



## **Stockholm Manifesto**

### **EAWC meeting in Stockholm, 27-28 oct 2022**

“The European Alliance for Wolf Conservation, an Association of European NGOS from 13 European countries, gathered in Stockholm on the 27th of October of 2022, hereby demands the Government of Sweden to immediately stop the licensed hunting of wolves, which is in clear breach of EU regulations and specifically of the Habitats Directive. Given the population of wolves in the Scandinavian region and their serious genetic problems, the continuation of the current management policies is incompatible with the keeping of the mandatory “Favourable Conservation Status” of the species in the country, and will increase the risk of its effective extinction. This is intolerable from a National perspective but also from the standpoint of the rest of European Countries, several of which are successfully conserving much larger numbers and densities of wolves and allowing the species to fulfill its ecological function and provide its essential ecosystemic services to the benefit of all European citizens. If the EU keeps tolerating this blatant infringement of EU regulations it will be sending a dangerous message to other member states wishing to circumvent the Habitats Directive in its spirit and letter”.