

**Company:** Aarekies  
**Location:** Däniken gravel extraction site, Zurich, Switzerland

**Objective** Identification, documentation and promotion of biodiversity in the Däniken/Dulliken gravel extraction site.

**Context** The gravel extraction site in Däniken/Dulliken, operated by Aarekies Aarau–Olten AG, which belongs to Jura Holding AG, a subsidiary of the CRH Group has, been supervised by a naturalist for 25 years. Through the years, the employees, together with the naturalist, have put in place countless measures to promote nature. This has involved creating a comprehensive list of species which demonstrates clearly that these initiatives implemented over the years are leading to a very high level of biodiversity in the gravel extraction site.

**Actions** The establishment of dry habitats for numerous insects and arachnids or the creation of bodies of water for rare amphibians such as yellow-bellied and natterjack toads.  
To make pockets of sand accessible to sand martins each year.  
Mapping the animals and plants at this excavation site.

**Result** The creation of a document with over 1,500 species around the gravel extraction site. The list of species is a valuable document which is helping the new team to do its job.  
Conservation of the different rare species that dwell the gravel extraction area.

**Partners** The former naturalist, Bruno Erb, and the current manager, Roland Baenziger

