

Kurzmitteilungen

Molche besiedeln neue Laichgewässer auf Sturmschadensflächen

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Newts colonise new spawning sites situated on tree windthrow areas

Severe forest damage is caused by the winter gale »Kyrill« on January 18, 2007. In the wide-spread tree windthrow areas heavy timber harvester leave numerous water-filled car tracks. The author has studied the colonising of 25 of these small habitats by spawning newts: *Mesotriton alpestris*, *Lissotriton vulgaris* and *L. helveticus*. The process begins already in the subsequent year after formation of the new car tracks..

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