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Welcome to the second Life MICA newsletter

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Coypu and muskrat – a threat to biodiversity?

With the increasing spread of coypu and muskrat, their harmful effects become the focus of attention. Both species dig tunnels and burrows on embankments and feed on aquatic vegetation, damaging mainly reed plants like reed and bulrush. Reed vegetation constitutes the habitat of numerous animal species: birds such as the great bittern or the reed warbler breed here and migratory birds look for resting places on their transit in reeds. Different species of fish spawn in the reed beds, where juvenile fishes can find protection from predators thereafter. Furthermore, various insects, including many dragon- and damselflies, depend on reed plants. [Read more](#)



* VIDEO *

Jari Bremer, of the Rivierenland water board, explains in this video how craftsmanship changes through innovations. For example, the 'smart trap' that is being developed in the Life MICA project. [Watch de video.](#)

Kick-off 'Alien Species – a discourse'

With increasing awareness of the society for the problem of invasive animal species, ethical issues concerning how to deal with these animals also come into focus.

The Institute for Terrestrial and Aquatic Wildlife Research participates in this dialogue with a public relations project that is funded by the Ministry of Science and Culture of Lower Saxony as part of the program Future Discourses. The kick-off event took place in September at the University of Veterinary Medicine Hannover. [Read more](#)



We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Very Happy 2021!

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