

Petition against the wolf? No, thanks.

The recent petition by Arnold Schuler (SVP) provincial councilor for agriculture, forests, civil protection and municipalities of the Autonomous Province of Bolzano asks:

- at European level, adopting the necessary proceedings to reduce the level of wolf protection;
- at National level, taking the necessary measures to make possible the controlled withdrawal of the wolf in South Tyrol, in line with European directives.

He wants to make wolves huntable in order to answer easily to his hunters/farmers electorate who are impervious to any scientific information and effective damage prevention practices. Let's not forget that, in the Trentino Alto Adige / Südtirol region and therefore also in the Autonomous Province of Bolzano, next autumn we are going to vote and the SVP must be masculine, strong and authoritarian (never authoritative). **We**, and those who will sign our petition, **are strongly opposed to such proposals that we consider out of any logic.**

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ASKS:**

The degree of protection of the wolf is maintained and increased at the highest level **by the European institutions;**

At the national level:

- 1. Rejecting the claims to lower the degree of protection;**
- 2. Educating people to the use of the methods of prevention that have been amply demonstrated to be effective where they are correctly realized;**
- 3. Adopting resolute and effective strategies to eliminate the phenomenon of poaching;**
- 4. Denying further possibility of killing (in addition to the exceptional cases already provided for by current regulations, but never presented) in harmony with European directives.**

Given that the wolf does not attack humans and prey farm animals when they are unattended, Alto Adige's territory would be entitled to a management in favor of the environment and animals and civil coexistence between human beings and wildlife that often overlap and can live together with mutual benefit; a management in favor of the natural resettlement of wolves and contrary to the current over-exploitation of the environment. The presence of large carnivores and abundant wildlife could have been an opportunity for cultural and civil growth from the point of view of environmental sustainability.

Instead, one more time, archaic positions are chosen; without any economic and cultural justification or scientific evidence.

Qualified tourism loves areas where wild animals are really protected; just now that the forward-looking measures taken in the past are proving effective and the wolves are coming back, spontaneously, to repopulate the mountains, you can not go back and demolish the patient forty year work to protect precious animals wich keep a perfect ecological balance that only wild animals can guarantee and not the intervention of hunters taken from the bloodthirsty frenzy.

The South Tyrol territory and its inhabitants could be the land of peaceful coexistence between men with their economic activities and the animals that inhabit the wilderness in the few patches of territory in which it is still present and protected. The fragile mountain environment is seriously endangered by the claim to the mountains in the world of the impossible competition with the flat zones and, at the same time, to welcome millions of tourists by questionable television series with improbable and approximate screenplays and not certainly from the precious, salvific presence of wolves, bears and very rare lynxes. Even in this celebrated South Tyrol mountain, only apparently healthy and environmentally friendly, the rhythms, resources and possibilities offered by the places are no longer followed.

We are aware of a kind of schizophrenia in the environmental management of South Tyrol: on the one hand, the fawn and fake image that wants to offer an intact landscape and a natural environment guarded like under a glass bell. This is a reality of hunting, a breeder and a man who has a critical power

In Alto Adige / Südtirol we prefer a natural, polished, but empty environment, lacking in thickness and real biodiversity. Pollution, poaching, indiscriminate hunting, even to animals elsewhere protected, even in parks; the mistreatment of both wild and domestic animals exists and increases as much as, and more than, the other Italian regions, although just a bit transpires on the media. Throughout the world there is a growing awareness that the health of humans undoubtedly passes through the health and the real defense of animals, environment and landscape, but this is a concept that in Alto Adige / Südtirol, today, it is difficult to be understood.

Some famous scientists, who have been keeping the debate on the fundamental theme of biodiversity for decades, hope, for the good of the planet, to stop the terrible spiral of extinctions caused by increasingly aggressive human activities, to protect, even half of the planet in favor of landscapes and wild environments. In Alto Adige / Südtirol, on the other hand, the messages of hope in the future of science are not heard, but they listen to the arguments of death and extermination by one part of power, the least retrained of its population.

"We will disappear and it will all be our fault": the last warning of the great scientist Stephen Hawking disappeared just today.

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