

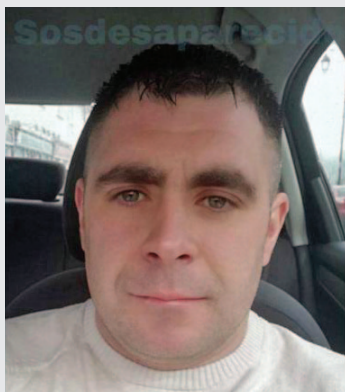
MISSING PERSON APPEAL

Has anyone seen Peter Wilson?

Since the beginning of April, Peter Wilson's family has been looking for the Irishman who landed on the island on March 22 to spend two weeks on holiday.

One day later, on March 23, the 33-year-old was last seen in Costa Adeje and in Playa de Las Américas. His family, who were worried about not being able to reach Peter, were initially met with coolness by the police. After all, Peter is an adult man who is not obliged to report to his family during his holidays. Only after the family went to his room after his return flight date and found his suitcase, passport and other personal belongings still there did the police become more active.

The family has now turned to the public for help via the platform SOS Desaparecidos. "We know we're looking for a needle in a haystack, but there are many English-speaking compatriots here and we hope very much that they can help us" they explained to the newspaper *Irish Mirror*. Peter Wilson is 1.72 metres tall and has chestnut brown hair. He also has tattoos on his arms and one hand. Anyone who saw Peter after March 23 or can give information about his whereabouts is requested to contact the telephone numbers 642 650 775 or 649 952 957, or email sosdesaparecidos@desaparecidos.es



↑ Have you seen Peter?

EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT REJECTS PETITION

Another defeat for the Free Morgan Foundation

At the beginning of April, the Petitions Committee of the European Parliament dismissed definitively the petition sought by the Free Morgan Foundation because of the Loro Parque's alleged misuse of the CITES permit in relation to the Orca Morgan.

In 2015, the Free Morgan Foundation (FMF), led by Mathew Spiegel and Ingrid Visser, began a campaign in which it sent letters to various CITES authorities accusing Loro Parque and its experts of ignoring or even deliberately circumventing the rules. In particular, they mentioned Morgan's health and pregnancy. Although they received replies from various authorities stating that they were mistaken and that there was no ban on reproduction, they stuck to their campaign.

The Dutch CITES authority denounced the FMF's initiative twice, and in 2017 the



Photo: Loro Parque

↑ Morgan with her daughter Ula

organisation decided to start an administrative dispute against the Dutch Government. Last year, the Dutch judiciary again pointed out to FMF that it was wrong and again it responded, not by admitting to having been wrong, but by appealing the verdict. There will therefore be another hearing at the end of May.

The actions of the Free Morgan Foundation continue. In 2018, it submitted a petition

to the European Parliament calling for the amendment of the CITES forms, which are valid throughout the European Union. The reason cited was that the approved Morgan case does not conform to the rules. Back in June last year, the European Commission replied that this petition was rejected as unfounded. The petition remained open due to the lack of a quorum and further information was requested

from CITES España and the European Commission.

The Spanish CITES authority's reply to the Petitions Commission regarding the legality of Morgan's situation was clear "No violations were found. Neither with regard to the content of the certificate nor with regard to the application of standards (CE) 338/97." In addition "Loro Parque meets all the requirements, as to having the appropriate facility for keeping the specimen and the conditions of keeping it, that the Community certificate prescribes".

The European Commission's reply was equally clear "The applicants claim that the Morgan case is only an example to illustrate the general problems of the certificate but could not mention another case". It concluded "The applicants have not demonstrated any significant structural problems in the application of the provisions".

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