



# Newsletter

# LIFE FOR LASCA

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As part of the **LIFE for LASCA project** (2017-2021), in order to better disseminate the key messages of the project and make people understand the importance of species conservation, two competitions were organized, both in Italy and in Slovenia: a photo contest and an art contest for lower secondary schools. The competitions of the Slovenian partner are still open. The Ticino Park instead is announcing the winners these days!

The artistic competition called **Parco in Rete** involved the lower secondary schools present in the territory of the Lombard Ticino Valley Regional Park. It was launched on 28 October 2019 and closed on 31 January 2020.

The children were asked to create a drawing representing nature, the Natura 2000 network and the Ticino Park. 18 classes participated in the competition and **362 artistic works were received**. The students linked the theme of nature conservation to pollution and alien species, linking art, science, geography and English. The competition was so successful that a school outside the Park boundaries was also presented for which the special out of competition category was created. The winners of this section have been published today.

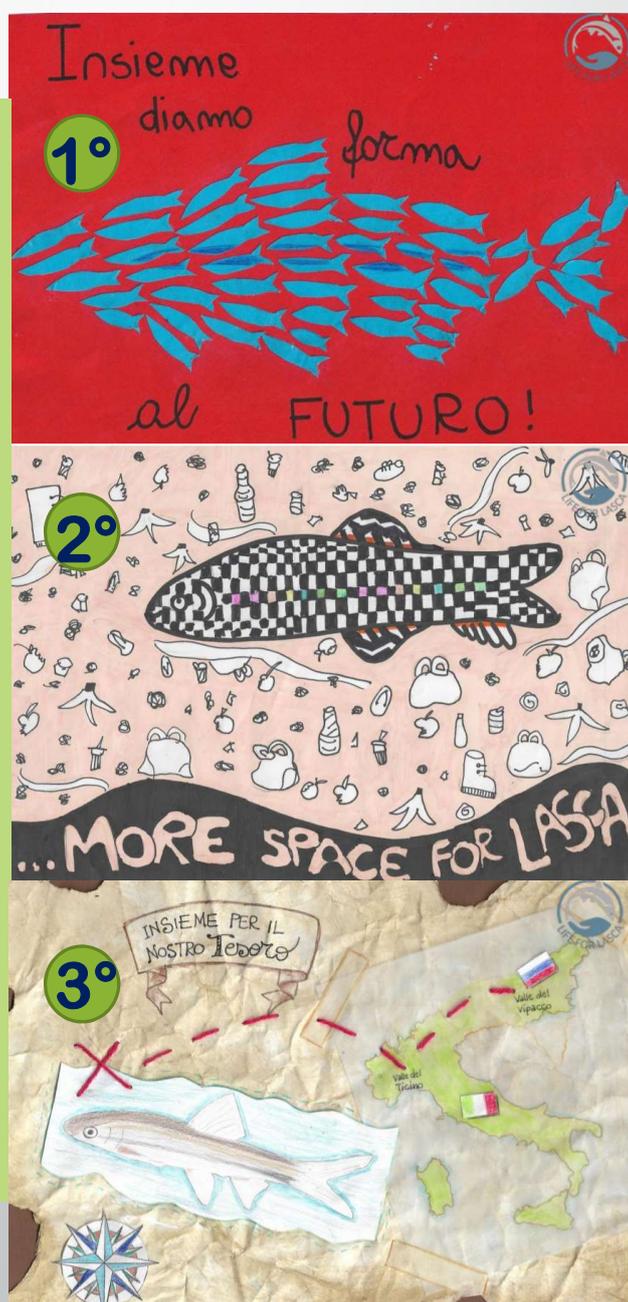
The finalist and winning works have been published in the section of the Ticino Park website dedicated to Life for Lasca.

Congratulations to:

**Alessia Landriani – 1° classified**

**Giorgia Beretta – 2° classified**

**Alessandro Besana – 3° classified**



The photo contest called *Parco Ticino Wild* was launched on 25 September 2019 and closed on 28 February 2020. It invited the participants to photograph the wonderful nature of the Lombard Park of the Ticino Valley, preferably in the areas of the Park that are part of the Natura 2000 network, an ecological network created to safeguard habitats and species throughout Europe. In the Park this network is made up of 14 Special Conservation Areas (covering approximately 17,000 hectares) and a Special Protection Area (covering approximately 20,000 hectares).

*The river, oxbow lakes, woods, flora and fauna of the Park have been immortalized in 57 photographs.* Among the animals photographed, two species included in the IUCN red list of endangered species: *the Ardeola ralloides*, a rare heron, and *the Pelobates fuscus insubricus* - one of the rarest Italian amphibians for which the Park and several partners have recently prepared the LIFE Nature and Biodiversity project. The winners of the photo contest will be published on the Park's website in the coming weeks.



CONCORSO FOTOGRAFICO

## "PARCO TICINO WILD"

Prodotto realizzato con il contributo dello strumento finanziario LIFE dell'Unione Europea

Il Parco Lombardo della Valle del Ticino, nell'ambito del progetto "LIFE for LASCA", invita a fotografare la sua natura, preferibilmente all'interno dei Siti Natura 2000. Raccontate con le immagini quello che più vi piace di questa area protetta ricca di biodiversità!

Bando, scheda di partecipazione e info su  
<https://ente.parcoticino.it/concorso-fotografico-parco-ticino-wild/>

Apertura concorso: 25 settembre 2019

Chiusura concorso: 28 febbraio 2020

È ammessa 1 foto per partecipante

La partecipazione è gratuita e aperta ai maggiorenni

1°classificato

buono di euro 100,00 per l'acquisto di materiale fotografico

2°classificato

prodotti a marchio "Parco Ticino - Produzione Controllata"

3°classificato

prodotti a marchio "Parco Ticino - Produzione Controllata"

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## SAVE THE DATE

CONVEGNO FINALE  
LIFE BARBIE

WEBINAR

29 SET  
ORE 09:00



Nella mattinata referenti dei vari partner illustreranno i risultati del progetto europeo "LIFE BARBIE" sul recupero dei ceppi autoctoni di barbo in Emilia Romagna e la tutela degli ambienti fluviali; nel pomeriggio invece ci sarà una sessione di networking e discussione sulle prospettive future.

Maggiori informazioni: [www.lifebarbie.eu](http://www.lifebarbie.eu) e Facebook: barbolino

On 29 September 2020 the leaders of the Life for Lasca project were invited to talk about the activities and aims of the project at the final meeting of *LIFE Barbie* (<http://www.lifebarbie.eu/it/>), another LIFE project focused on fish fauna.

The exchange of information between similar projects promotes the connection between the various bodies that deal with the conservation of Italian fish and rivers, enriching them with experiences, knowledge and good practices.

<https://ente.parcoticino.it/life-for-lasca-concorso-per-scuole-parco-in-rete/>

<https://ente.parcoticino.it/eventi/concorso-fotografico-parco-ticino-wild/>

[www.lifeforlasca.eu](http://www.lifeforlasca.eu)



Release of young Lasca specimens in Slovenia-Picture by FRIS

As part of the direct actions aimed at the conservation of Lasca in Slovenia, in particular the supply of adult Lasca specimens (breeding) and young Lasca specimens born in captivity to the Fisheries Research Institute of Slovenia to start breeding and to carry out releases into the wild, on June 2020 the Park reproduced Lasca specimens at its fish hatchery. The young fishes obtained were withdrawn from the FRIS and released in Slovenia. The release into the wild is carried out in environments deemed suitable following various analyzes. Also last year the Park transferred the Lasca specimens born in captivity to the FRIS, which were immediately released into Slovenian waterways. *These fishes survived the winter*, which confirms the good choice of release site by the FRIS.

The captive breeding activity is successfully carried out by the Park, thanks to the experience generated within the *LIFE CON.FLU.PO. project*(<https://www.life-conflupo.eu/index.php?lang=it>), completed in 2017, with which reproduction protocols have been developed for some species of cyprinids, including Lasca.

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