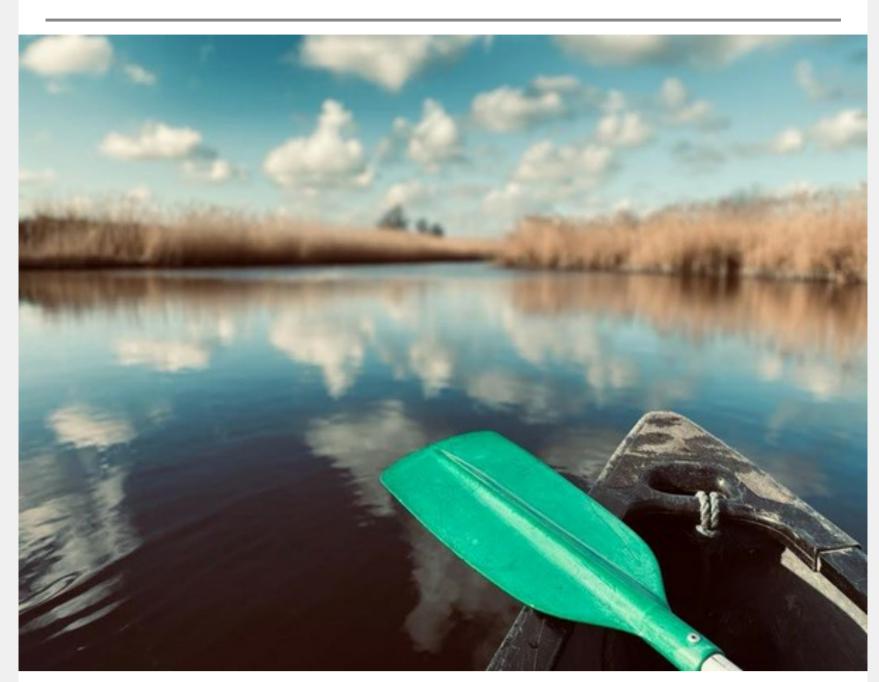




# **Newsletter 31 August 2021**

## Welcome to the third Life MICA newsletter

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## The landscape of creeks and polders in the border municipality of Sint-Laureins

Searching and catching in Sint-Laureins

houses the last large population of muskrats in East Flanders. It is important to continuously monitor this area to avoid expansion and to reduce the species. In 2021, the Flemish Environment Agency (VMM) started its control campaign here with the spring migration of muskrats at freezing temperatures. These migratory muskrats are often difficult to catch. Read more



#### Camera traps are useful for tracking muskrats and coypu. The Life MICA partners have already collected

Raccoon detected with camera trap

more than 2000 images of muskrats. A nice advantage for the muskrat control is that other invasive species can also be seen on the camera images. A raccoon was spotted in the De Luysen area (Limburg,

Dragonflies and damselflies as indicators for

### biodiversity The month of June was dominated by dragonflies and damselflies for the Life MICA employees of the Institute for Nature and Forest Research (INBO). An important

part of the Life MICA project is monitoring biodiversity in the project areas. This data can help to estimate the impact of muskrats, coypu and their impact on nature. In Flanders, birds, plants and dragonflies are monitored in the De Luysen nature reserves in Bree (Limburg) and in the East Flemish creek area in Sint-Laureins. Read More



## project aims to assess the impact of coypu on biodiversity and test smart live traps.

On the video (in German) you can see more about the activities at the project site and the characteristics of the area. Also read the whole article



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