



TT24 at BOKU, Vienna, Austria

Third edition of “Perspectives on Pastoralism Film Festival”

Theme: Camelid pastoralism

Tropentag 2024, Room EXNH EH01, BOKU, Vienna, Austria – Wednesday 11 Sept @ 19:00–22:00 CEST

To celebrate the International Year of Camelids 2024 (www.fao.org/camelids-2024), the Perspectives on Pastoralism Film Festival presents short films on camelids – camels, dromedaries, alpacas, llamas, vicunas and guanacos – in tropical areas of Africa, Asia and the Andes.

These documentary films seek to deepen understanding of how pastoralist communities gain their livelihoods in dryland and mountainous areas from mobile systems of camelid husbandry. They show the close relationships of the pastoralist men, women and children with their livestock and environment, and how they contribute to sustainable land management through ecologically appropriate use of the resources with well-adapted animals. The films depict camelid husbandry, breeding and trade. They reveal the economic challenges faced by camelid-keepers, especially in gaining fair prices for their products, and the initiatives that pastoralists are taking to improve the local economy and community wellbeing.

Films selected for screening at Tropentag 2024

Title of film	Country of filming	Filmmakers	Production year
International Year of Camelids (ILC) 2024	global	FAO	2023
<i>Caravanas de las alturas</i> (Caravans of the heights)	Argentina	Bibiana Vilá	2019
Living with alpacas in the Peruvian Andes	Peru	Mark Michel	2022
The Kumbhalgarh Raika story	India	Lokhit Pashu Palak Sansthan	2017
The move	India	Pinar Ekinci	2023
Old craftsmen	Iran	Mohsen Siahrazi	2023
The last of their kind: Turkey's nomads	Turkey	Nevin Sungur & Gunnar Köhne	2022
Tarlamt: salt caravan to Bilma	Niger	Sarah Lunaček	2024 (filmed 2000)
International Year of Rangelands & Pastoralists (IYRP) 2026	global	Patrick Augenstein & Tseelei Enkh-Amgalan	2023

After the films will be a discussion with filmmaker Sarah Lunaček and other researchers and practitioners in camelid pastoralism.

The Perspectives on Pastoralism Film Festival (www.pastoralistfilmfestival.com) is organised on behalf of the Coalition of European Lobbies for Eastern African Pastoralism (CELEP) by DITSL (German Institute for Tropical & Subtropical Agriculture), Agrecol Association for Agriculture & Ecology and Vétérinaires Sans Frontières (VSF) Belgium. The 1st edition was launched at Tropentag 2019 in Kassel, Germany, and the 2nd at Tropentag 2022 in Prague, Czechia. This 3rd edition for Tropentag 2024 in Vienna, Austria, prepared together with colleagues in the International Support Group for the IYRP 2026, includes a special thematic focus on camelids, to celebrate the International Year of Camelids in 2024.