

Introductory Exercise: Urban feral maps

Task: Partners are asked to map the wider area of their respective locations, to record the complex web of spontaneous nature interconnected with their own location. Make a map of spontaneous nature in the 1 km radius surrounding your location. Compare your map with Google maps default view to keep track of all the spots that are omitted from the way we usually map our cities. Each respective location will have their own specificities, however we expect similar patterns when it comes to lack of mapping of spontaneous nature.

Deliverable: Upload your map [here](#), named like **Partner_City**. The delivery date is: 30th June 2023.

Why is this important: In the context of urban ecology no plot is an island, but an interconnected node in the network of urban greens stretching far beyond plot limits. Feral landscapes function as ecological corridors. Just like roads, rivers and railways, they support the movement of wildlife transiting in between larger habitat hubs (e.g. forests) across the city. Identify web of untamed urban grounds - abandoned buildings, pending construction sites, overgrown patches of land, nobody's lands to redraw existing maps by Feral Cartography. Note down unexpected ecological events operating without official regulations. Where do they happen (near city center, periphery, industrial areas, historical sites)?

Method: Google map default view does not keep record of feral lands. Feral Cartography instead recognizes multispecies interdependence and maps untamed urban grounds in danger of extinction. By mapping a city's spontaneous nature or abandoned infrastructure we map ecological potential of downfalls of spatial politics. To deal with the 'new visible' the partners will identify, map and engage with Krater-alike grounds of various scales and typologies in their respective vicinity, to make visible a planetary-scale ground of feral sites.

Output: By forming feral maps - we map potentials of the vicinity to host a variety of eco-social programmes. By analysing and mapping feral landscapes in our cities we better understand that cultivating well-being on our damaged planet means stretching perspectives far over limits of individual properties. Participants will be asked to map and analyse their local surroundings (Google maps/site visits).

To help you orient, below is the example of the difference in mapping of green spaces near the vicinity of Krater. Your maps should consider a wider area (appx. 1 km radius around the location).

