

LEAGUE FOR PASTORAL PEOPLES AND ENDOGENOUS LIVESTOCK DEVELOPMENT



Annual Report 2022

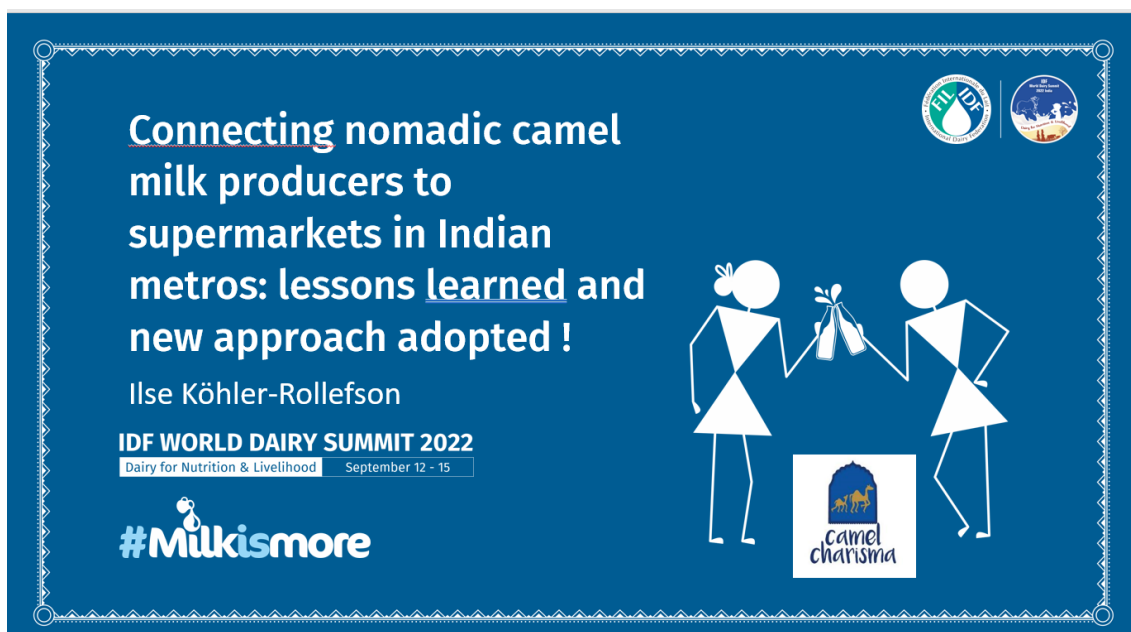
Summary of Main Activities

1. Research on the Status Quo of Camel Pastoralism and Developments in the Camel Sector



In preparation for the International Year of Camelids in 2024, LPP and its partners held consultations with camel stakeholders in Kenya, United Arab Emirates, and India.

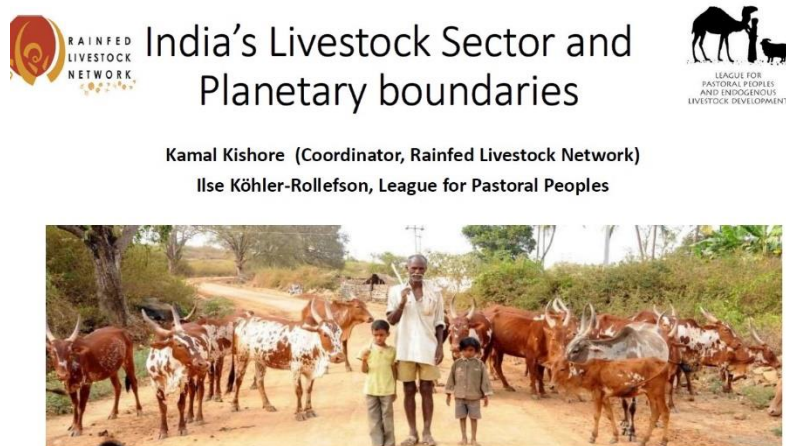
2. Developing alternative models for camel dairying including a concept for 'cruelty-free' camel milk



In order to avoid the mistakes that have happened in the cow dairy sector, LPP and its partner LPPs are engaged in experimenting with and setting up new pathways for camel dairying in Rajasthan, by focusing on high quality niche products rather than on mass production. Collaboration with startup Nomadic Nutrition for cruelty-free products and Taj Hotel group for cheese are driving this agenda forward.

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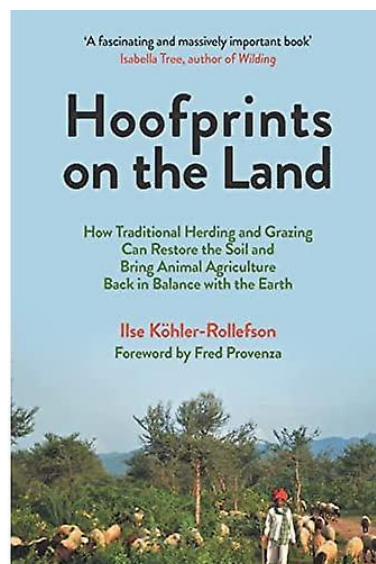
3. Projecting pastoralism and the principles of 'Planetary Boundaries' as models for the future of livestock development



At a number of high-level international events, such as the International Dairy Federation meet and the regional GASL meeting, we have been spreading our mantra of community-

owned dairy production as well as keeping livestock in tune with locally available natural resources, basically promoting a totally different approach to livestock production.

4. Documenting and validating pastoralism through 'Accounting for Pastoralist Studies', the book 'Hoofprints on the Land', and the Pastoralist Map.



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We commissioned and published three new Accounting for Pastoralists studies, for Iran, Mozambique and Spain, more pastoralist groups were added to our Pastoralist Map (<http://www.pastoralpeoples.org/pastoralist-map/>), and the book 'Hoofprints on the Land' went to press.

5. Promoting and distributing camel milk to poor people with health problems

Our partner LPPS has set up a kind of 'Camel Milk Health Centre' in Hirawas where poor people with health problems have access to camel milk.



International Activities

January

- **24th January to 9 February**, journalist Rosamma Thomas, documented and evaluated the impact of camel milk on the health of customers and tribal recipients that are supplied by Lokhit Pashu-Palak Sansthan in Rajasthan.

February

- **2nd February** Ilse Köhler-Rollefson gave a presentation on “Phytomedical Substances in Camel Milk” in Coimbatore, India.
- **15 February**, Ilse submitted her manuscript ‘Hoofprints on the Land’ to the publishers, Chelsea Green in the UK.

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March

- **3-6 March** Ilse Köhler-Rollefson and India coordinator Hanwant Singh Rathore visited camel herders and camel milk producers in Kutch/Gujarat to understand the structure and functioning of the camel milk market there. They met the Kutch camel herders association (KUUMS), Sahjeevan, and had a tour of the camel milk processing centre near Bhuj.
- **10-14 March**, Augusta de Lisi, founder of Nomadic Nutrition, visited Camel Charisma to discuss collaboration for cruelty-free milk.
- **On 17 March** Ilse Köhler-Rollefson and Sabine Poth participated as observers in COAG Committee on Livestock and GASL Side Event
- **28 March** Ilse Köhler-Rollefson panellist in Online Event of the Restoration Alliance in Boston, USA.
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April

- **01-04 April** Meetings in Brüssel and Aachen, Ilse Köhler-Rollefson, Silke Brehm und Christiane Herweg with Francesca Pasetti regarding a collaboration in the T.R.E.

Project (Programme of Rural Development in Europe) and the UNESCO Project (to protect transhumance as Immaterial Cultural Heritage).

- **10-11 April**, Ilse Köhler-Rollefson presents keynote address at Animal Sciences Conference in Vizag, Andhra Pradesh.
- **22-23 April** Sabine Poth participated in the International Meeting of Focal Points Transhumance Immaterial Cultural Heritage in Erba, Italy

June

- **2nd June**: Online participation Sabine Poth(SP) in in Stockholm +50 Side Event “Nature based restoration and multipurpose use of rangelands: promising solutions to benefit our planet and people”
- **17th-20th June**: trip to Dubai by Ilse Köhler-Rollefson and Hanwant Singh to interact with Dr. Raziq Kakar, Augusta de Lisi, and other camel stakeholders. 18th June Ilse-Köhler-Rollefson (IKR): Talk about protection of pastoral systems: World Camel Day in Dubai celebrated at Mawaheb Community Café by World Camel Day Forum
- **20th June**: IKR and Jacob Wanyama visited Misereor Office Kenya, interaction with Kamila Kryger about IGAD Camel Resources Strategy.
- **22-27th June**: Series of Mini-Workshops with Dr. Jacob Wanyama and Hanwant Singh Rathore and Camel breeders and NGOs in Northern Kenya.
- **22nd June** Online participation SP in the ONE Conference “Human nutrition on a finite planet: Securing sustainable and healthy diets for all. 23rd June: “Animal Welfare and sustainable food production”.
- **28th June**: SP Online participation in the BMZ Expert Dialogue: “The Future of Sustainable Agriculture- Let’s think about livestock”

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July

- **24 July**: IKR gave a presentation for students on Livestock Keepers’ Rights on invitation of the Tibetan Center for Human Rights in Bangalore.
<https://tchrd.org/workshop-helps-tibetan-youth-learn-about-human-rights-and-sustainable-development/>

August

- **05 August**: IKE Online Seminar with ILRI Scientists on the IGAD Camel Resources Management Strategy

- **23-24 August:** South Asia Regional Preparatory Meeting from GASL, Introduction of the concept of 'Planetary Boundaries' in the framework of a Hybrid-Event in Jodhpur together with LPPS and Nitya Ghotge.

September

- **9 September:** Strategy Meeting with Natural Livestock Farming (Katrien van't Hooft) in Maastricht. Present: IKR, Juliane Bräunig und Christiane Herweg from LPP.
- **13 September:** IKR Presentation on 'Connecting On World Conference of the International Dairy Federation in Delhi
- **17 September:** IKR Online Presentation about Pastoralism at Climate Proofing South Asia Seminar Edible Issues.
- **27 September:** Webinar Accounting for Pastoralists II: Presentation of the Country Reports about Spain (Francesca Pasetti), Iran (Abolfazl Sharifian and Nahid Nagizadeh) and Mozambique (Jacob Wanyama) and the updated Study about Germany (Evelyn Mathias).
- **20-30 September;** IKR and Hanwant Singh Rathore visited the Van Gujjar Pastoralists around Rishikesh to understand their problems.

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November

- New Misereor Project on International Years 2024 and 2026 started.
- **11 November:** Meeting with Taj Hotel chefs in Udaipur about Camel Charisma products
- **24 November:** Godwar Camel Cheese Festival
- **24-26. November:** Filming with Loveleen Tandon about Camel Charisma, and combining business with social issues.

December

- 14 December IKR: Podcast: The Beauty and Importance of Pastoralism in the Modern Age. Podcast: 'Death in the Garden' https://www.ivoox.com/48-ilse-kohler-rollefson-the-beauty-and-importance-audios-mp3_rf_99862354_1.html
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Support for LPPS

Also in 2022 LPP supported free camel milk distribution to Bhil tribal children as well as the Middle School in Jatón ka Gudha, and a number of poor people with chronic health problems. LPP supported the Camel Cheese Festival.

Activities in Germany

6 September: Meeting with Julia Havenstein from Animals Angels to discuss a collaboration in the context of the International Year of Camelids (IYC) and action plan regarding the slaughterhouse situation in Kairo.

15 November Online-Meeting to discuss a collaboration in the T.R.E. Project with the Local Action Group Darmstadt Dieburg. (Present from LPP: Juliane Bräunig, Günther Czerkus, SP)

Request for partnership and collaboration with the DVL (Deutscher Landschaftspflegeverband) regarding mobile grazing and pastoralism.

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Publications 2022

Camel biodiversity—and how to conserve it. *Animal Frontiers*, Volume 12, Issue 4, August 2022, Pages 17–19, <https://doi.org/10.1093/af/vfac042>

Blogs

Blog for World Biodiversity Day: *How pastoralism and biodiversity go together...and why we are mapping pastoralists!* <http://www.ilse-koehler-rollefson.com/?p=1515>

About LPP

LPP is registered as a non-profit, tax-exempt organization under German law. Donations are tax-deductible.

Financial

The League's income in 2022 was about € 77.915,24 and expenditures amounted to € 80.787,23. Details are given below. (The accounts of the Misereor funded project were audited by a professional chartered accountant from Heidelberg)

Euros	Funds at end of 2021	Income 2022	Expenditure 2022	Income – Expenditure 2022	Funds at end of 2022
Society	55.586,48	20.121,64	21.770,02	-1.648,38	53.938,10
Projects	27.442,01	57.793,60	59.017,21	-1.223,61	26.218,40
Total	83.028,49	77.915,24	80.787,23	-2.871,99	80.156,50

Mission

LPP provides technical support, advisory services and advocacy for pastoral societies and other small-scale livestock keepers to help them pursue their own vision of development and to stand their ground in the face of unfavourable policy environments and alienation of their pasture grounds. LPP is also a resource organization for holistic and people-centred livestock development and promotes the concept of endogenous livestock development relying on indigenous knowledge and institutions, local animal genetic resources and feed. The well-being of domesticated animals is a secondary but important focus of its work.

Background

LPP was established in 1992 by a small group of veterinary and other concerned professionals confronted with the crisis situation of camel pastoralists in Rajasthan. Efforts to alleviate their situation set into motion a mutual learning process and a series of measures such as action research, projects related to animal health (including ethnoveterinary approaches) and marketing, as well as training and capacity-building. This has resulted in the establishment of the independent local organization Lokhit Pashu-Palak Sansthan (LPPS) which now represents a key partner and provides infrastructural support for activities in India.

Philosophy

Taking our cues from pastoralists, we believe in the interconnectedness between the well-being of people and their domesticated animals. By conceptualizing animals as machines, industrialized animal production systems sever one of the few remaining links between humans and the natural world. We regard animals as fellow creatures on this planet and not as subjects. The ultimate goal of our effort is human well-being.

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Registration

LPP was registered as a non-profit society at the Darmstadt County Court (VR2337) on 15 March 1993.

Donors

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We would like to express our thankfulness to all other supports of LPP