations and private people. All windmills have been restored by now!

Book: *Sails, Wind and Meadow Birds. Wieken Wind en Watervogels*

2008-09 Hula Valley, Israel

Partner: Society for the Protection of Nature in Israel (SPNI)

Problem: Intrusion of semi-illegal agriculture and fish farming into former conservation land of vital importance to tens of thousands of migrating cranes and other birds.

Results: Agreements were reached with the farmers to minimize impact on wildlife by using fewer pesticides against rodents. Hundreds of nest boxes have been erected for kestrels and Barn Owls to reduce rodent populations.

Book: *Drawing Inspiration from the Hula Valley (Artists for Nature in Israel)*. In Hebrew and Arabic as well as English (3 languages in one book).



2011 Isle of Sark

Partners: Chief Plese (Sark's Government) and The Sark Community

Problem: No formal laws currently exists to protect the native vegetation and wildlife of this smallest of UK's Channel Islands. One of the island's special features is that its Night sky is nearly free of light pollution. Its character is now under threat from non-traditional development.

Results: Following the ANF project and resulting exhibitions on the other Channel Islands and in the Netherlands, Sark was officially designated as the world's first Dark Sky Island, and proceeds from the sale of artworks were donated to the Sark Community for use in conservation projects and for environmental education in Sark schools.

Book: *For the Love of Sark*

Film: Documentary of the ANF project with same name as the book by Hans Rademakers.

2017 Dead Sea, Israel and Jordan

Partners: SPNI, (Society for the protection of Nature in Israel) The Hoopoe Foundation, Amman Centre for Peace and Development, The Ministry of Regional Cooperation and 4 others!

Problem: The Dead Sea is the lowest body of water on the planet, and its level is currently dropping by a meter or more each year; at this rate it will be completely dry within 20 years.

Results: Unknown so far, but in August 2018, the ANF book was presented at the International Ornithological Congress in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. Finally some good news from Israel! To show that conservationists from Israel, Jordan and Palestine do work together with the same goal: to protect the birds. **"Birds don't know boundaries or war"!**

Book: *Bringing the Dead Sea to Life – Art and Nature at the Lowest Place on Earth* (In English, Hebrew and Arabic, 3 languages in one book)

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