



## TWINNING PROFILE

### ISRAEL & GERMANY

**Background:** The idea for Twinning was born 2016 at the World Ranger Congress in Colorado and signed 2017 at the European Ranger Congress in Litoměřice, Czech Republic. Part of the agreement became the rangers of **Israel Nature and Parks Authority** and in Germany of the **Bavarian Forest National Park**, of the **Brandenburg Ranger Service** and of the **Black Forest National Park**. [More details here.](#)

#### Main Topics

- Knowledge exchange, mutual support and training
- Bird migration routes
- Anti Poaching
- Wildlife Management
- Environmental Education
- Integration of volunteers in the daily work of ranger teams

#### Ways of Learning

- Through on-site visits to their Twinning partners, rangers **learn how certain tasks are handled** in the partner region
- Examples are **nature conservation service, visitor information or monitoring**
- Through mutual insights into everyday work of partnering rangers, **knowledge is exchanged in a hands-on way** and implemented according to conditions at home

#### Exchange in Practice

- **Mutual visits twice a year:** in spring German rangers visit Israeli rangers, around World Ranger Day vice versa
- It is tried to **always send new participants** on these visits, so that as many rangers as possible can participate
- **Homecomers share** learned knowledge and mutual experience of friendship to their fellow rangers





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#### High lights

- 2016: **Development of the idea** of ranger exchange between Israel and Germany at World Ranger Congress
- Spring 2017: **First visit of Israeli rangers** to Bavarian Forest National Park.
- Spring 2017: **Official agreement** on a Twinning program at ERC in CZ and joint visit of former KZ Theresienstadt
- Spring 2017: **Inclusion** of the Brandenburg ranger service and the Black Forest National Park
- Winter 2017: **Partnership agreement** between Mount Carmel National Park and Black Forest National Park
- Spring 2018: **First return visit in Israel** from Black Forest National Park – from then on ongoing mutual visits
- November 2019: The **IRF President's Award** goes to German & Israel Ranger Associations for their Twinning
- Summer 2022: **First visit** of Israeli rangers in Germany **after a pandemic pause**
- October 2022: **Joint participation** in ERC in Albania with common presentation
- Overall: Experience of Twinning as **practical and emotional, sometimes life changing learning**



#### Future Plans & Contact

- **Supporting new Twinning partnerships** by sharing experiences ([vicepresident@europeanrangers.org](mailto:vicepresident@europeanrangers.org) or [treasurer@europeanrangers.org](mailto:treasurer@europeanrangers.org))
- **Continuing the successful program:** the waiting list of rangers interested in participating remains long



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