

# ETN Newsletter



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## ETN IN NUMBERS

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# 01

## ETNews: OP tag metadata API

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*No more hassle uploading your tag metadata to ETN*

Did you already know that ETN implemented an automated tag metadata exchange with the manufacturers?

Well, in the past months, the VLIZ IT department has been developing an API that the manufacturers can use to push the tag metadata directly. So as a customer you no longer need to upload your tag metadata yourself anymore. Just inform your manufacturer that you want to have the tag metadata directly sent to ETN and provide them with your 'Owner Organization' information in ETN (this is needed to ensure tags are correctly linked to your institution).

Be aware that currently the feature only works for OP tags! In the future, we might extend the feature to also allow it for other tag protocols.

# 02

## SAVE THE DATE: ICFT 2027

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*The next International Conference on Fish Telemetry is on!*

**ICFT 2027**

International Conference on Fish Telemetry  
University of Hull • 19–23 July 2027

# 03

## ETN SYMPOSIUM UPDATE

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*A record-breaking symposium*

We've received a record number of abstracts (more than 100!!) for the ETN symposium: from never before studied species, to fascinating behaviours, to new technologies, this year's symposium is bound to be one for the books 📖

We'll have nearly 40 oral presentations, upwards of 50 posters, and several workshops keeping us busy over the course of three days.

If you've been offered a poster, please remember to confirm your poster so we can make sure there's space for everyone 😊

# 04

## ETN PAPER ACCEPTED

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*Reubens et al., 2026 outlines the success and challenges of a decade of European aquatic animal tracking*

Are you curious about the history of fish tracking worldwide, or when and how ETN exactly started? Give this one a read, it's already accessible under [https://doi.org/10.1186/s40317-026-00475-z!](https://doi.org/10.1186/s40317-026-00475-z)

## The European tracking network through time: united efforts to advance aquatic conservation in Europe

Figure 2: Hot off the press!

# 05

## WILD MOVES

User friendly data portal for open-access animal tracking data!

<https://moves.wildlabs.net>

Wild Moves highlights animal tracking data published through the Global Biodiversity Information Facility (GBIF). It allows users to find data that might fit their need and allows datasets owners to make their research more discoverable. All data use is subject to the GBIF user agreement.

ETN data without moratorium can be discovered on Wild Moves as well, thanks to the data pipelines that push ETN data to GBIF!

See the [announcement by WILDLABS](#) for more information.

### Wild Moves

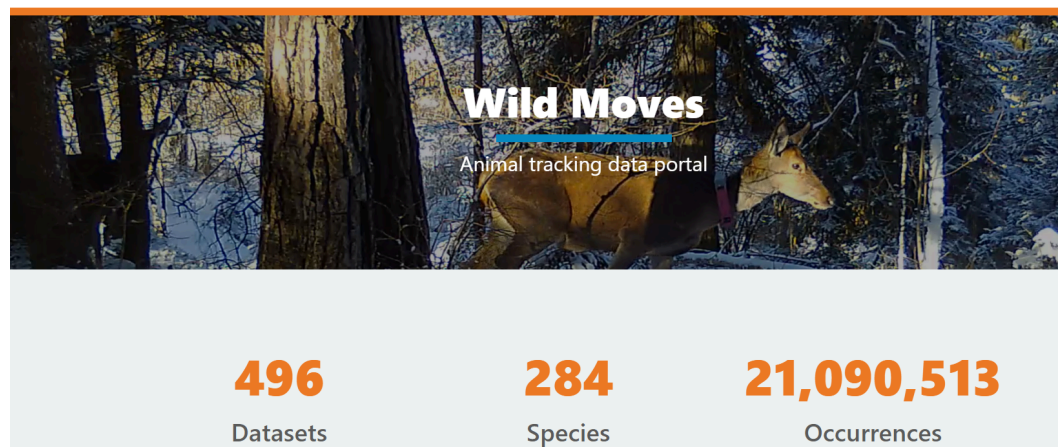


Figure 3: Wild Moves landing page.

# 06

## KEEP AN EYE OUT - UPCOMING EVENTS

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### *Estuarine and Coastal Sciences Association*

- The ECSA61 is happening in Brussels, Belgium, 24-27 August 2026. The meeting aims to bridge the gap between science and policy in estuarine and coastal marine biodiversity. Find out more [here](#).

### *iMARCO 2026*

- The 8th International Marine Connectivity Conference will be held in Vigo, Spain, 2-4 September 2026. There's a session on animal movement called "Species on the move: Movement as a driver of ecological connectivity". Call for abstracts is open, and closes 5 May 2026! Find out more [here](#).

### *Movement Ecology Annual Meeting*

- The Movement Ecology Annual Meeting is happening in Cardiff, UK, 2-3 September 2026, under the theme Movement Dynamics in a Changing World. The deadline for poster or talk abstracts submission is 30th June 2026. Find out more [here](#).

### *2026 ICES Annual Science Conference*

- The 2026 ICES Annual Science Conference will take place in Brest, France, 15-18 September 2026. Call for abstracts is open! Find out more [here](#).

### *ETN Symposium 2026*

- The 4th biennial ETN Symposium will take place 13-15 October 2026 in Copenhagen, Denmark. International Marine Conservation Congress

### *International Marine Conservation Congress (IMCC)*

- The 8th International Marine Conservation Congress will be held at the Edinburgh International Conference Center (EICC) November 13-17, 2026. Researchers working alongside policymakers, ocean users, and resource managers come together to share research, tools, and lessons learned that advance marine science, policy, and practice. Find out more [here](#).

### *World Conference on Marine Biodiversity*

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- The 7th edition of the World Conference on Marine Biodiversity will be organized in Bruges between November 17th and 20th 2026. The WCMB 2026 will fly the UN Ocean Decade flag, as it has been endorsed as a UN Ocean Decade Event. The overall theme of the Conference is “The marine biodiversity insights we need, for the ocean we want”. **There is a [session](#) on animal movement, behaviour and biologging!** Find out more [here](#).

# 07

## KEEP IN TOUCH

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*Stay updated; follow us everywhere!*

