

Meetings of Excellence camp
Insects and ecosystems' place in
the International Convention of Nature's Rights
From the 16th to the 30th of July
Saint Luc Val d'Anniviers, Switzerland



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What are the goals of this camp?

- Teach us how to learn, search informations, process them and present it to an audience
- Team working and mutual listening
- English practice
- This year: sensibilize people about Nature's Rights, insects, define the key terms such as ecosystem...



“An ecosystem is a dynamic set of living organisms that interact with one another and with the environment in which they live.”



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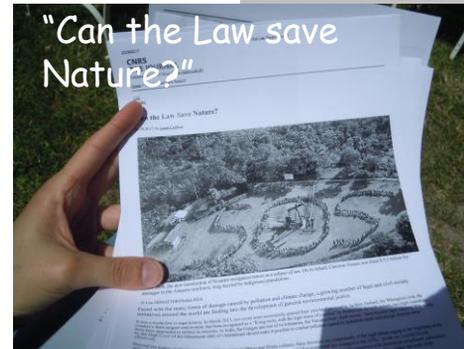
How did we approach the topic?

Debates



Learning on how to defend
different ideas that might not be
ours.

First approach with an article



Disappearance of 80% of
insect's population in
Germany in 25 years



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How did we approach the topic?

1. Field work



- Meetings with citizens
- Visits of places, mill...

Goal : discover the **Val d'Annivier ecosystem** through testimonies and comparisons over time

2. Other information sources

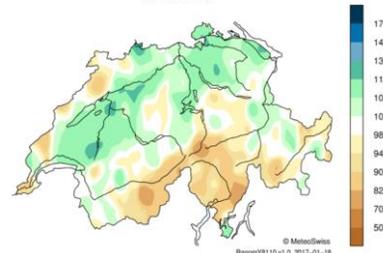
- Internet
- Press clipping
- Map

Goal : Find **verified informations**

- statistics, statements, studies...



Rapport à la norme des hauteurs de précipitation (%)
(Ref. 1981-2010)



How did we approach the topic?

3. Interviews with specialists

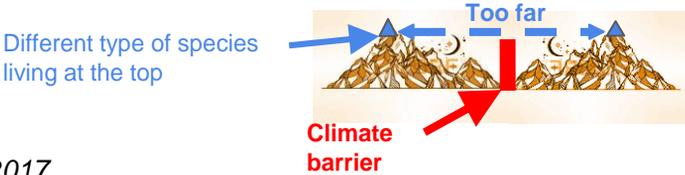
- Mumta Ito, Nature's Rights defender
- Valérie Cabanès, international law jurist
- Sylvain Allombert, OSI member, naturalist
- Others as Pro Natura and local associations...



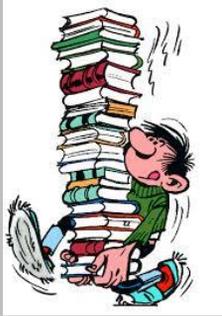
Goal : deepening unknown subjects

- Nature's Rights and their evolution
- Notion of "Ecocide"
- Effects of climate changes on insects' population

« An ecocide is defined as an act of destruction or damage on an ecosystem **caused** by human activity.»
(Valérie Cabanès)



How did we feel about the progress of the subject and how did we react?



The multiple branches of the subject disoriented us.



Completely new subject, none clear idea of what we were working on.

A mid term presentation allowed us to have a goal and organize and structure our research.

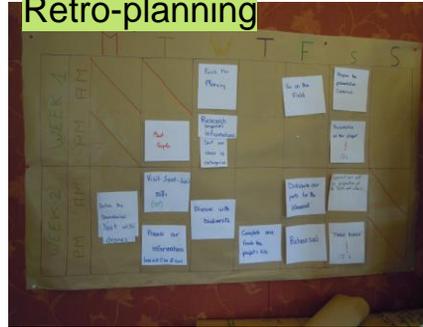


Some of our tools

Team working



Retro-planning



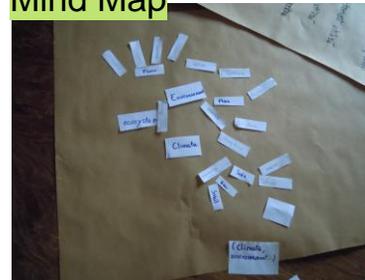
Skills box



Tools for stress management & oral expression

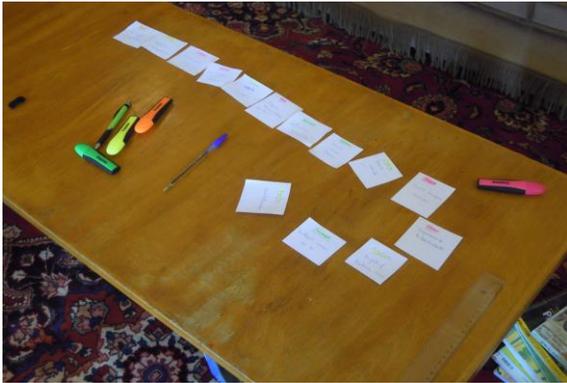
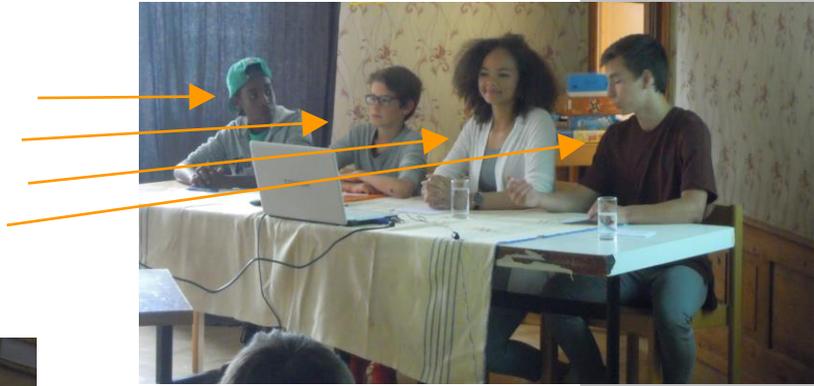


Mind Map



Round table on July 29th

Sumaï spoke about environmental **laws**
Thao spoke about **biodiversity**
Emeline spoke about **ecosystems**
Paul was the **presenter**



“The train of ideas” (image above) helped us to organize our presentation



Round table contents

- Goal : **sensibilize**
- Present our subject & framework
- Explain what's an **ecosystem** and **biodiversity**
- **Impacts** of climate/humanity on ecosystems
- Different **levels of jurisdiction**
- Introduce the notion of **ecocide**
 - Exemple : Fukushima
- **Biodiversity's importance** (yellowstone)
- Opening on sustainable farming



Nature's Rights
Should we vote for laws to preserve the environment that feeds and hosts us?



Perspectives for the following camps in the same place

- Define the perimeter of the general ecosystem in the Val d'Anniviers and its diversity
 - Create a list of criterias for this ecosystem : temperature, sun orientation, altitude, soil composition etc...
 - a joint work with other OSI camps?
- Study the climate evolution of the Val d'Annivier over time
- Deepen the evolution of legal points
- Compare our example to other ecosystems in the world
 - Other mountains, climate, and so on...

