

# UNGULATES IN EUROPE: A STORY OF SUCCESS WITH AN UNCERTAIN FUTURE

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## European Ungulates and their Management in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century

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## BEHAVIOUR AND MANAGEMENT OF EUROPEAN UNGULATES

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# 21 UNGULATE SPECIES ARE FOUND IN EUROPE

## *Native species*



Roe deer



Red deer



European bison



Reindeer



Pyrenean Chamois



Moose



Alpine chamois



Alpine ibex



Wild goat



Spanish ibex



Wild boar

## *Exotic species*



Fallow deer



Muntjac



Muskox



Mouflon



Chinese water deer



Sika deer



Axis deer



White tailed deer



Barbary sheep



Przewalski horse





NOT EVALUATED	DATA DEFICIENT	<b>LEAST CONCERN</b>	NEAR THREATENED	VULNERABLE	ENDANGERED	CRITICALLY ENDANGERED	EXTINCT IN THE WILD	EXTINCT
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European bison was exterminated by uncontrolled poaching during and soon after the World War I

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The population was re-established from a few individuals collected from European zoological gardens and private park in 1952 in the Bialowieza Primeval Forest



# SOME SUBSPECIES ARE RARE AND NEED EXPLICIT ACTIONS TO SECURE THEIR CONSERVATION



Forest reindeer



Apennine chamois



Sardinian red deer

BUT MOST SPECIES ARE WIDELY WIDESPREAD AND ABUNDANT, AND MAY REACH IN SOME AREAS VERY HIGH DENSITIES



Red deer



45 heads / km<sup>2</sup>



# RED DEER SUBSPECIES

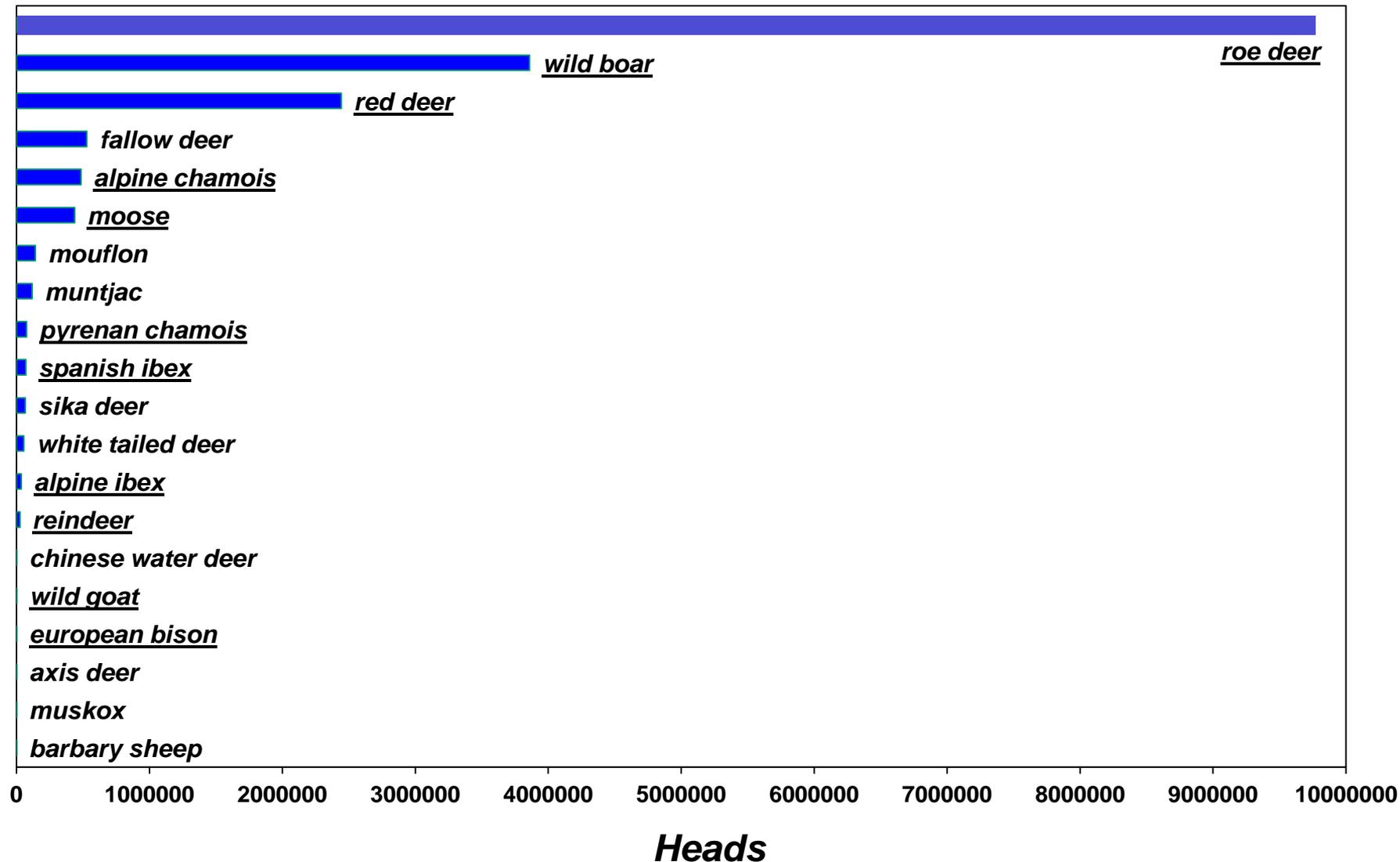
In Europe, six subspecies are usually listed (e.g. Dolan, 1988):

1. Swedish red deer (*C. e. elaphus*);
2. Norwegian red deer (*C. e. atlanticus*);
3. Central European red deer (*C. e. hippelaphus*);
4. British red deer (*C. e. scoticus*);
5. Spanish red deer (*C. e. hispanicus*)
6. Corsican red deer (*C. e. corsicanus*).

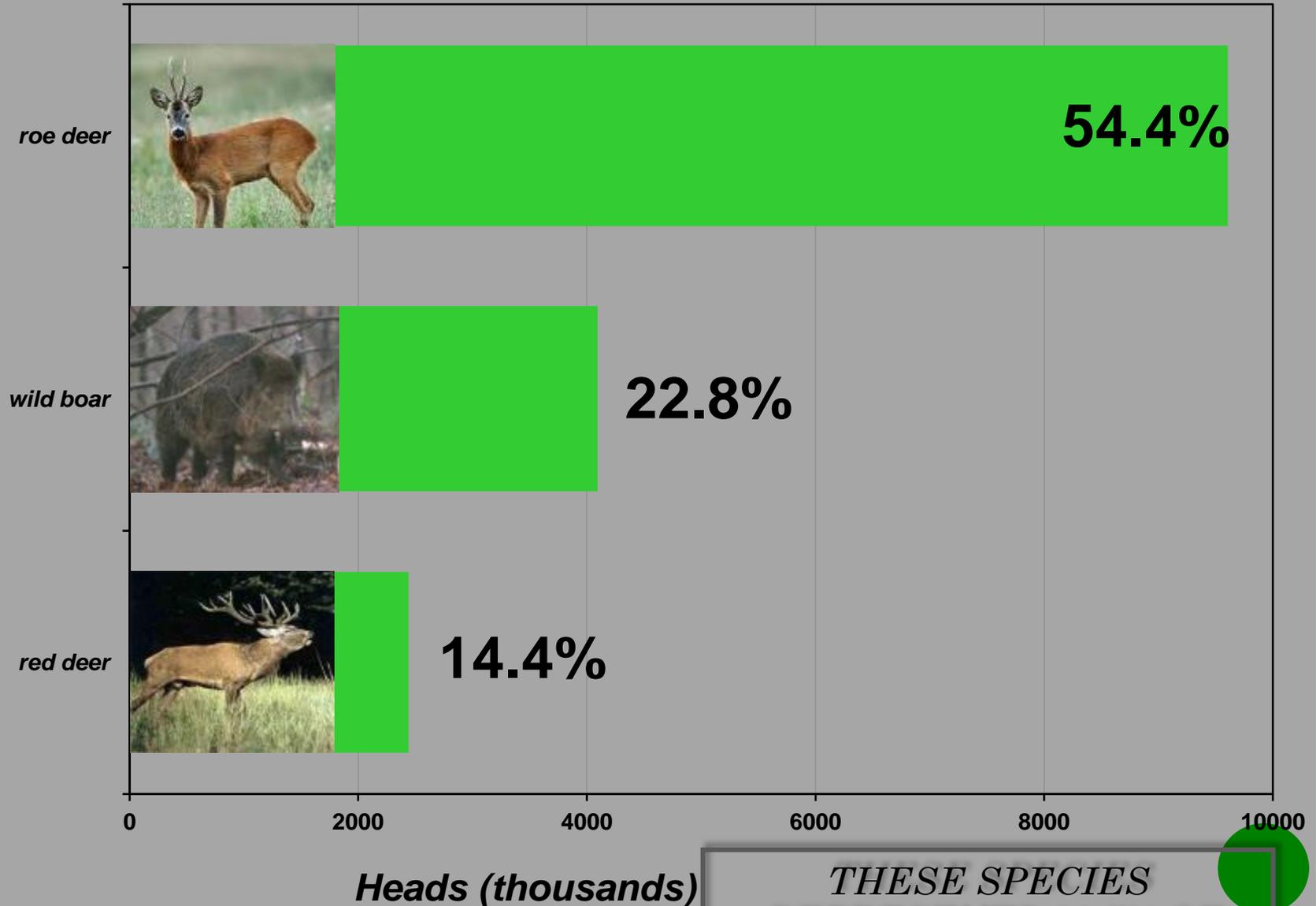


# EUROPEAN UNGULATES AND CONSERVATION

## STATUS OF EUROPEAN UNGULATES

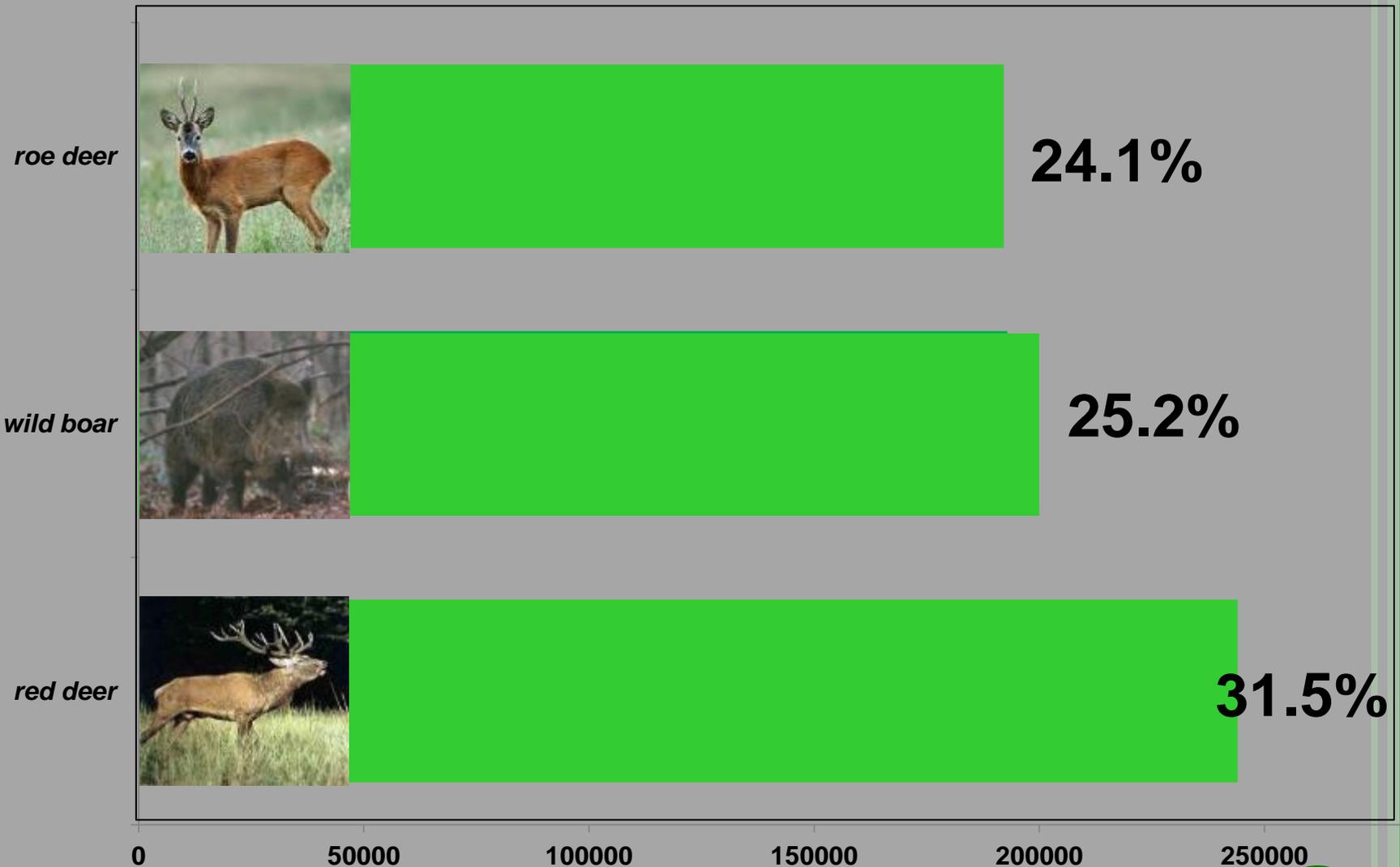


# EUROPEAN UNGULATES AND CONSERVATION



*THESE SPECIES  
REPRESENTS 91,7% OF  
EUROPEAN UNGULATES*

# EUROPEAN UNGULATES AND CONSERVATION

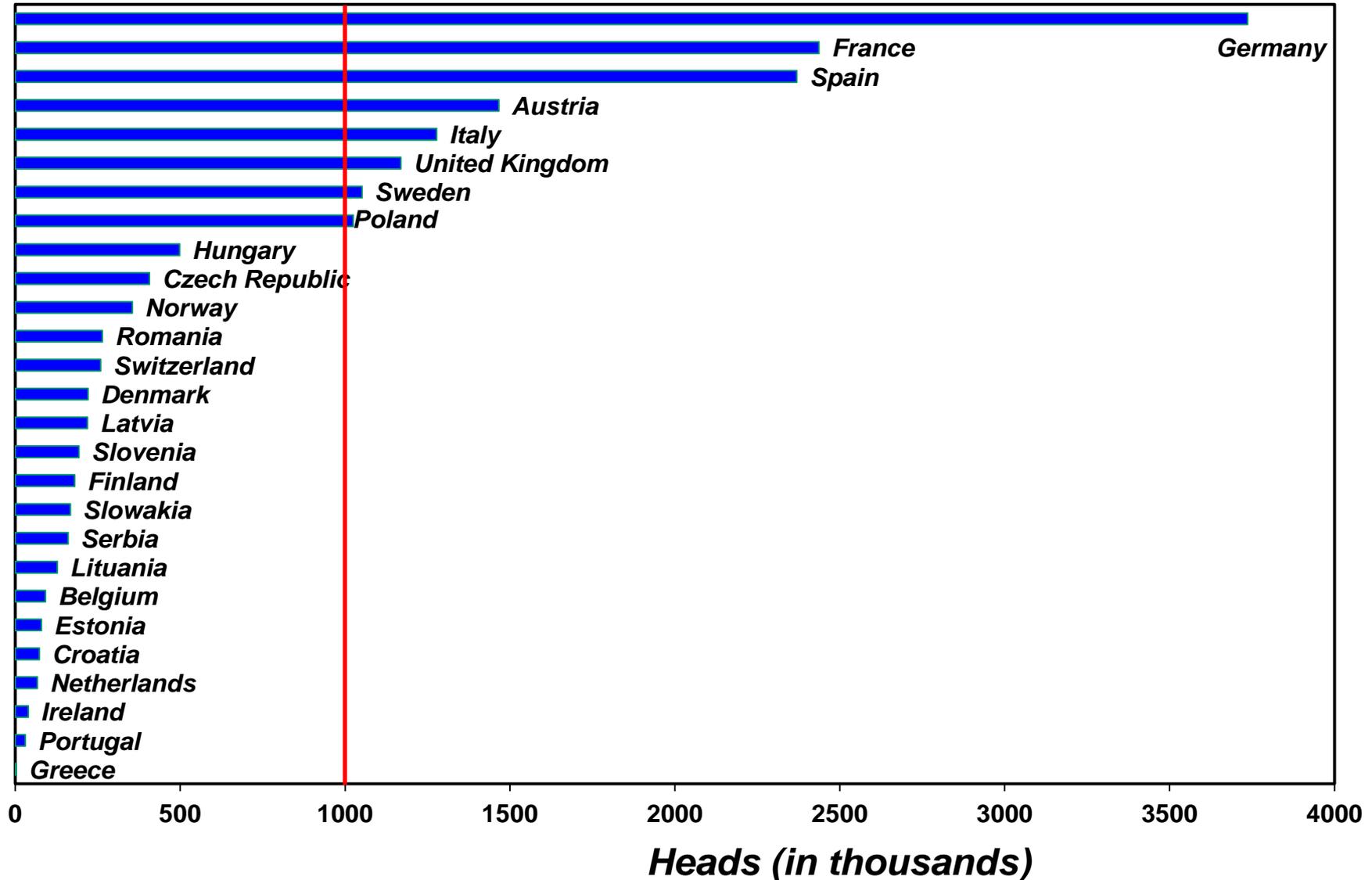


**Biomass (ton)**

*THESE SPECIES  
REPRESENTS 81% OF  
UNGULATE BIOMASS*

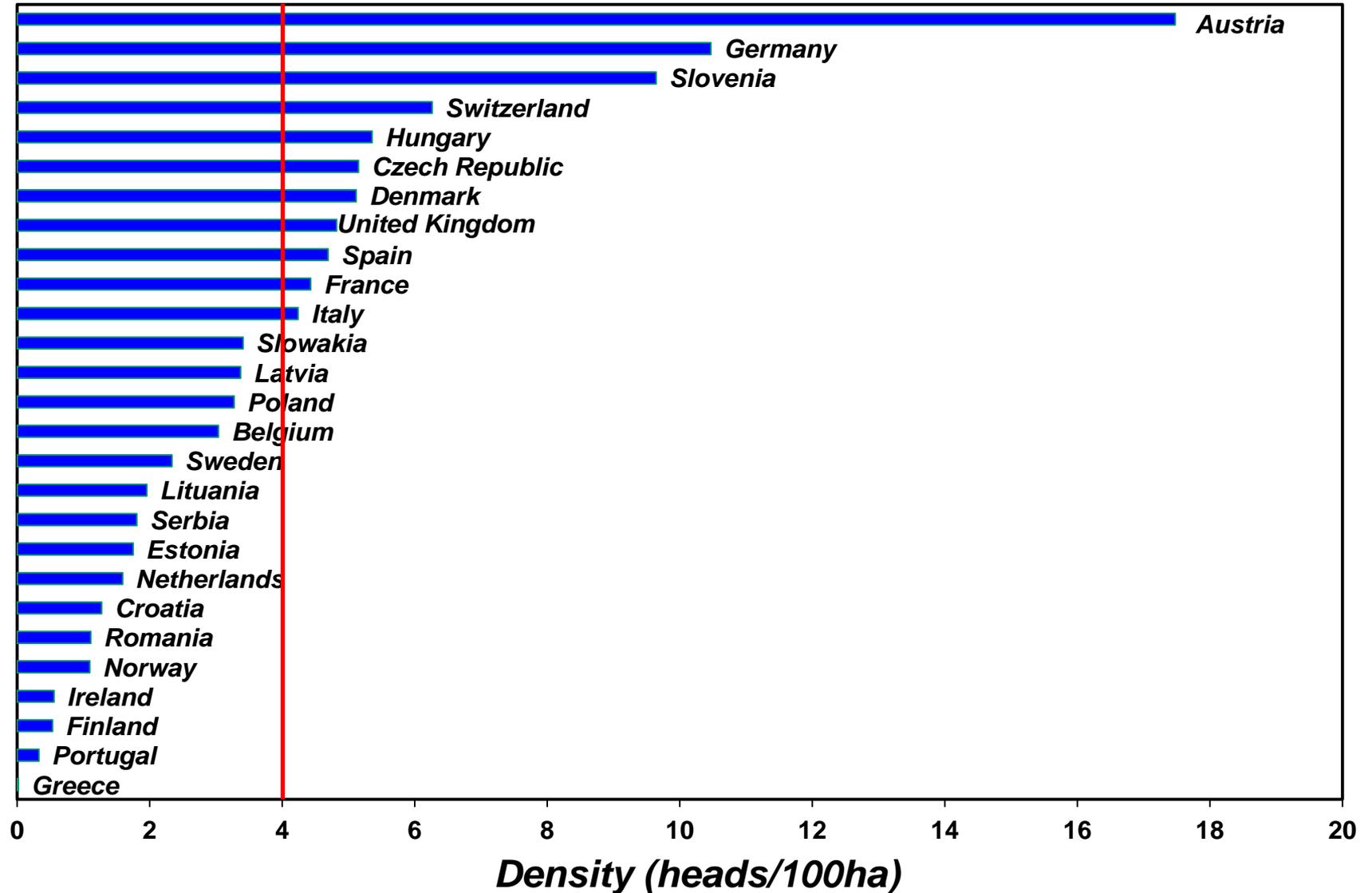
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## NUMBERS OF UNGULATES IN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES



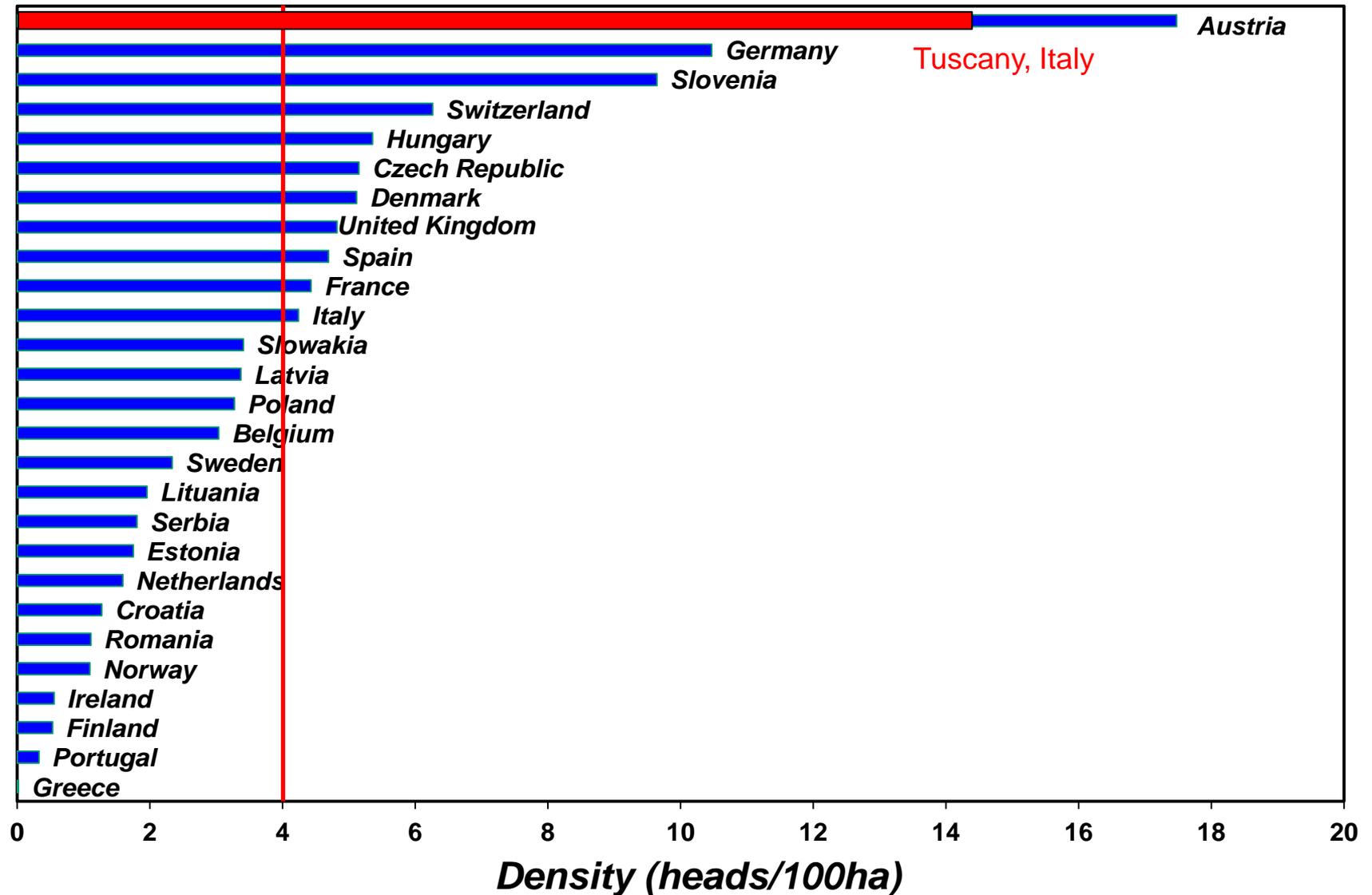
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## DENSITY OF UNGULATES IN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES

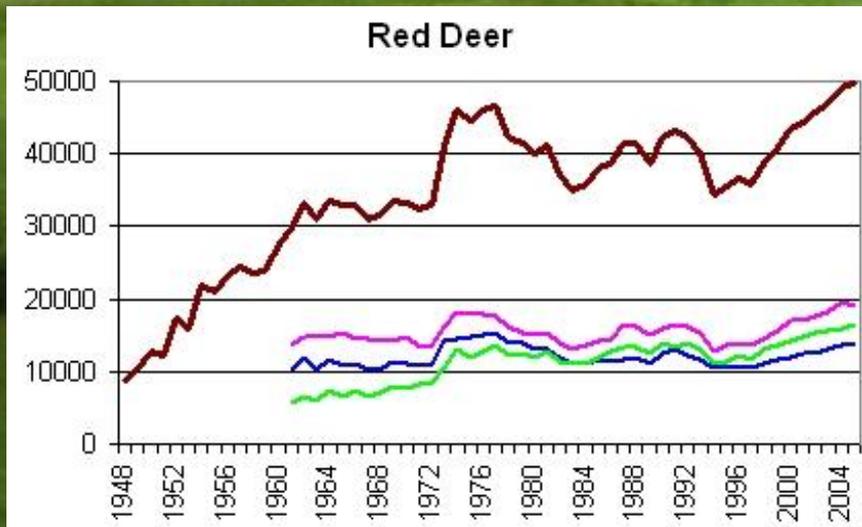
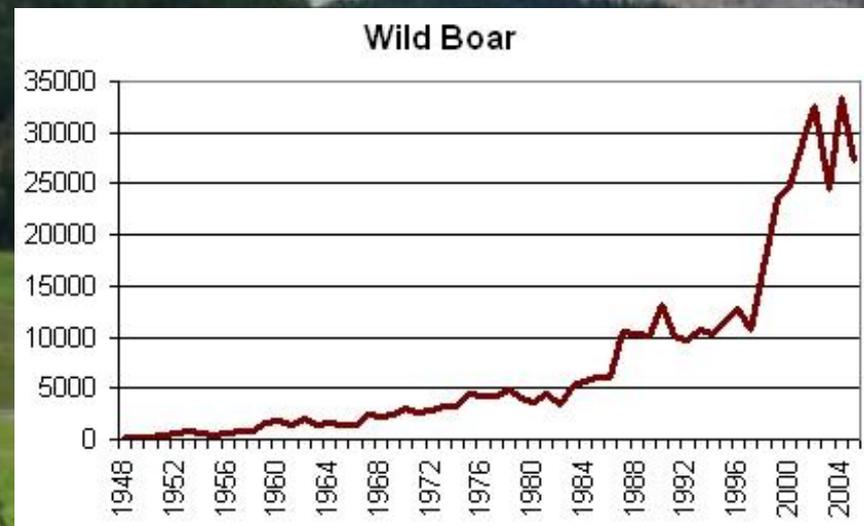
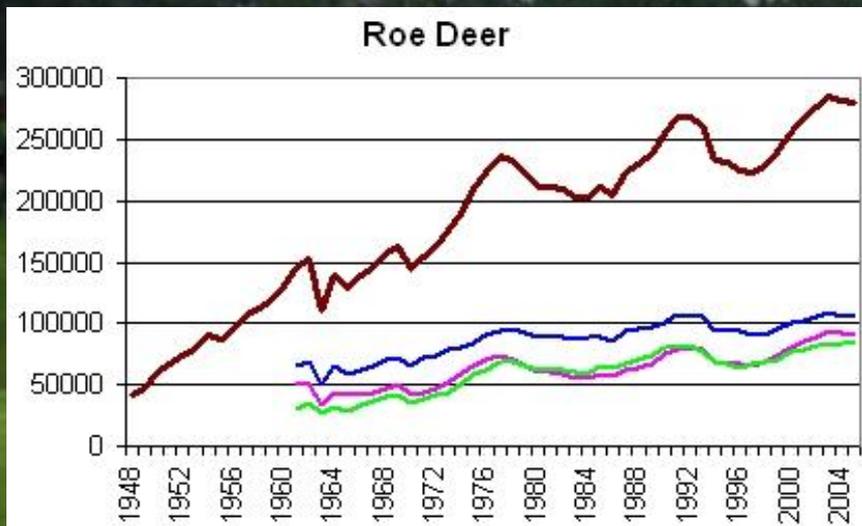


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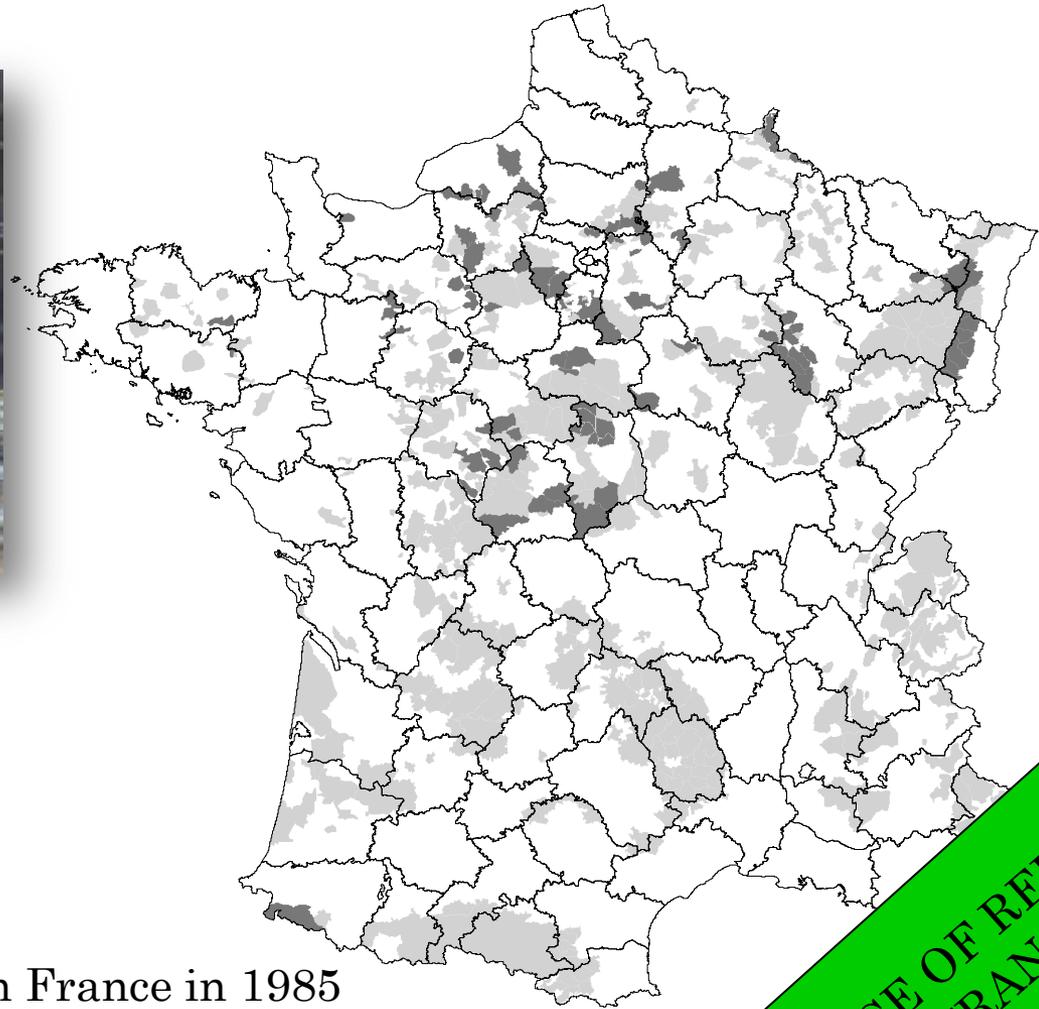
# THE INCREASE OF UNGULATES IN EUROPE



HUNTING BAGS

THE CASE OF UNGULATES  
IN AUSTRIA

# THE INCREASE OF UNGULATES IN EUROPE



■ Red deer distribution in France in 1985

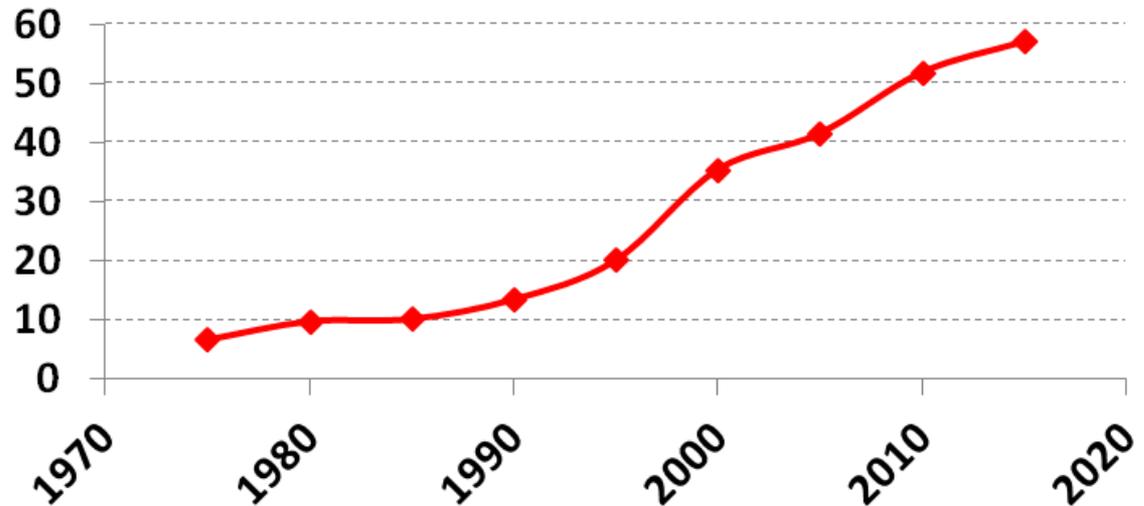
■ Red deer distribution in France in 2000

THE CASE OF RED DEER  
IN FRANCE

# THE INCREASE OF UNGULATES IN EUROPE

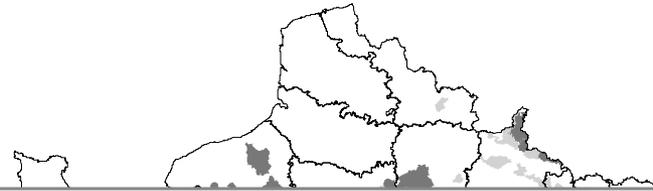


Number of RED DEER harvested in France  
(in thousands)

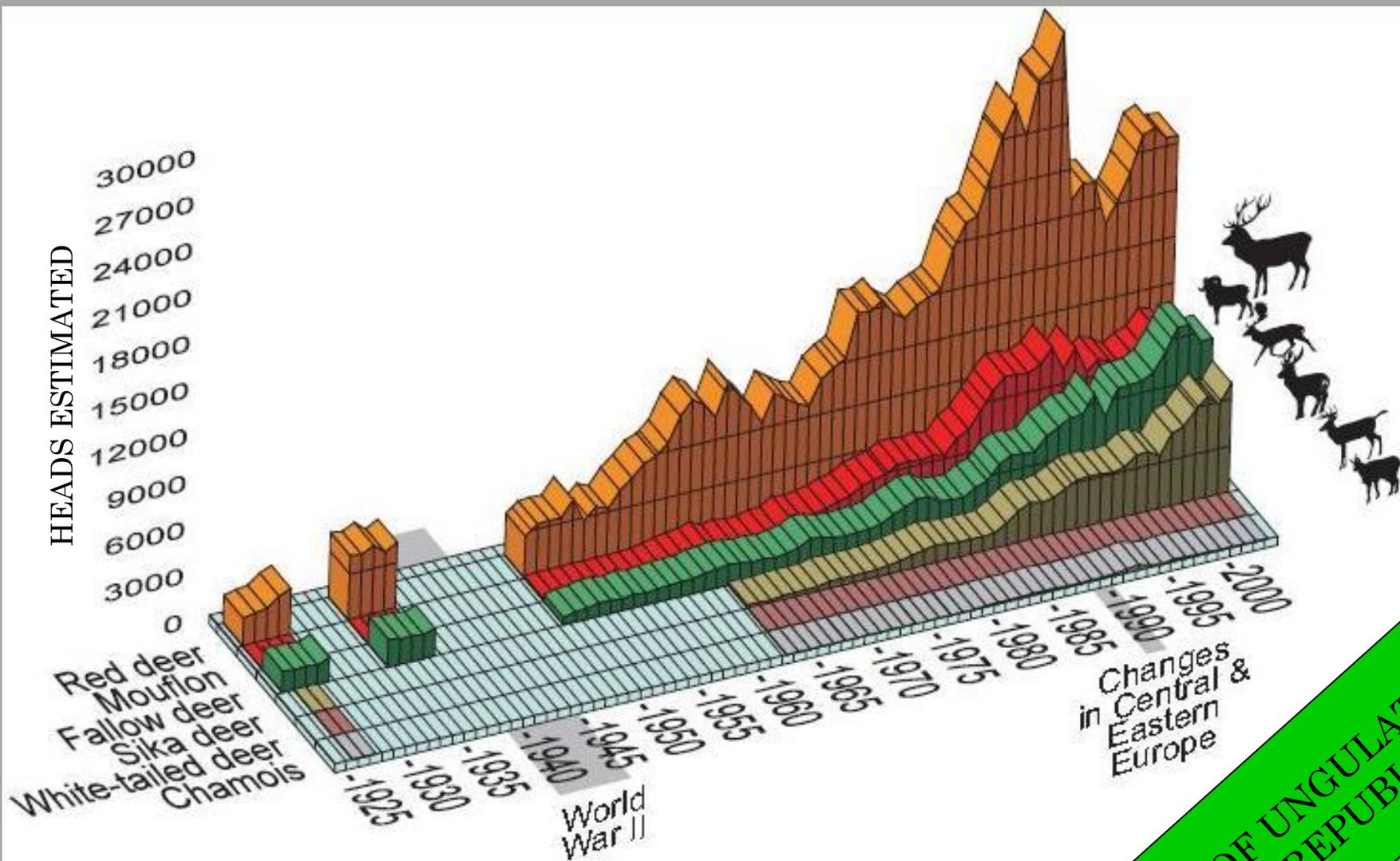


 Red deer distribution in France in 1985

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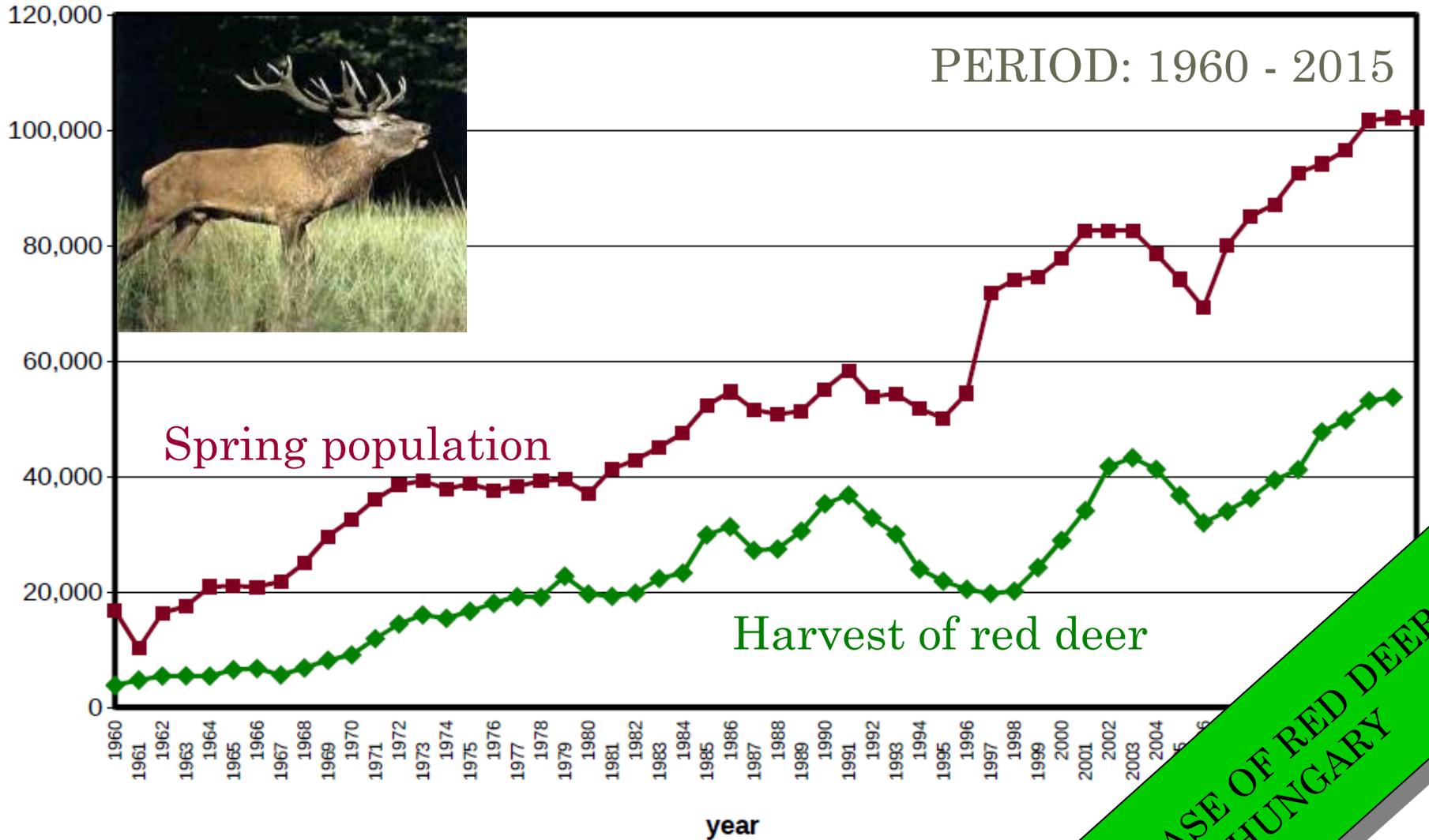


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THE CASE OF UNGULATES  
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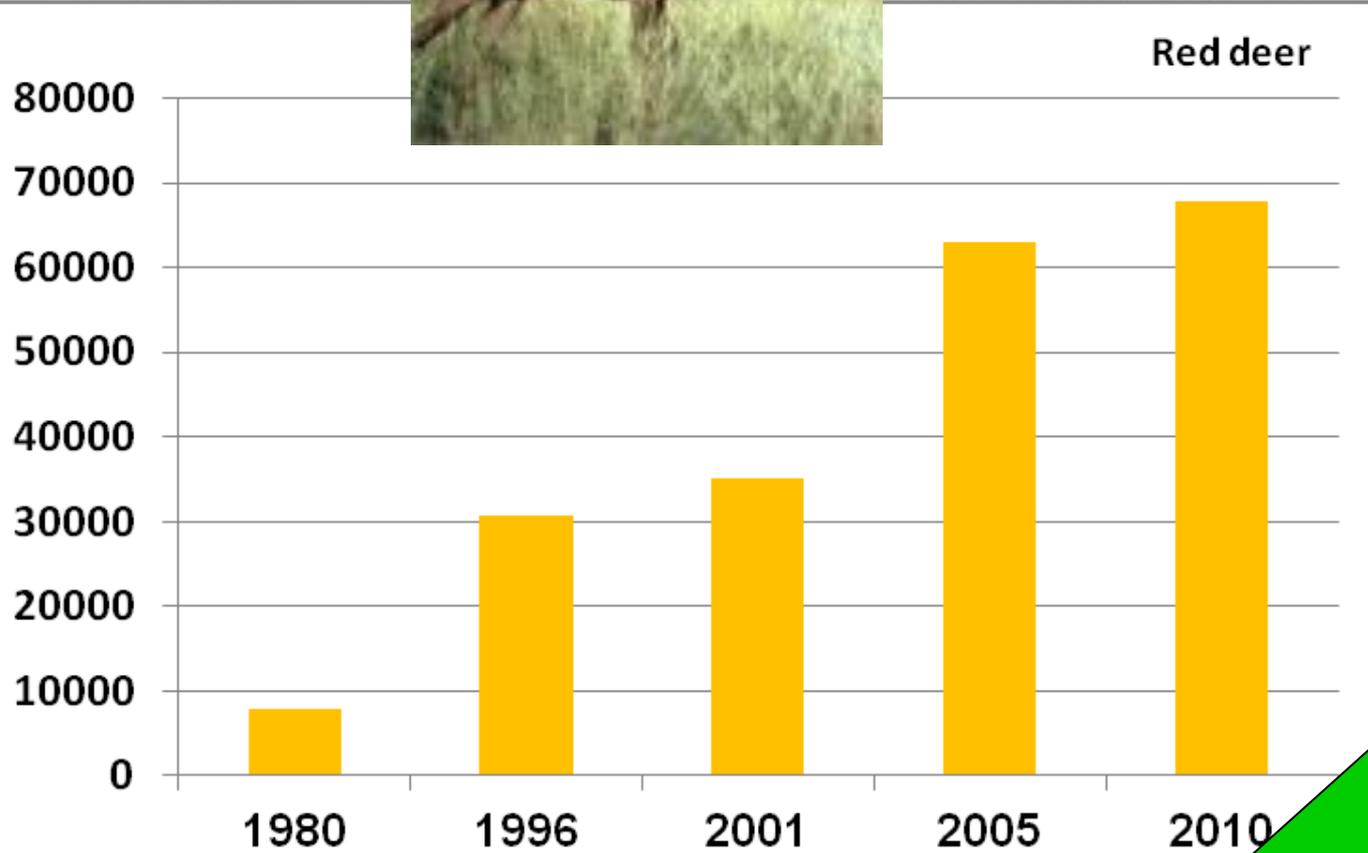
# THE INCREASE OF UNGULATES IN EUROPE



THE CASE OF RED DEER  
IN HUNGARY

# Increase from 1980

769 %



THE CASE OF RED DEER  
IN ITALY

# UNGULATES STATUS IN EUROPE

~ 19 MILLIONS UNGULATES IN EUROPE

18 millions in 2005

(biomass ~ 815'000 tonns)

770'000 in 2005

Economic resource

(>6,6 millions heads culled each

5,2 millions years) in 2005

Contribution to  
Biodiversity

Cultural and aesthetic value  
(hunting traditions included)

# THE INCREASE OF UNGULATES IN EUROPE

2014/2015

2004/2005

## ROE DEER



9,8 millions (196'000 tonnes)

3 millions/year culled

9,6 millions (192'000 tonnes)

2,8 millions/year culled

## RED DEER



2,6 millions (257'000 tonnes)

0,7 millions/year culled

2,4 millions (244'000 tonnes)

0,5 millions/year culled

## WILD BOAR



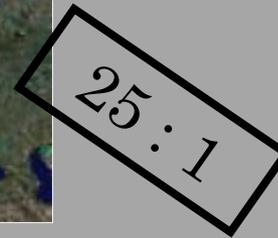
4,1 millions (205'000 tonnes)

2,3 millions/year culled

3,9 millions (193'000 tonnes)

1,7 millions/year culled

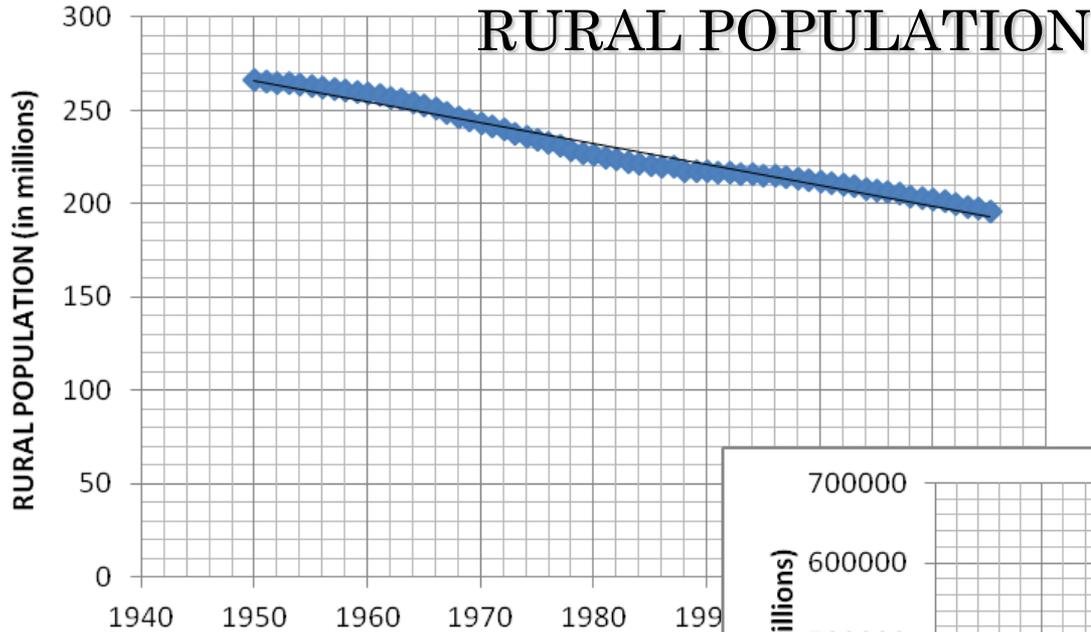
# WHY UNGULATES INCREASED? HUMANS RULE



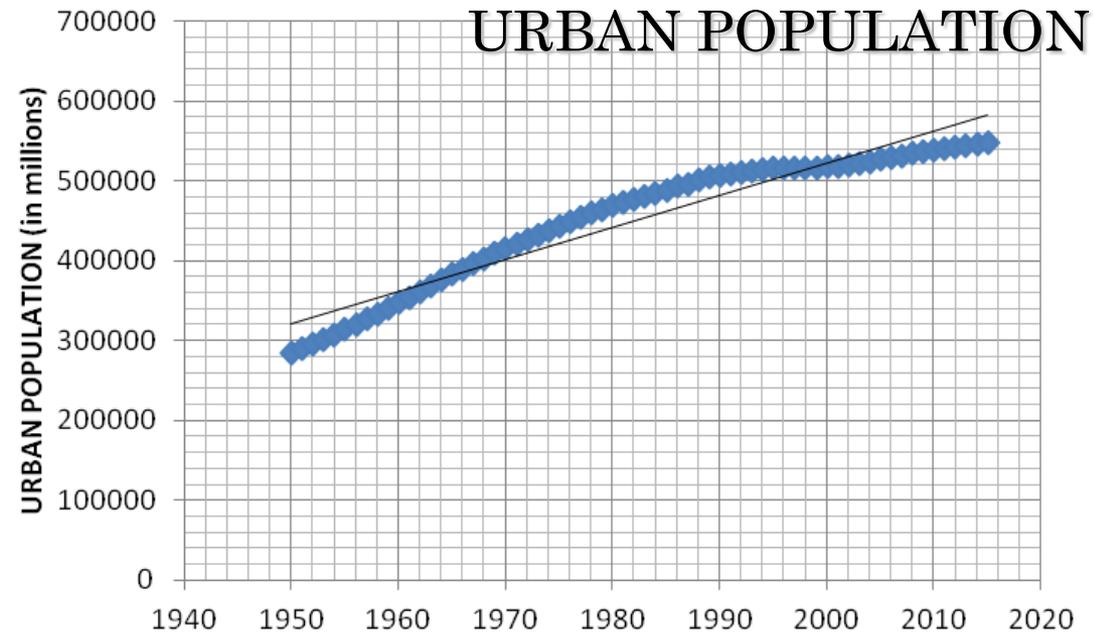
# REASONS OF THE INCREASE OF UNGULATES IN EUROPE

## CHANGES IN HUMAN SETTLEMENT

### RURAL POPULATION

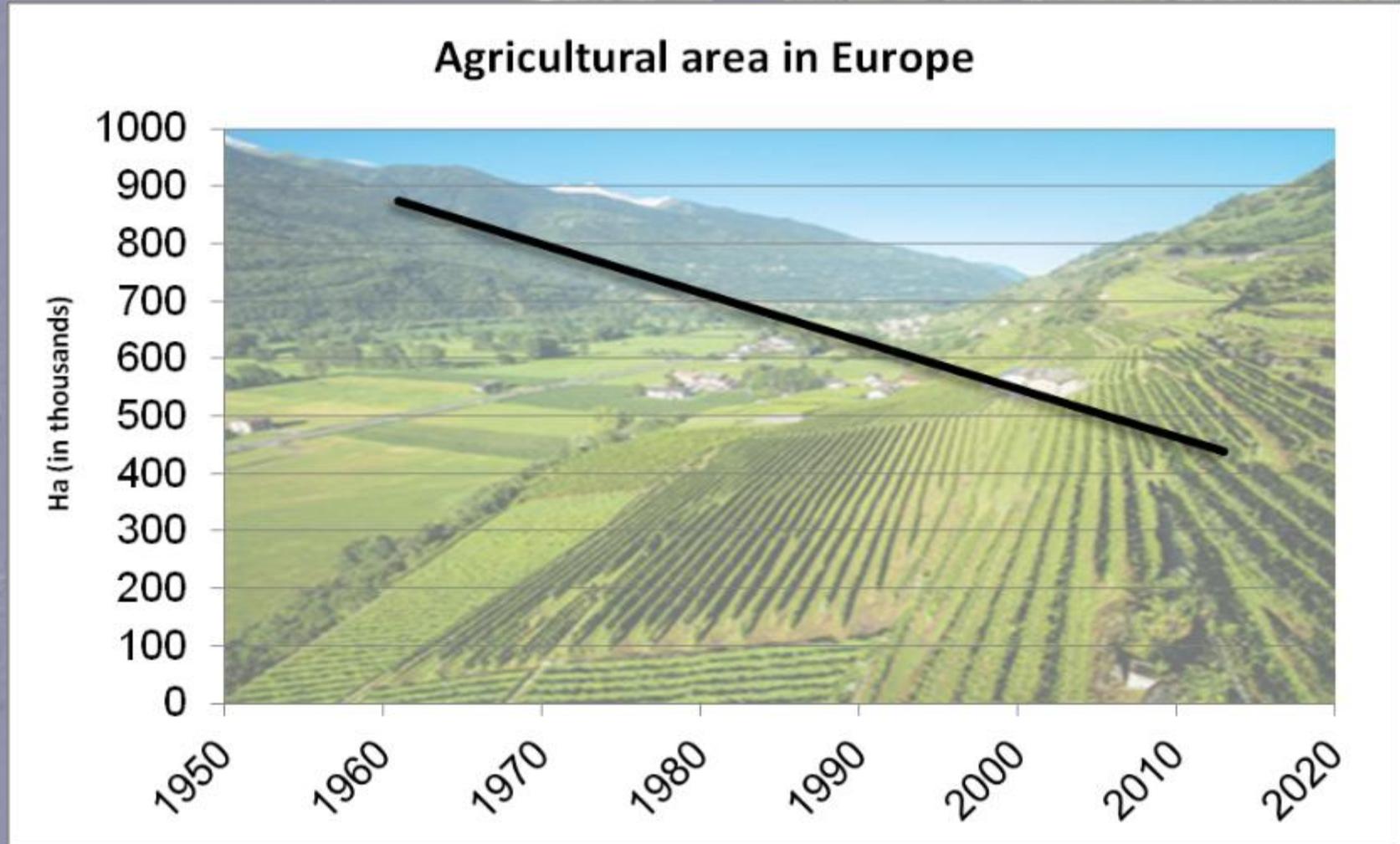


### URBAN POPULATION



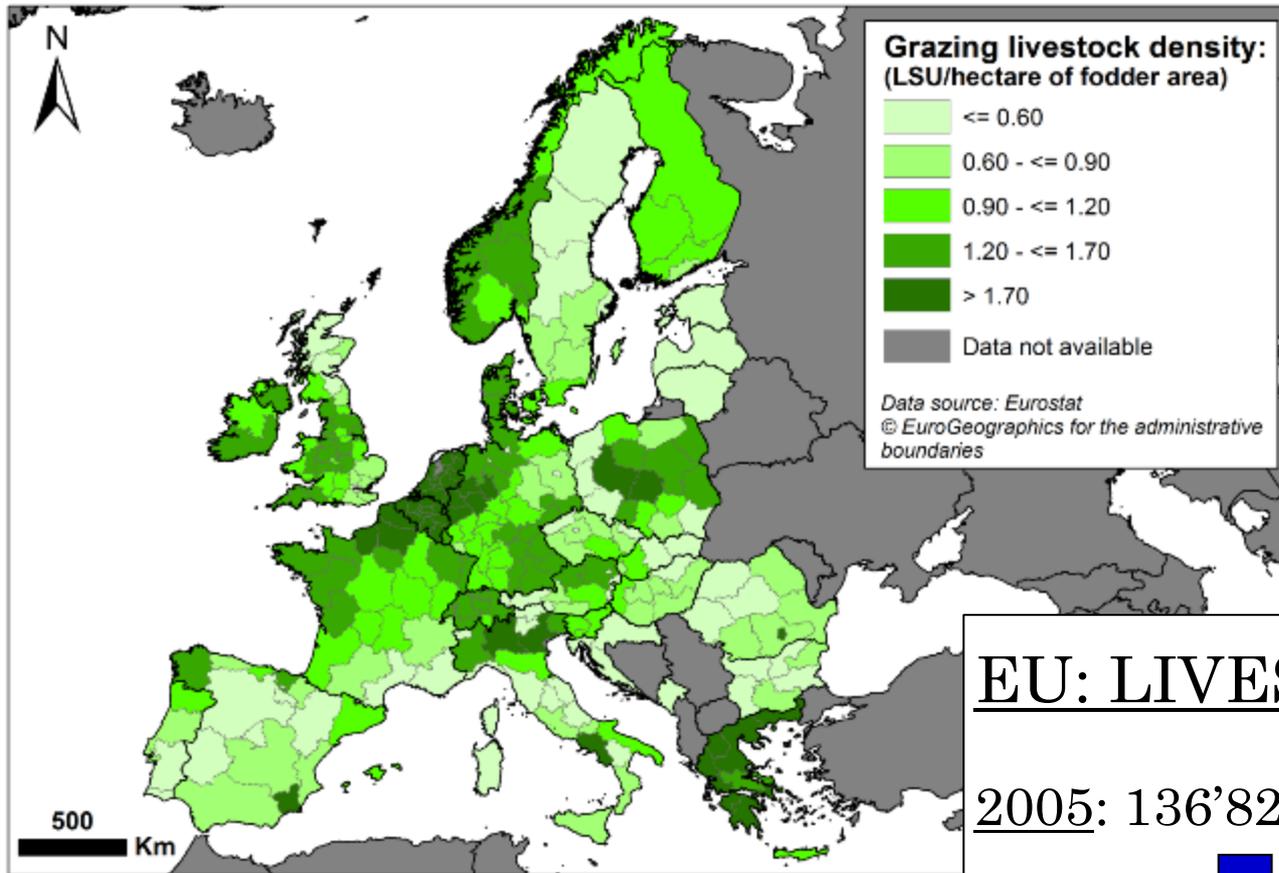
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## REDUCTION OF AGRICULTURAL AREAS



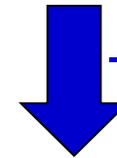
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## REDUCTION OF FREE RANGING LIVESTOCK BREEDING

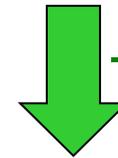


### EU: LIVESTOCK (1000 LSU)

2005: 136'829 (80'173 grazing)



- 2%



- 4%

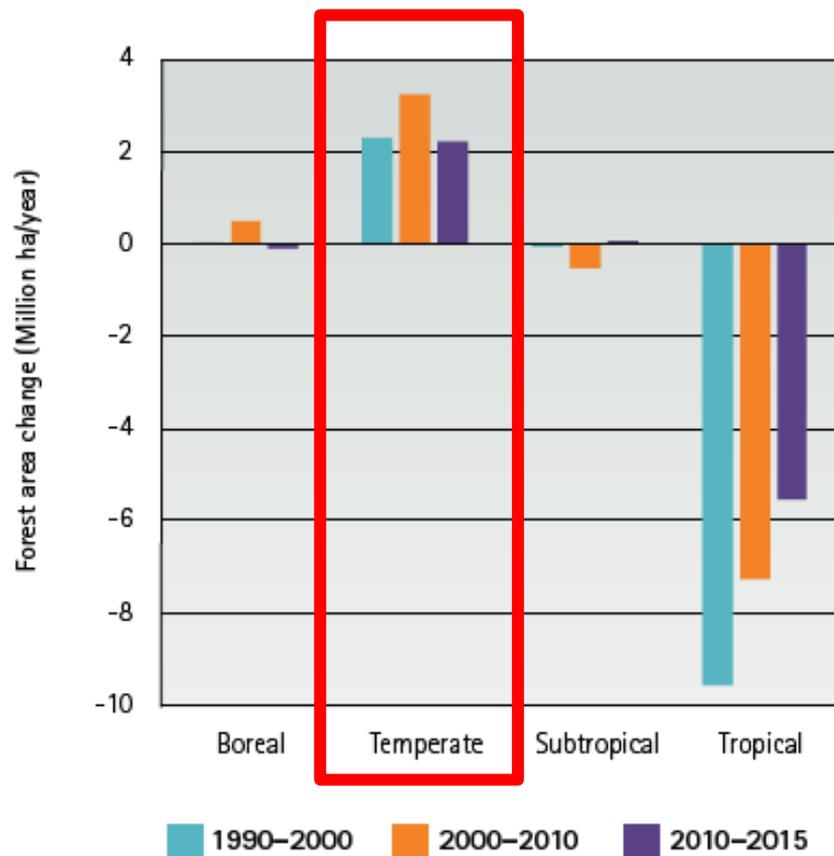
2010: 134'192 (77'226 grazing)



# REASONS OF THE INCREASE OF UNGULATES IN EUROPE

## INCREASE OF FORESTS

FIGURE 6 Annual forest area net change by climatic domain, 1990–2015



1990 - 2015



# THE ROLE OF REINTRODUCTIONS

For wild ungulates, the recolonisation of former range resulted from two processes: a natural expansion of remnant populations due to legal protection and/or increased availability of suitable habitats, and direct human intervention by reintroduction or restocking. The balance of importance of these two processes varied both with region and species. In some countries the bulk of the recovery was through natural processes; in others the recovery was effected primarily by human activities. In the same way, some species recovered mostly naturally, some others would have not recovered without active human intervention.



## Chapter 3

### **Reintroductions as a Management Tool for European Ungulates**

*Marco Apollonio, Massimo Scandura and Nikica Šprem*

# THE ROLE OF REINTRODUCTIONS

Number of countries with releases  
(reintroductions) ascertained:



RED DEER: 27 (21) / 28



ROE DEER: 15 (7) / 28



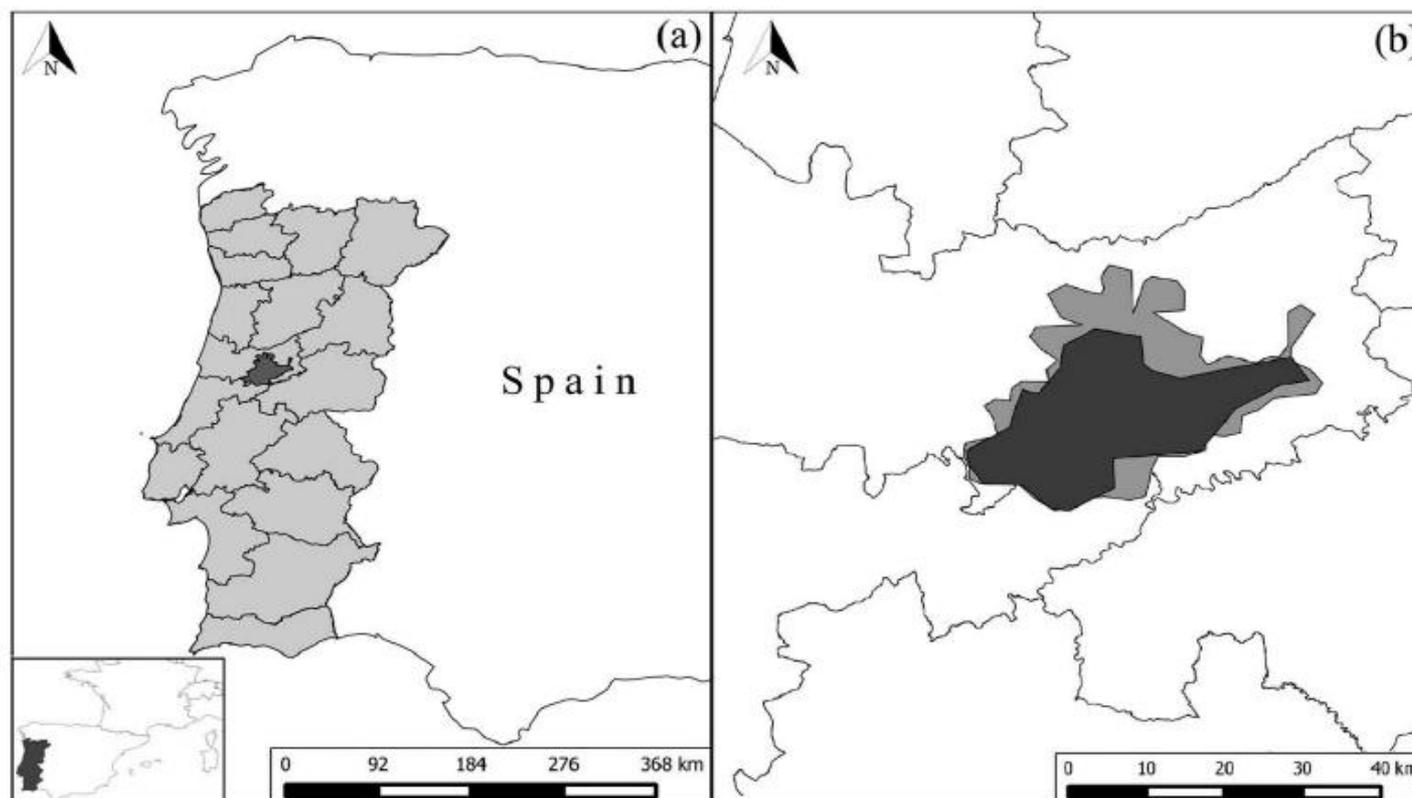
WILD BOAR: 11 (4) / 28

ALPINE CHAMOIS: 10 (6) / 28



## The success of species reintroductions: a case study of red deer in Portugal two decades after reintroduction

Ana Valente <sup>a</sup>, Jorge Valente <sup>a</sup>, Carlos Fonseca<sup>a</sup> and Rita Torres<sup>a</sup>



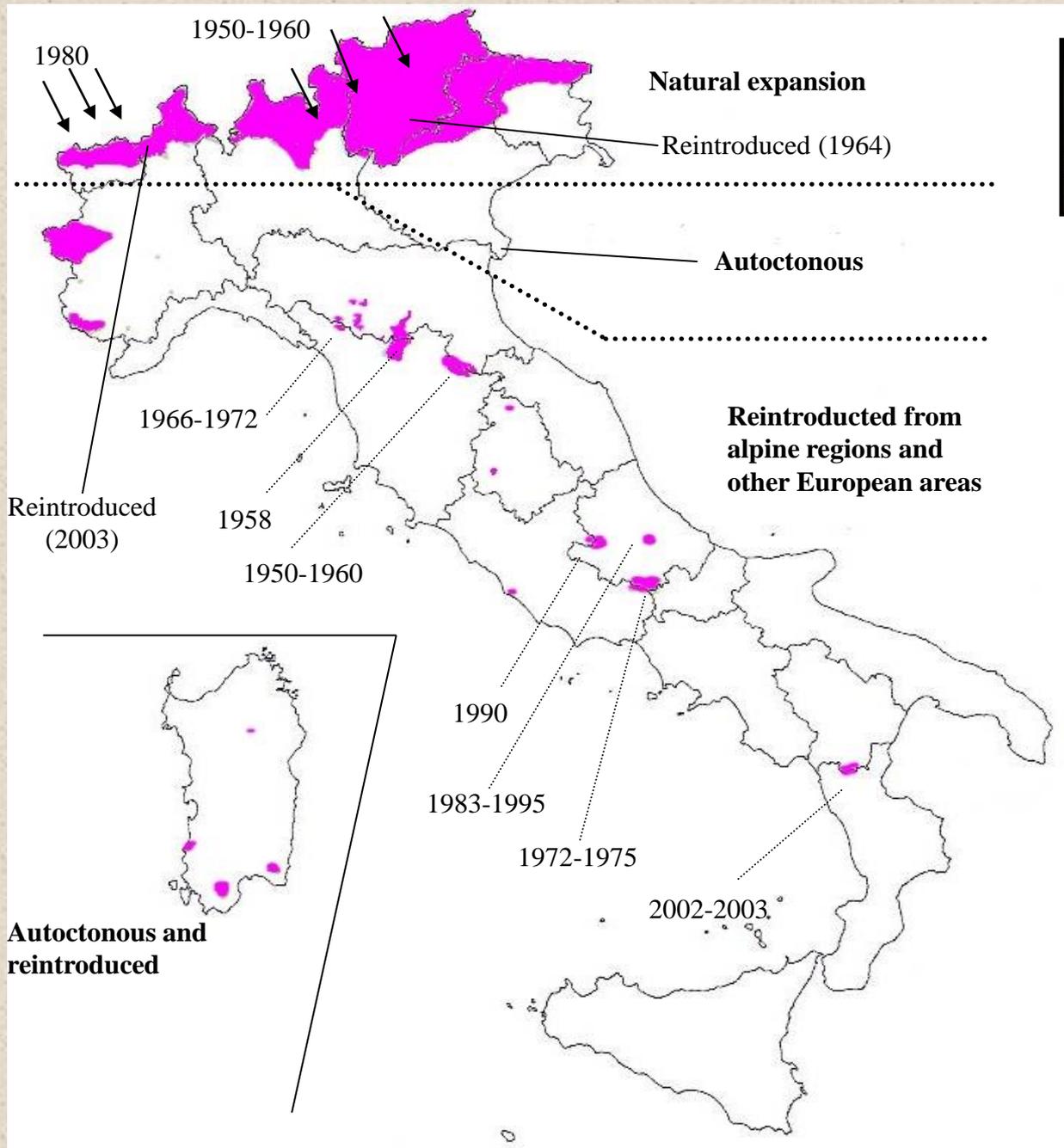
**Figure 1.** Study area location. (a) Map of continental Portugal highlighting the full study area. (b) Full study area in light gray (total sampling area) and distribution area of red deer in dark grey.

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### ABSTRACT

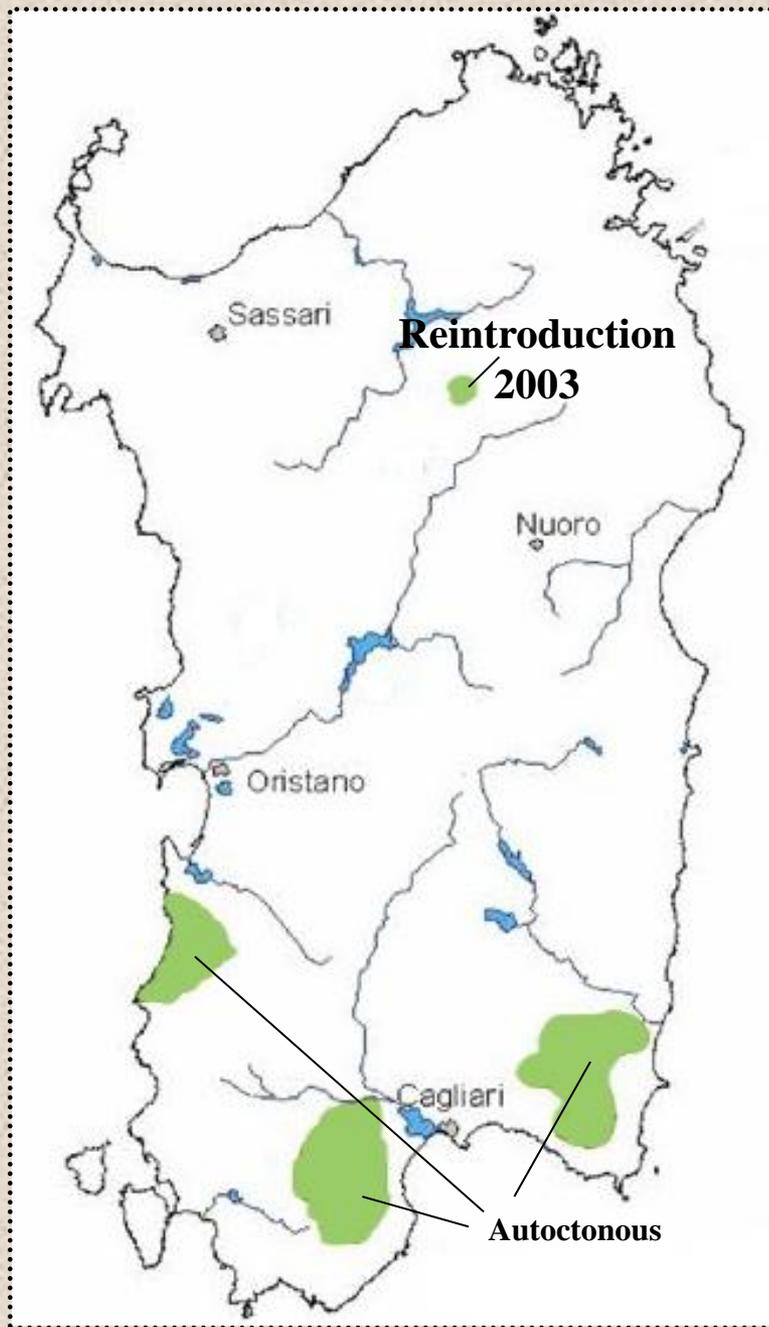
Reintroduction programs are important tools in the recovery or establishment of animal populations, but post-release monitoring, essential to evaluate their success, generally lacks in most projects. During the 1990s, a red deer (*Cervus elaphus*) reintroduction program took place in central Portugal. Almost two decades after the reintroduction, this study aimed to establish the current state of red deer populations. Density estimates were obtained through pellet group counts coupled with distance sampling using 61 linear transects. The results showed that red deer densities are of 3.10 ind./100 ha (95% confidence interval: 1.6–5.9) and this species is widely distributed throughout the area. Due to increase in numbers and range since the beginning of the reintroduction, this program can be considered a case of success; however, future monitoring programs should continue to be developed.



*Cervus elaphus elaphus*



*Cervus elaphus corsicanus*



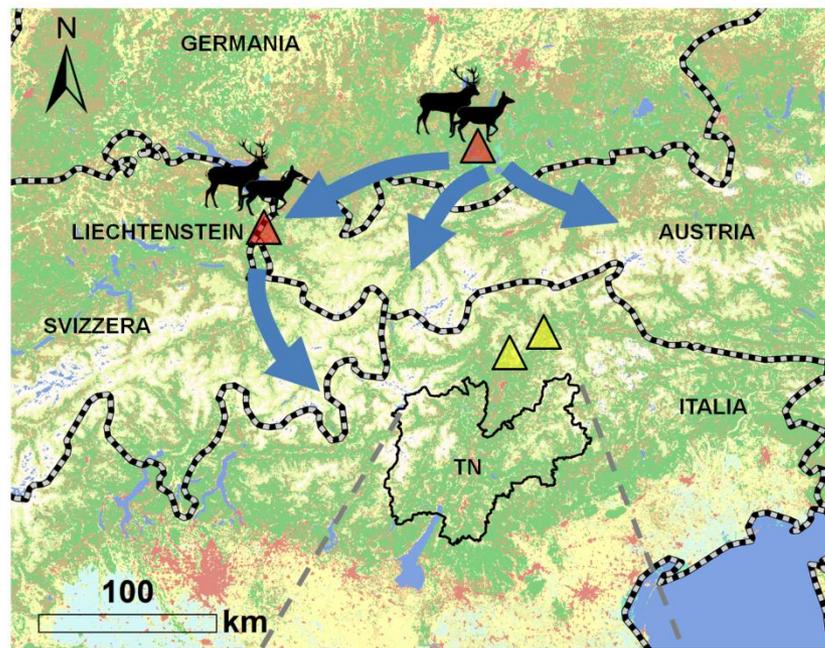
## Present Sardinian red deer distribution



*Cervus elaphus corsicanus*

IUCN status *ENDANGERED*

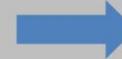




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Late '800



1900

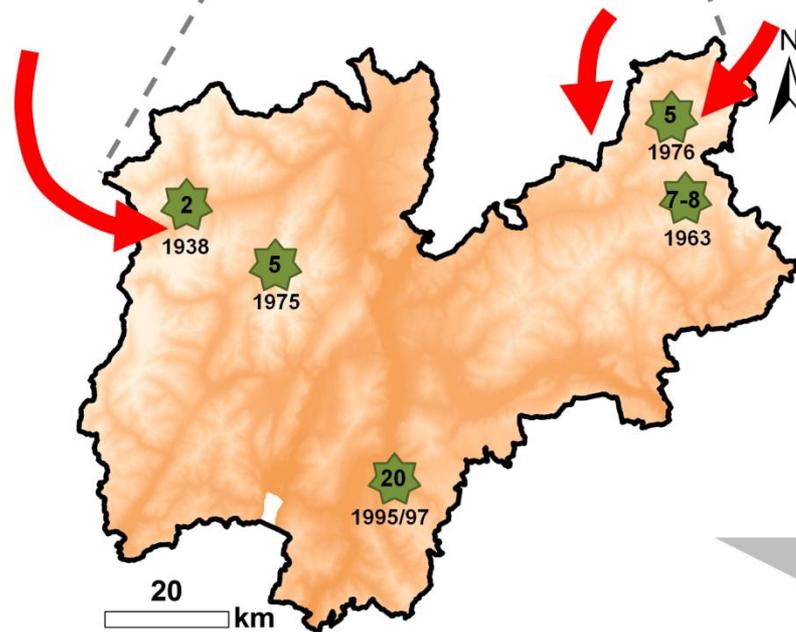


Beginning of '900



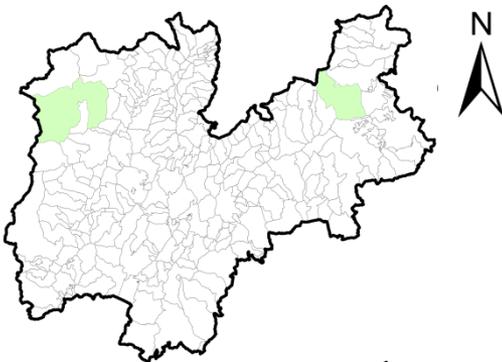
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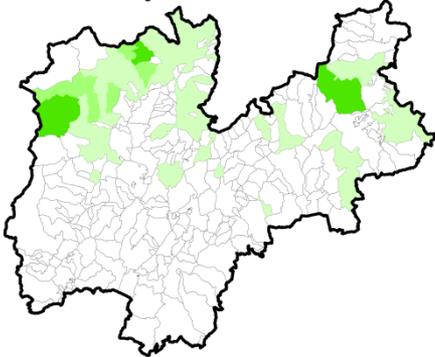


# Number of culled red deer:

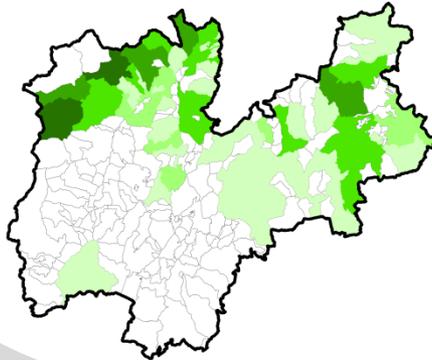
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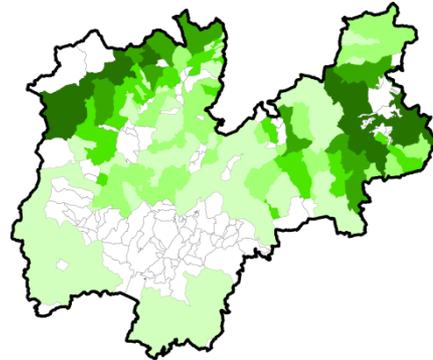
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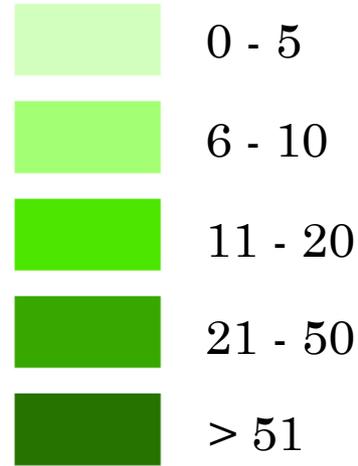
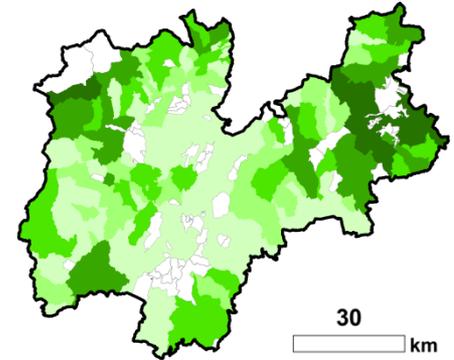
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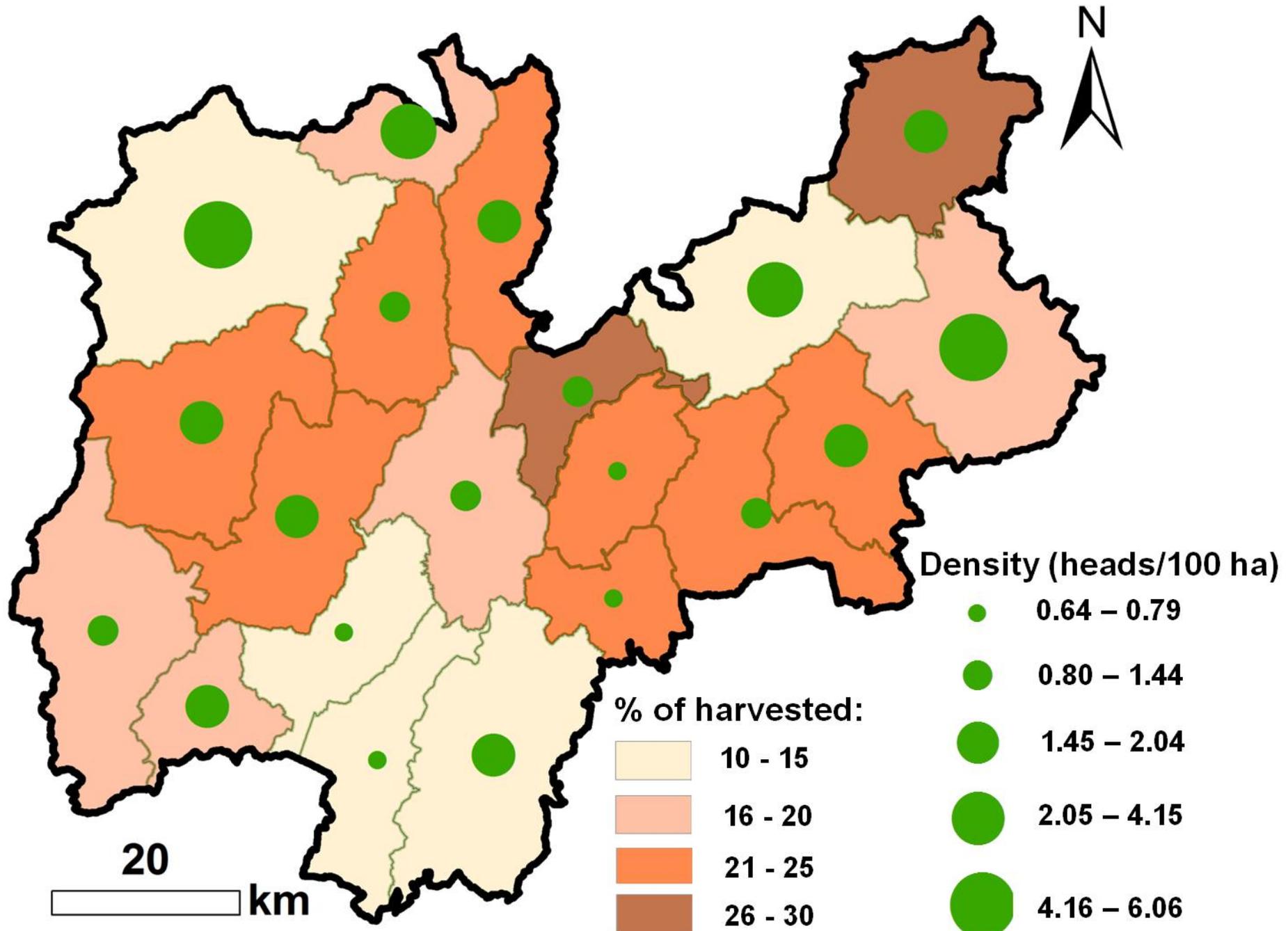
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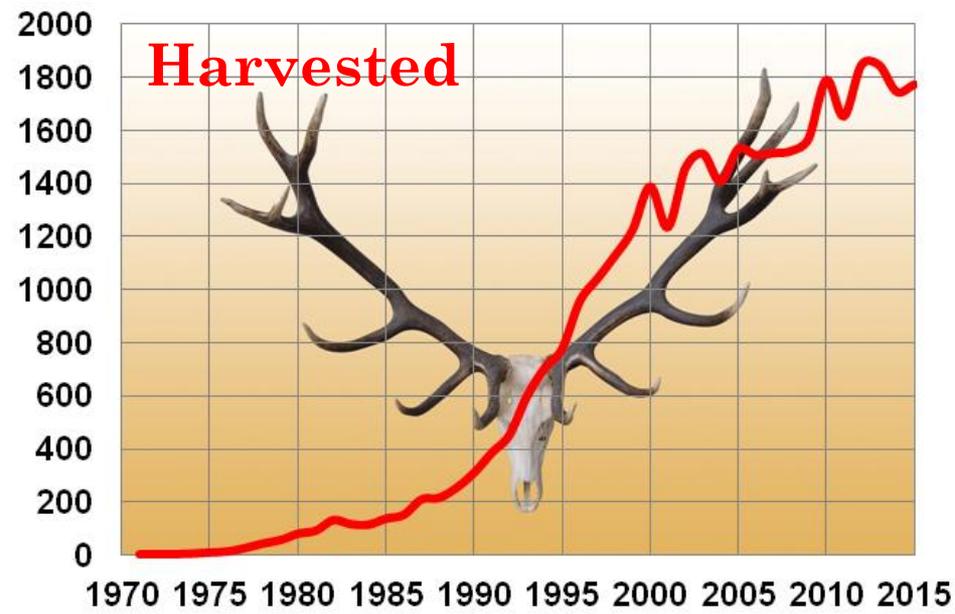
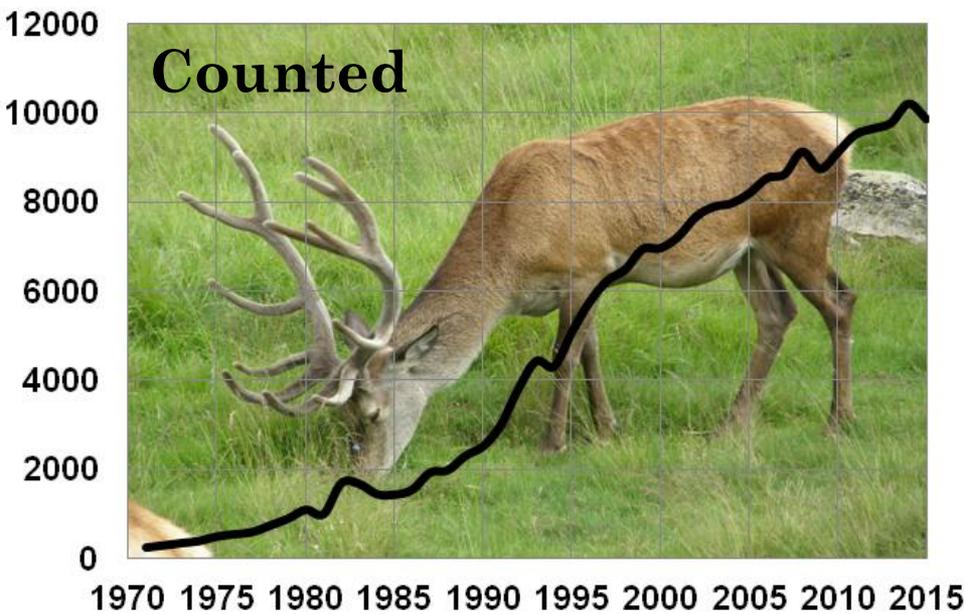
2015



# Red deer - Trento province



# Management period: 1970-TODAY

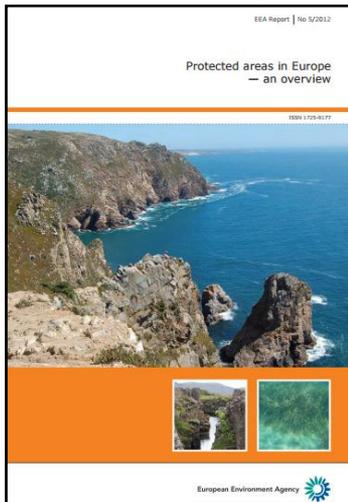
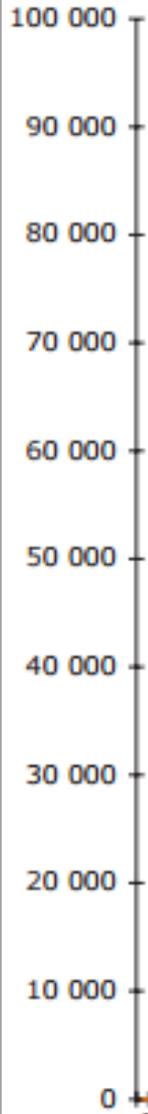


# ...A STORY OF SUCCESS AND THE ROLE OF PROTECTED AREAS...



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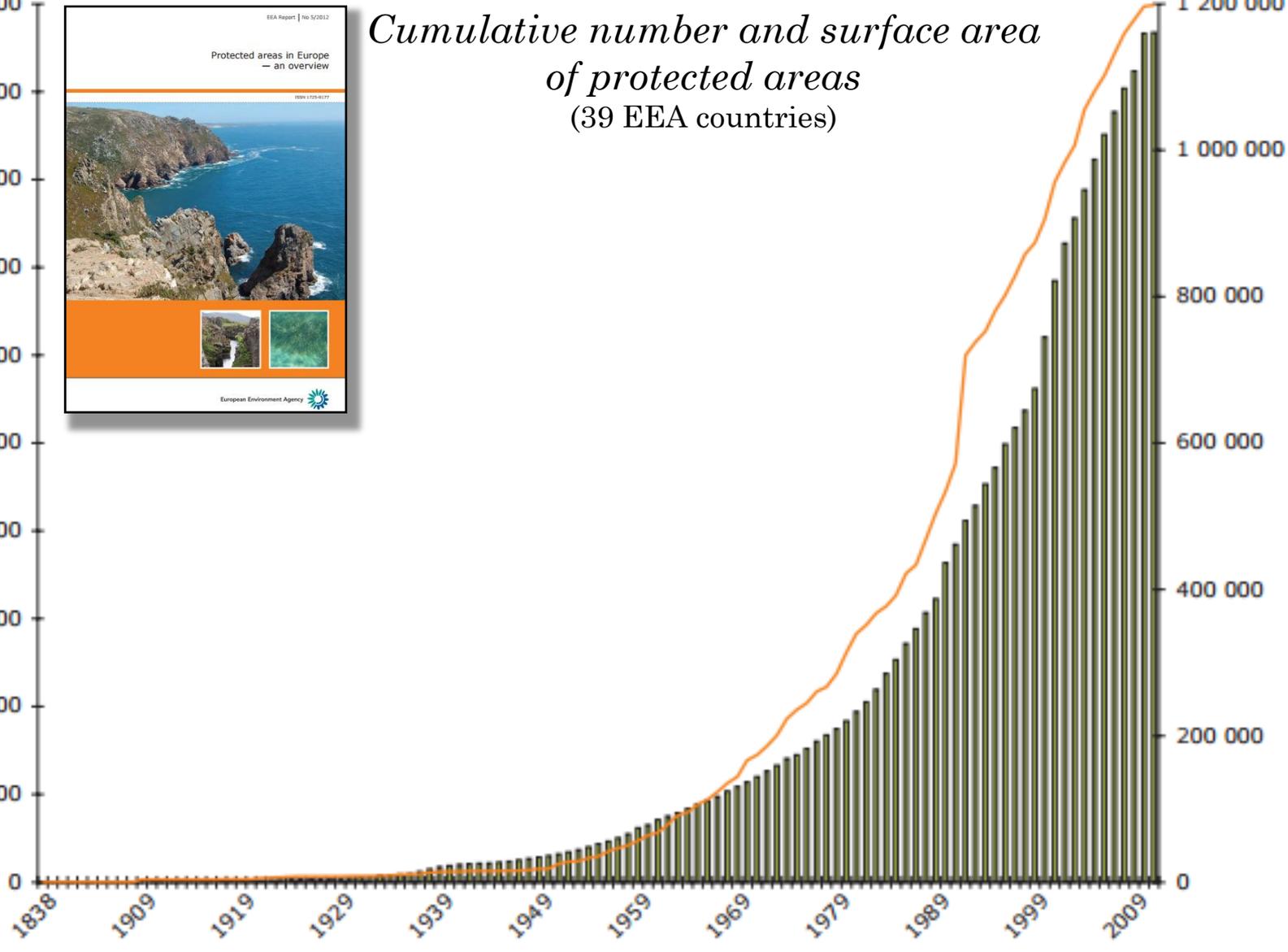
Area (km<sup>2</sup>)



*Cumulative number and surface area  
of protected areas  
(39 EEA countries)*



█ Cumulative number sites      — Cumulative area (km<sup>2</sup>)

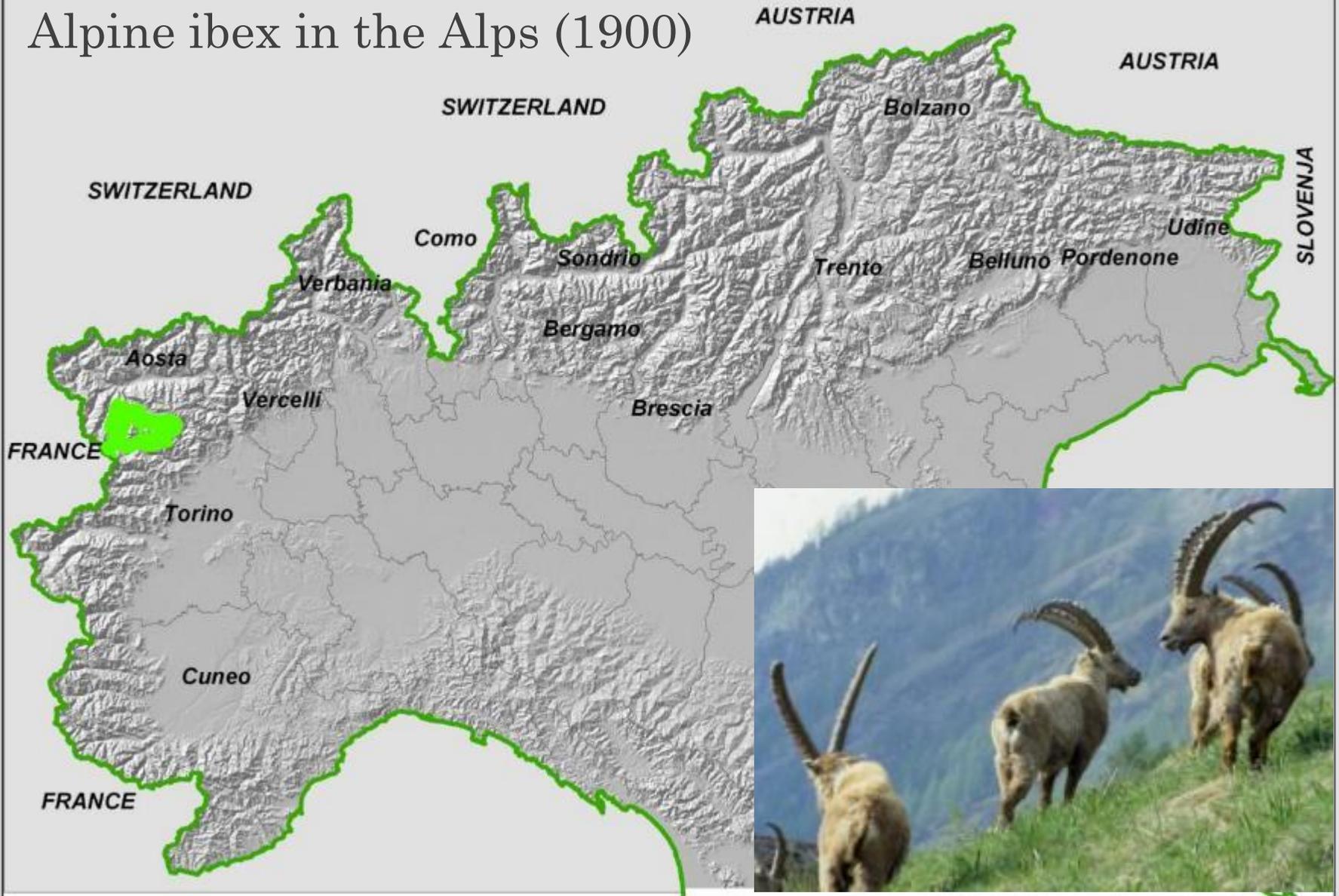


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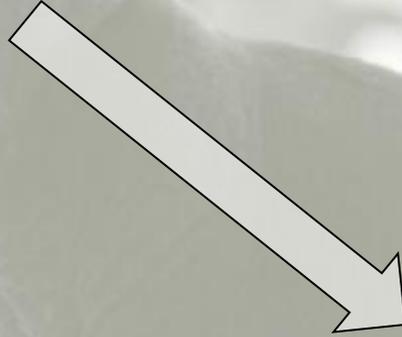


THE CASE OF ALPINE IBEX  
CONSERVATION

# Alpine ibex in the Alps (1900)



**FROM THE  
COLONY OF  
PNGP**



**130 COLONIES**

*(ITALY, FRANCE, SWITZERLAND,  
GERMANY, AUSTRIA, SLOVENIA)*

**≈ 50 000 HEADS**

# SUCCESSES OF UNGULATE MANAGEMENT IN EUROPE

INCOME PRODUCTION AND  
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION THANKS  
TO PROFITABLE HUNTING STRATEGIES

Juan Carranza 2010

THE CASE OF PROFITABLE  
HUNTING STRATEGIES  
IN SPAIN

Private hunting estates in Spain practices monterias to hunt ungulates





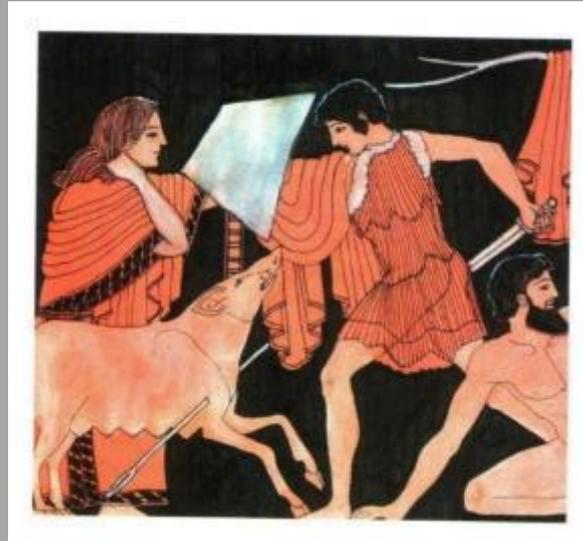
Profitability and conservation → Environmental diversity



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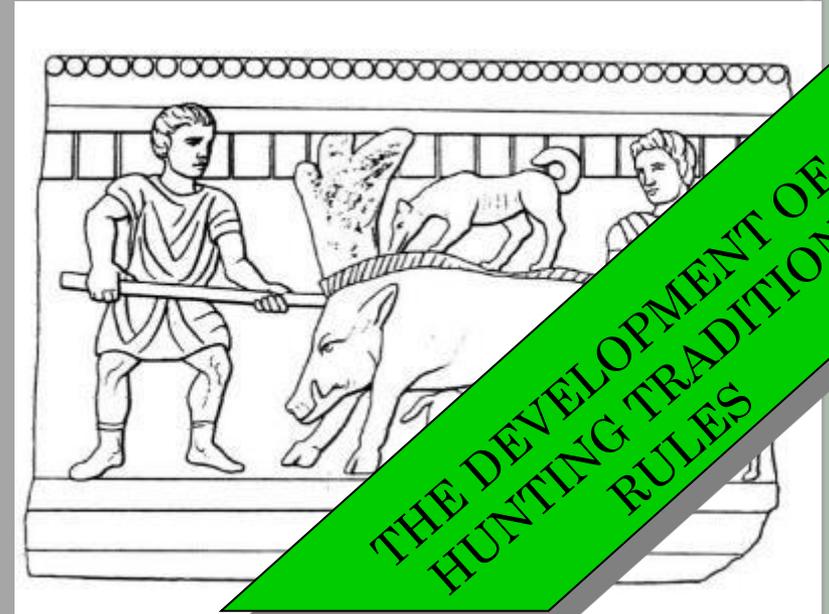
## Ancient Greeks (V century B.C.)

Greece



## Etruscan (II century B.C.)

Italy



THE DEVELOPMENT OF  
HUNTING TRADITION  
RULES

# SUCCESSSES OF UNGULATE MANAGEMENT IN EUROPE



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# SUCCESSSES OF UNGULATE MANAGEMENT IN EUROPE



THE DEVELOPMENT OF  
UNGULATES  
WATCHING

# ... WITH SOME PROBLEMS ...



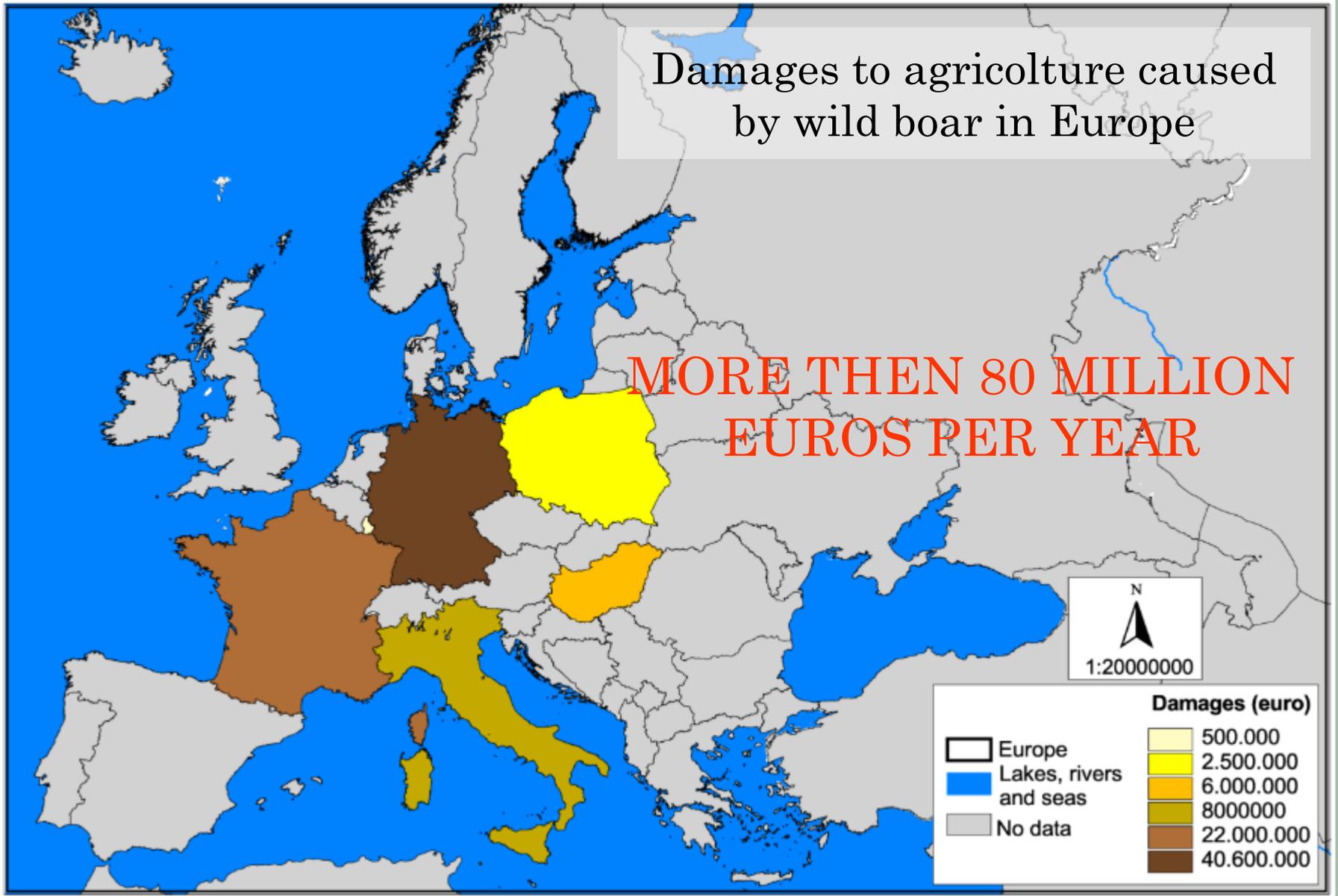
# MANAGEMENT PROBLEMS



THE CASE OF DAMAGES  
TO AGRICULTURE

# Damages to agriculture caused by wild boar in Europe

**MORE THEN 80 MILLION EUROS PER YEAR**



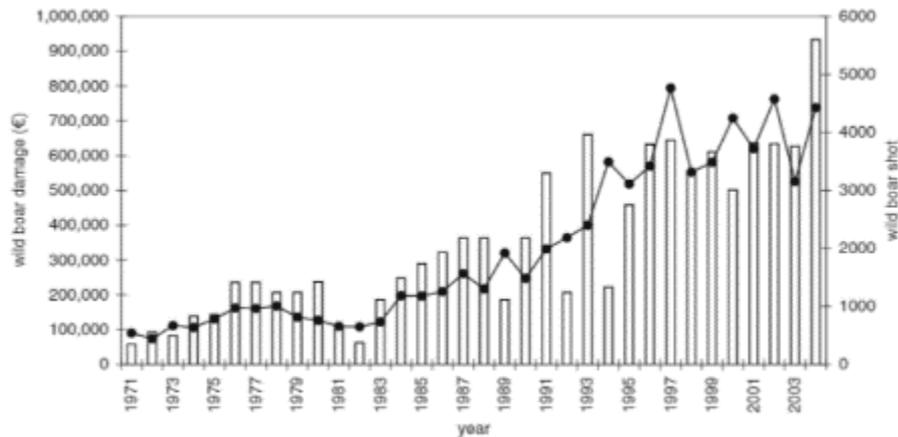
# Luxembourg

Eur J Wildl Res (2008) 54:589–599  
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ORIGINAL PAPER

## Patterns of crop damage by wild boar (*Sus scrofa*) in Luxembourg over a 10-year period

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# Damages to agriculture caused by wild boar in Europe

## Poland

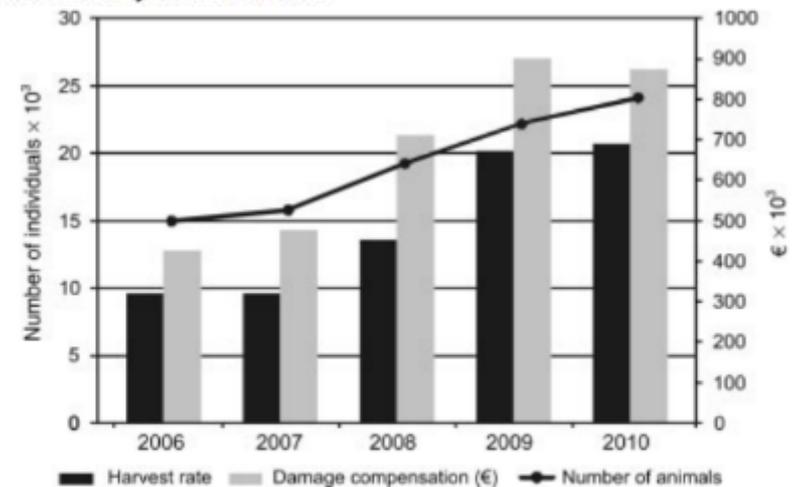
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## Factors affecting the level of damage by wild boar in farmland in north-eastern Poland

Witold Frackowiak,<sup>a\*</sup> Stanislaw Gorczyca,<sup>b</sup> Dorota Merta<sup>a</sup> and Marta Wojciuch-Ploskonka<sup>a</sup>



**Figure 2.** Population dynamics, harvest rate and damage compensation of wild boar in north-eastern Poland (data represent 33 forest districts in the Regional State Forests Directorate in Olsztyn).

## France (ONCFS)



# MANAGEMENT PROBLEMS



## Chapter 6

Impacts of wild ungulates on  
vegetation: costs and benefits

*Friedrich Reimoser and Rory Putman*

THE IMPACTS ON  
FORESTS

# MANAGEMENT PROBLEMS

Browsing



Bark stripping



Table 6.1 Existing national schemes of countrywide monitoring systems for recording impacts (or monetary damage) by wild ungulates (at least for one species)

Country	Agriculture	Forest	Vehicle collisions	Source
Austria		X	X	Reimoser and Reimoser (2010)
Baltic countries			X	Andersone-Lilley <i>et al.</i> (2010)
Belgium				Casaer and Licoppe (2010)
Croatia				Kusak and Krapinec (2010)
Czech Republic				Bartoš <i>et al.</i> (2010)
Denmark				Andersen and Holthe (2010)
Finland	X	X	X	Ruusila and Kojola (2010)
France	X		X	Maillard <i>et al.</i> (2010)
Germany			X	Wotschikowsky (2010)
Great Britain				Putman (2010)
Greece				Papaioannou (2010)
Hungary	X	X		Csányi and Lehoczki (2010)
Italy				Apollonio <i>et al.</i> (2010c)
Netherlands			X	van Wieren and Groot Bruinderink (2010)
Norway			X	Andersen <i>et al.</i> (2010)
Poland				Wawrzyniak <i>et al.</i> (2010)
Portugal				Vingada <i>et al.</i> (2010)
Romania				Micu <i>et al.</i> (2010)
Slovakia	X	X		Findo and Skuban (2010)
Slovenia	X	X	X	Adamic and Jerina (2010)
Spain				Carranza (2010)
Sweden		X	X	Liberg <i>et al.</i> (2010)
Switzerland	X		X	Imesch-Bebié <i>et al.</i> (2010)

# EUROPEAN COUNTRIES ( n= 25) WHERE DAMAGE TO FOREST ARE COMPENSATED

- **AUSTRIA**, Compensation is responsibility of the hunters of the hunting district where damage arises.
- **BELGIUM**, Compensation is payable by those having the hunting rights.
- **CZECK REPUBLIC**, Hunting ground user is responsible for compensation of damages.
- **FINLAND**, Government compensation is paid to private land owners, but not to State-owned forestry (money comes from licence fees charged to hunters).
- **HUNGARY**, The party exercising hunting right is responsible for damages compensation
- **FRANCE**, Compensation given by the government from 2005
- **POLAND (protection)**, The protecting costs against ungulates are covered by State Forests

# MANAGEMENT PROBLEMS

## CAR ACCIDENTS:

750 000 / 1 000 000 per  
YEAR



About 150 human fatalities per  
YEAR in 5 European countries  
in 2000' (ES,F,UK,F,D)

CAR  
COLLISIONS

Table 8.1 Number of traffic accidents causing death of deer (all species) in different European countries. In almost all cases numbers are dominated by roe deer

Country	Years	Average numbers of ungulates killed per year	Source
Austria	2000–2006	40 500	Austrian national statistics
Switzerland	2000–2006	8000–10 000	Imesch-Bebié <i>et al.</i> , 2010
Slovenia	2001–2006	5970	Slovene Hunters Association
Croatia	2002–2005	960	Official Croatian statistics
Hungary	2000–2005	3670	Official Hungarian hunting statistics
Finland <sup>a</sup>	2000–2005	5000	Ruusila and Kojola, 2010
Denmark	2003–2006	6000	Andersen and Madsen, 2007
Norway <sup>a</sup>	2000–2005	8870	Andersen <i>et al.</i> , 2010
Sweden <sup>a</sup>	2005	61 000	Seiler, 2004
Germany	2005	227 000	Kerzel, 2005
Netherlands	2000–2004	5400	van Wieren and Groot Bruinderink, 2010; S.E. van Wieren, pers. comm.
England/Wales	2000–2005	31 000–45 000	Langbein, 2007a
Scotland	2000–2005	6500–10 000	Langbein and Putman, 2006
France	2004	23 500	Maillard <i>et al.</i> , 2010
Spain	2003–2004	>1050	

<sup>a</sup>includes moose.



## Chapter 8

Traffic collisions involving deer and other ungulates in Europe and viable measures for mitigation

Jochen Langbein, Rory Putman and Bostjan pokorny

# Proportion of national spring population size killed in the vehicle collisions in UK



3-7% of ROE DEER



1-3% of RED DEER

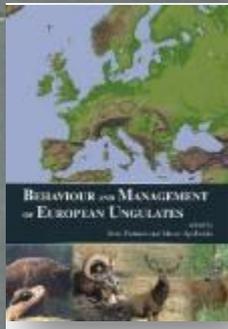


7-13% of FALLOW DEER



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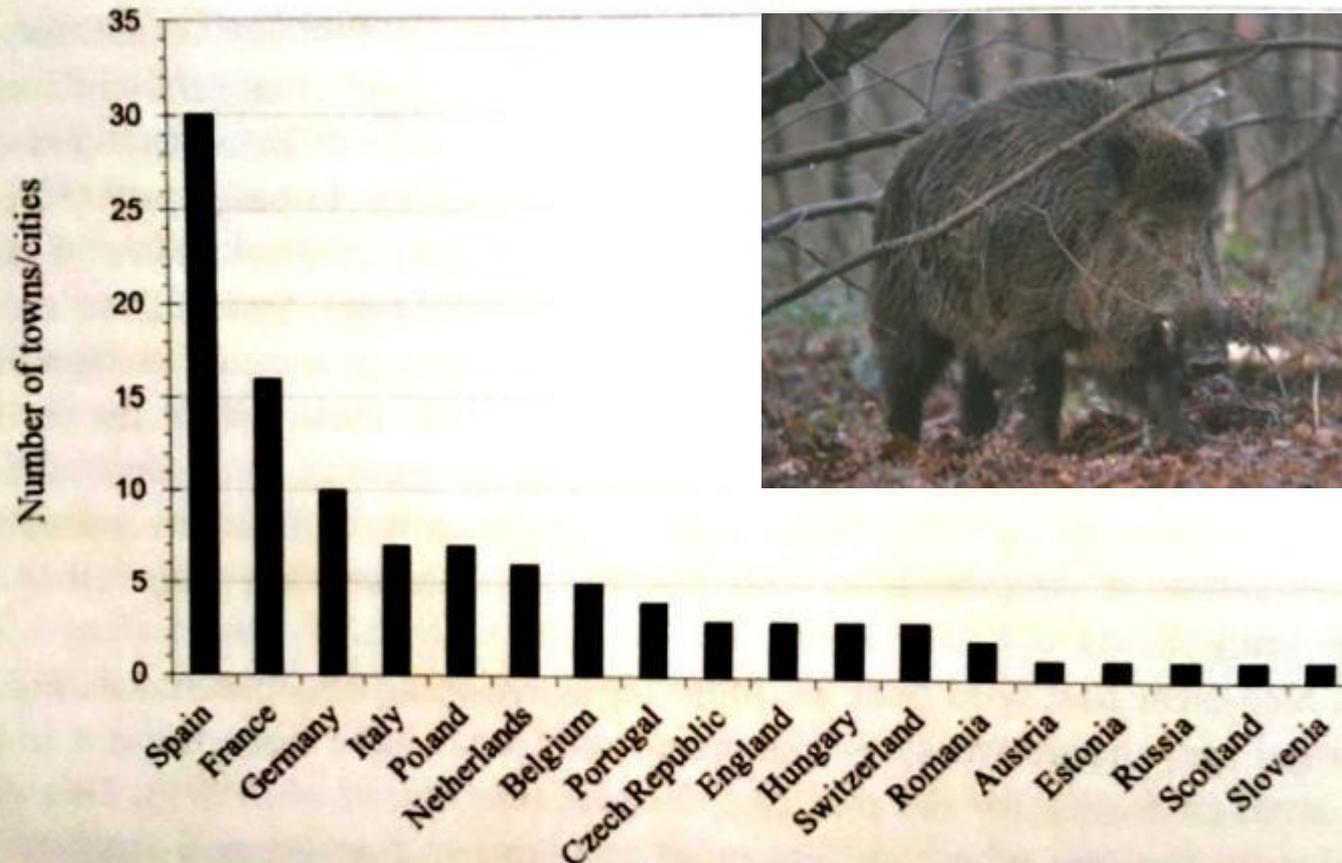


## Chapter 7

### The Management of Urban Populations of Ungulates

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Peter Green and Sean Cahill*

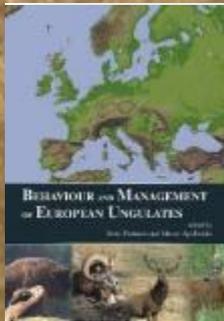
URBAN UNGULATES



**Figure 7.1** Number of towns and cities reporting incidents with wild boar within their (peri-) urban area by 2012. *Source:* From Licoppe *et al.* (2013), with permission.

# MANAGEMENT PROBLEMS

20-64% of ungulate species present in each European country are exotic

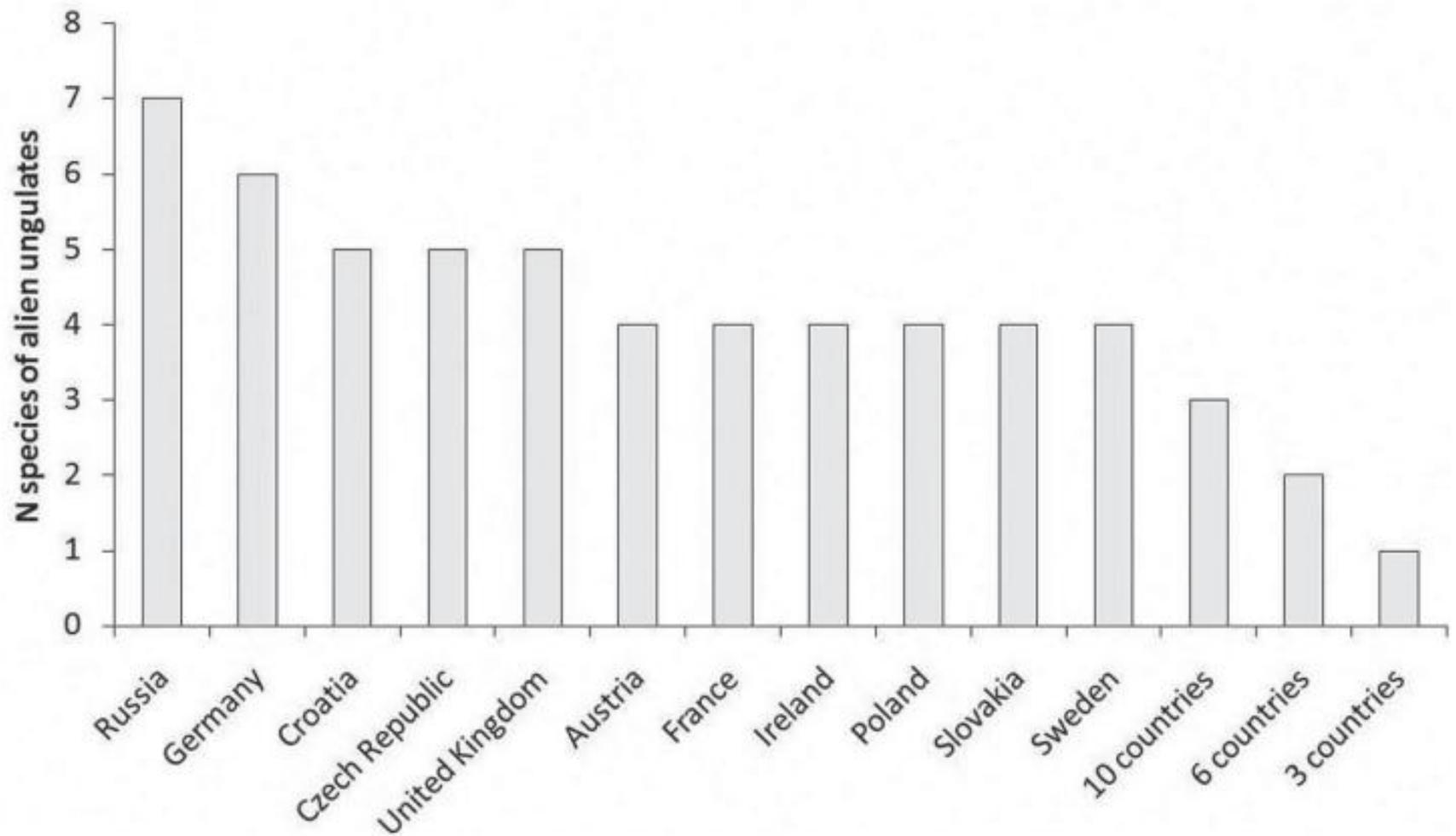


## Chapter 4

### **Introducing Aliens: Problems Associated with Invasive Exotics**

*Francesco Ferretti and Sandro Lovari*

**INTRODUCTION OF EXOTIC SPECIES**



**Figure 4.1** Number of species of alien ungulates present in European countries.

Sources: *Delivering Alien Invasive Species Inventories for Europe*: <http://www.europe-aliens.org>; *IUCN Red List*: [www.iucnredlist.org](http://www.iucnredlist.org); *Invasive Species Compendium*: <http://www.cabi.org/isc/>.

**ROAD BUYING VELVET**

**TROPHIES**

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**DEER SEMEN**

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**ALTERATION OF THE ORIGINAL GENOTYPE BY ARTIFICIAL SELECTION**

# Genetic test for Iberian red deer

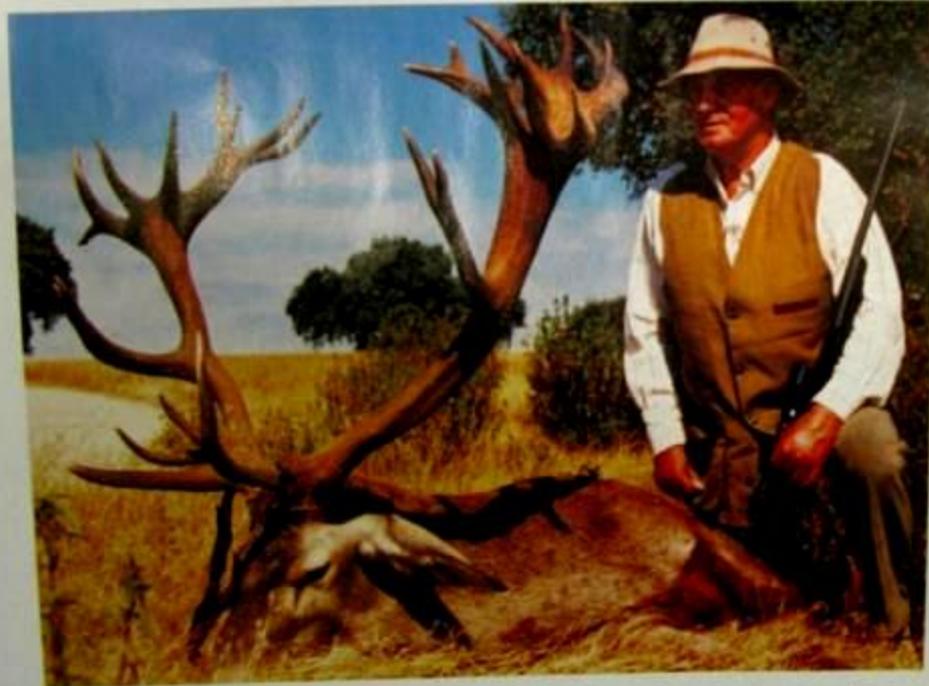
*Prerequisite for trophies before they can be accepted by the Spanish Trophy Commission*

**Carranza et al., 2003  
(Anim Biodiv Cons)**

Las pruebas de ADN certifican que el venado que abatió en septiembre es ibérico

## El Rey apuesta por lo autóctono

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El Rey con el venado que abatió a mediados de septiembre en una finca madrileña. Dio 223 puntos y superaría el propio récord personal del monarca, que es a su vez el actual récord de España.

El pasado mes de octubre TROFEO publicó en exclusiva la foto de Su Majestad El Rey con el venado que abatió a mediados de septiembre en la finca madrileña de los hermanos Santos Tejedor. Dicho venado, por iniciativa de Don Juan Carlos, se analizó genética-

mente para certificar que se trataba de un auténtico venado ibérico o "español", como así ha confirmado la Universidad de Extremadura. Dada la trascendencia de este análisis, pues se trata de un venado abatido por el Rey que podría superar el actual récord de España,

también en su poder, los científicos que han estudiado este ejemplar explican en qué consisten estas pruebas genéticas, su absoluta fiabilidad y otros detalles biométricos de este venado, como su edad o que su madre posiblemente era "cordobesa".

# ... AND AN UNCERTAIN FUTURE ...



# FUTURE CHALLENGES IN UNGULATE MANAGEMENT IN EUROPE

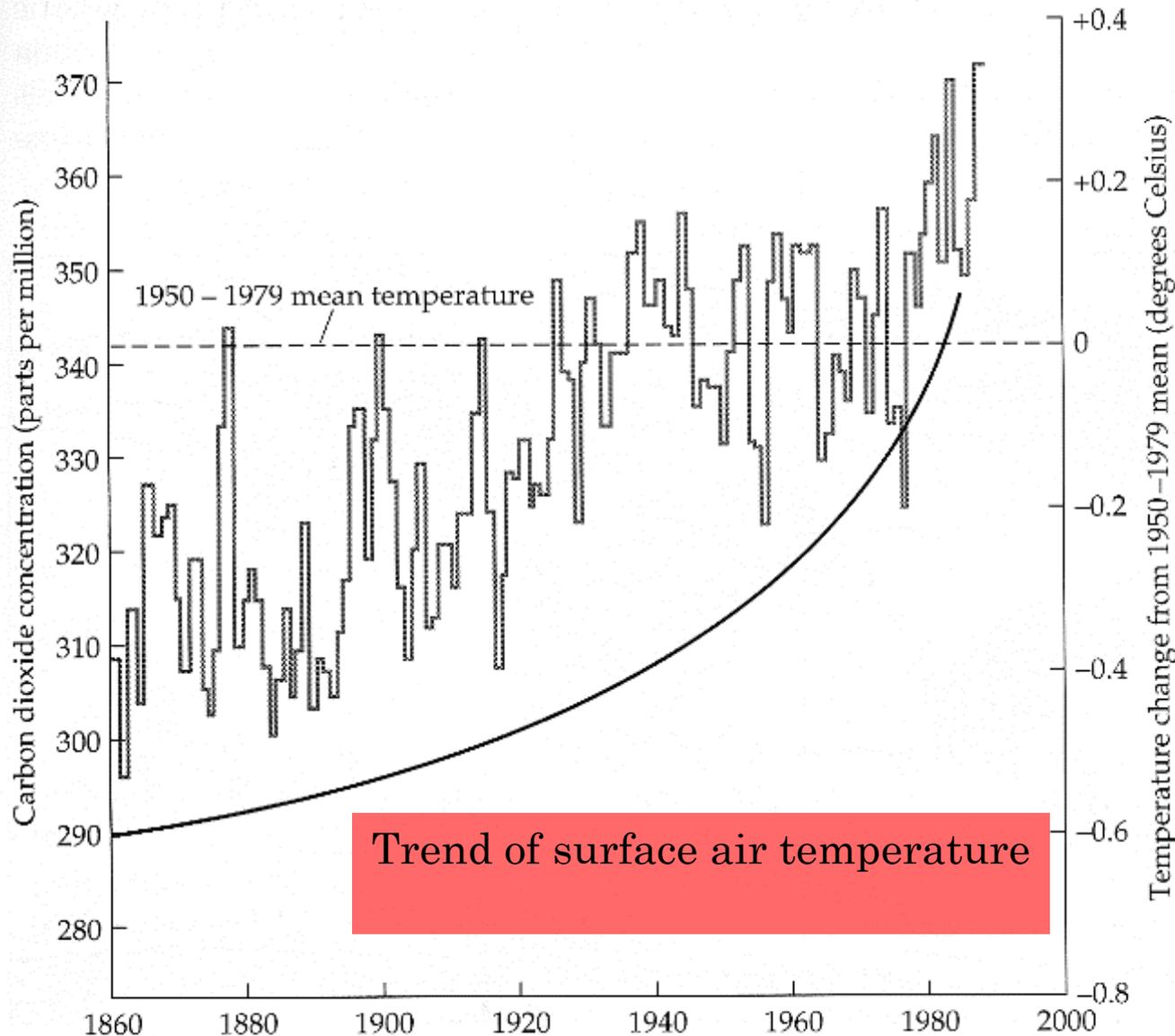
A herd of deer is captured in motion, running across a vast, snow-covered landscape. The scene is bathed in the warm, golden light of late afternoon or early morning, which casts long, dark, and slightly blurred shadows of the animals onto the snow. The deer are scattered across the frame, some in the foreground and others further back, creating a sense of depth and movement. The snow is uneven, with tracks and small depressions visible, suggesting a natural, perhaps winter, environment.

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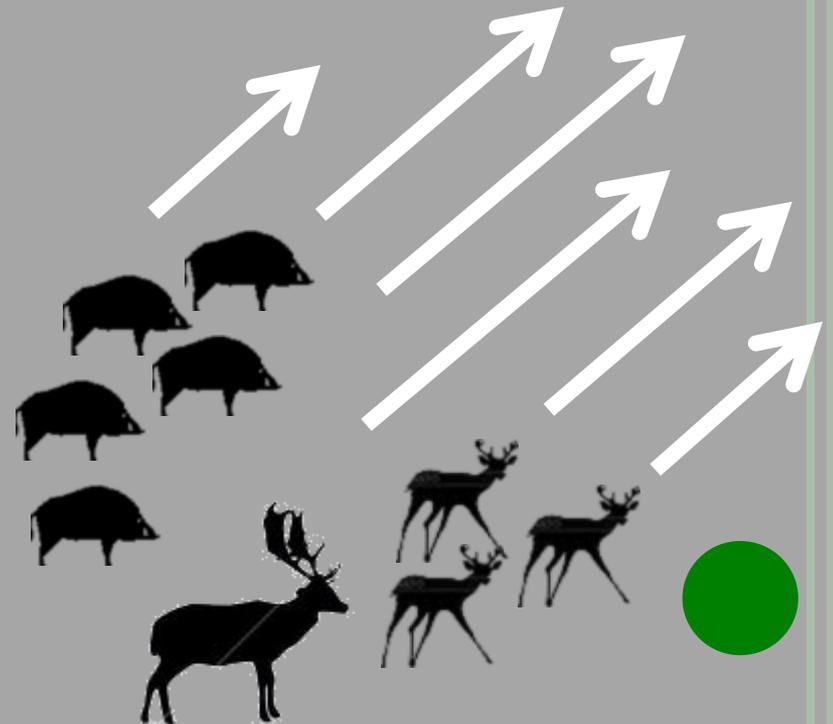
# 1 - CLIMATE CHANGES AND THEIR EFFECTS ON LARGE HERBIVORE POPULATIONS



**Figure 9.25** During the last 130 years, carbon dioxide concentrations (black curve) and other greenhouse gases in the lower atmosphere have been steadily increasing as a result of human activities. There is also evidence of a global increase in surface air temperatures. Most scientists now believe that the observed temperature increases (the “skyline”) are being caused by these increased concentrations of greenhouse gases. (From Schneider 1989.)



Temperate ungulates may profit from temperature increase and will expand their range northwards



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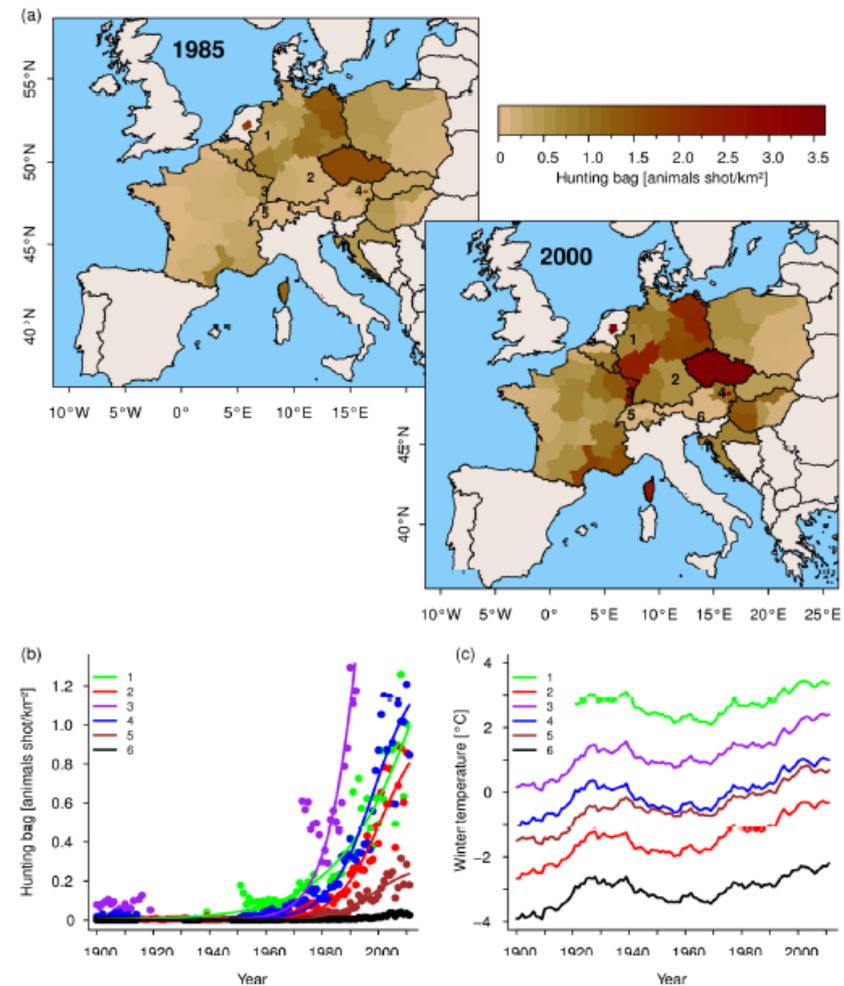


# What Is a Mild Winter? Regional Differences in Within-Species Responses to Climate Change

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**Figure 1 Increase of European wild boar populations and mean winter temperatures. (a)** Color-coded wild boar densities in various regions 1985 and 2005, respectively. For six exemplary regions time courses of wild boar hunting bags (b) as well as corresponding changes in long-term mean winter temperatures (30-year means, 1973-2002) (c) are shown: 1 = North-Rhine Westphalia (DE), 2 = Bavaria (DE), 3 = Alsace (FR), 4 = Lower Austria (AT), 5 = Espace Mittelland (CH), 6 = Carinthia (AT).

# Mismatch Between Birth Date and Vegetation Phenology Slows the Demography of Roe Deer

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## Abstract

Marked impacts of climate change on biodiversity have frequently been demonstrated, including temperature-related shifts in phenology and life-history traits. One potential major impact of climate change is the modification of synchronization between the phenology of different trophic levels. High phenotypic plasticity in laying date has allowed many bird species to track the increasingly early springs resulting from recent environmental change, but although changes in the timing of reproduction have been well studied in birds, these questions have only recently been addressed in mammals. To track peak resource availability, large herbivores like roe deer, with a widespread distribution across Europe, should also modify their life-history schedule in response to changes in vegetation phenology over time. In this study, we analysed the influence of climate change on the timing of roe deer births and the consequences for population demography and individual fitness. Our study provides a rare quantification of the demographic costs associated with the failure of a species to modify its phenology in response to a changing world. Given these fitness costs, the lack of response of roe deer birth dates to match the increasingly earlier onset of spring is in stark contrast with the marked phenotypic responses to climate change reported in many other mammals. We suggest that the lack of phenotypic plasticity in birth timing in roe deer is linked to its inability to track environmental cues of variation in resource availability for the timing of parturition.





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## EARLY ONSET OF VEGETATION GROWTH VS. RAPID GREEN-UP: IMPACTS ON JUVENILE MOUNTAIN UNGULATES

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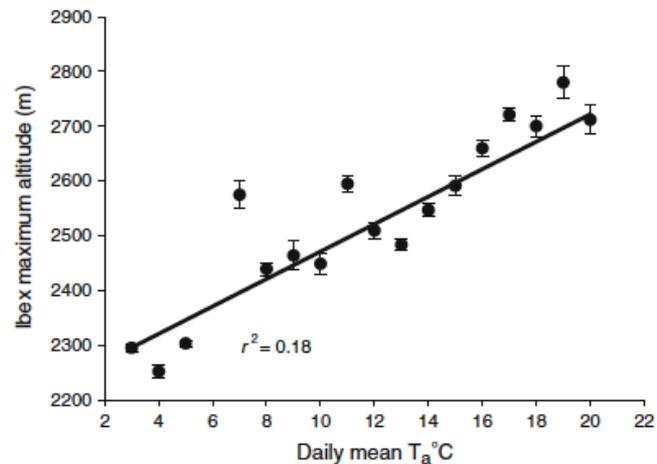
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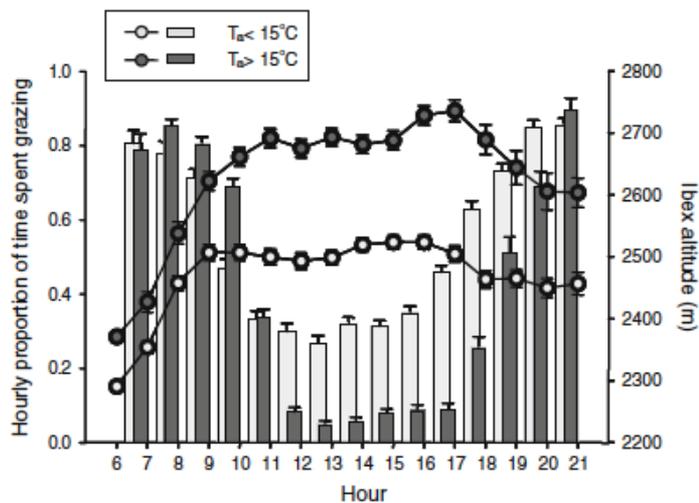
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## Temperature constraints on foraging behaviour of male Alpine ibex (*Capra ibex*) in summer

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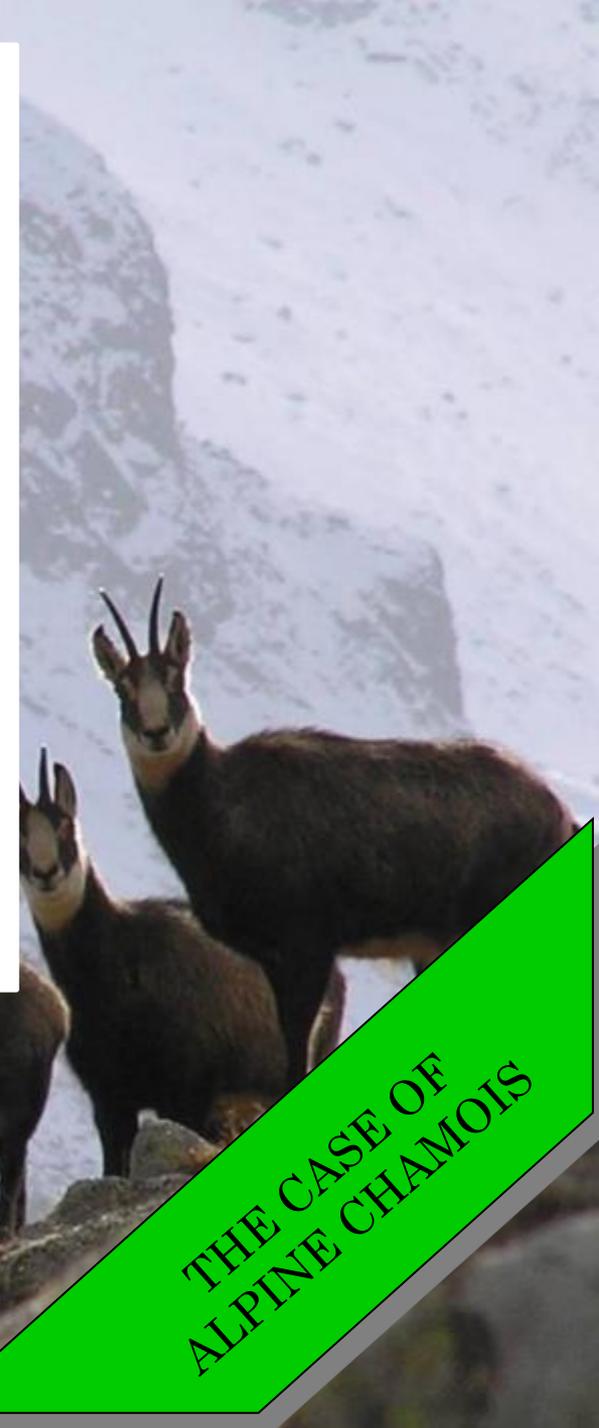
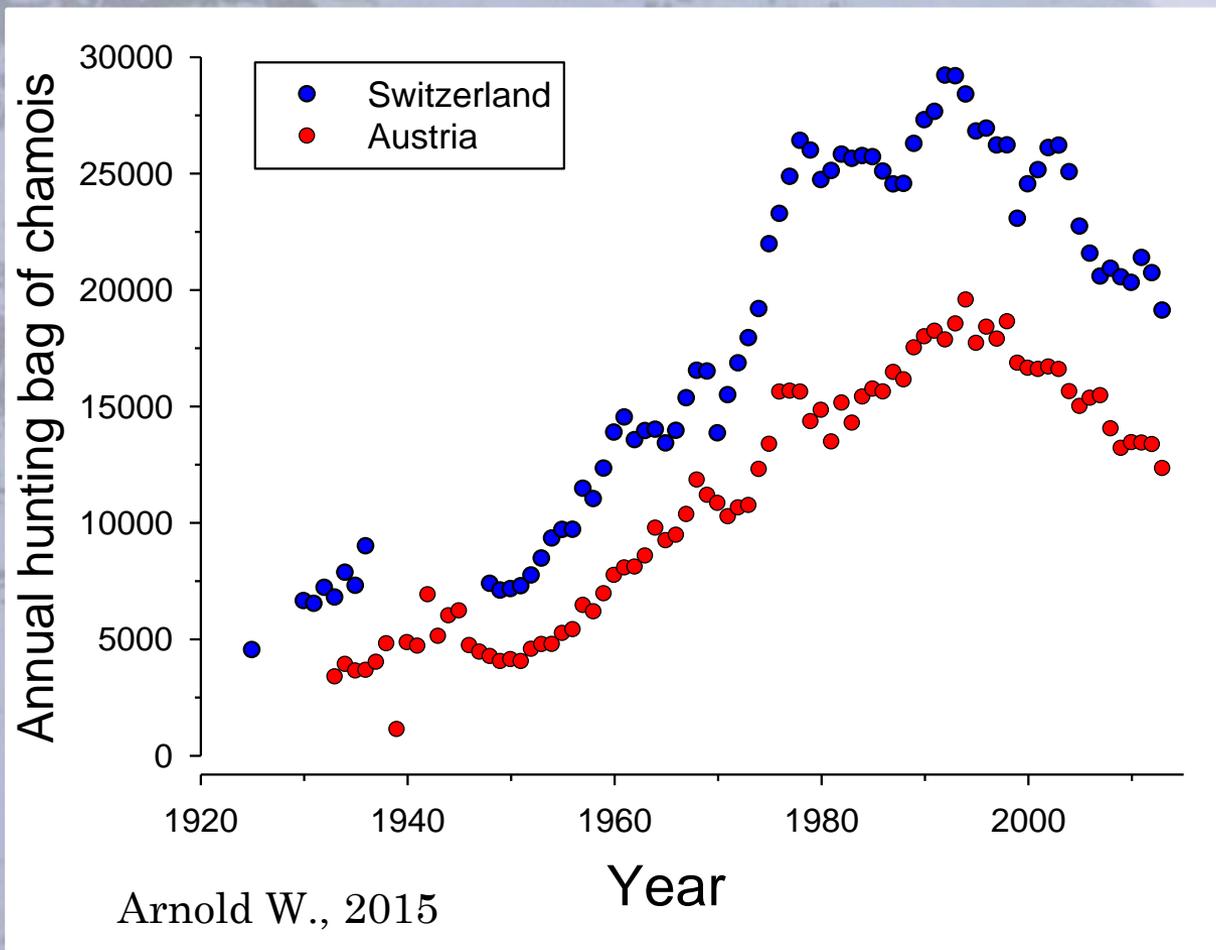
**Fig. 3** Mean daily maximum altitude ( $\pm$ SE) reached by male Alpine ibex under different ambient temperature ( $T_a$ ) conditions in their summer range in 2003–2004, Levionaz, Italy. Although points show averages for each degree, the  $r^2$  and the regression line are for all observations



**Fig. 1** Mean  $\pm$  SE hourly proportion of time spent grazing (histograms) and mean  $\pm$  SE hourly altitude (circles) of male Alpine ibex between 06:00 and 21:00 h for days when mean ambient temperature ( $T_a$ ) was below (light grey) and above (dark grey) 15°C. Data from summers 2003–2004 at Levionaz, Italy



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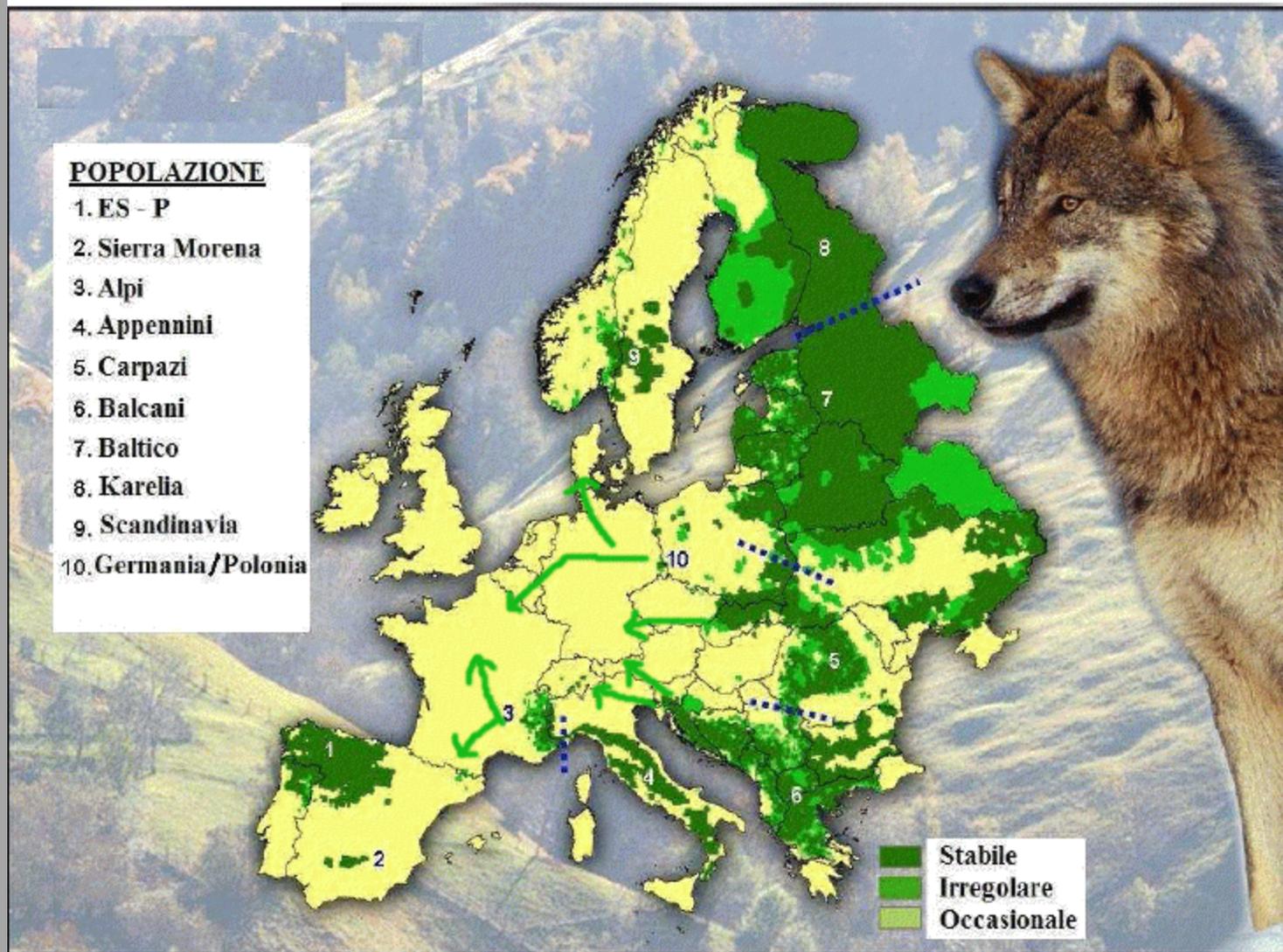
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## 2 -THE INCREASE IN NUMBER AND DISTRIBUTION OF LARGE CARNIVORES AND THEIR IMPACT ON LARGE HERBIVORES



The impact of large carnivore on ungulates may be substantial in Northern latitudes and negligible in Southern more productive areas

*Fig. 1.1 – Distribuzione del lupo in Europa (LCIE, modificata)*

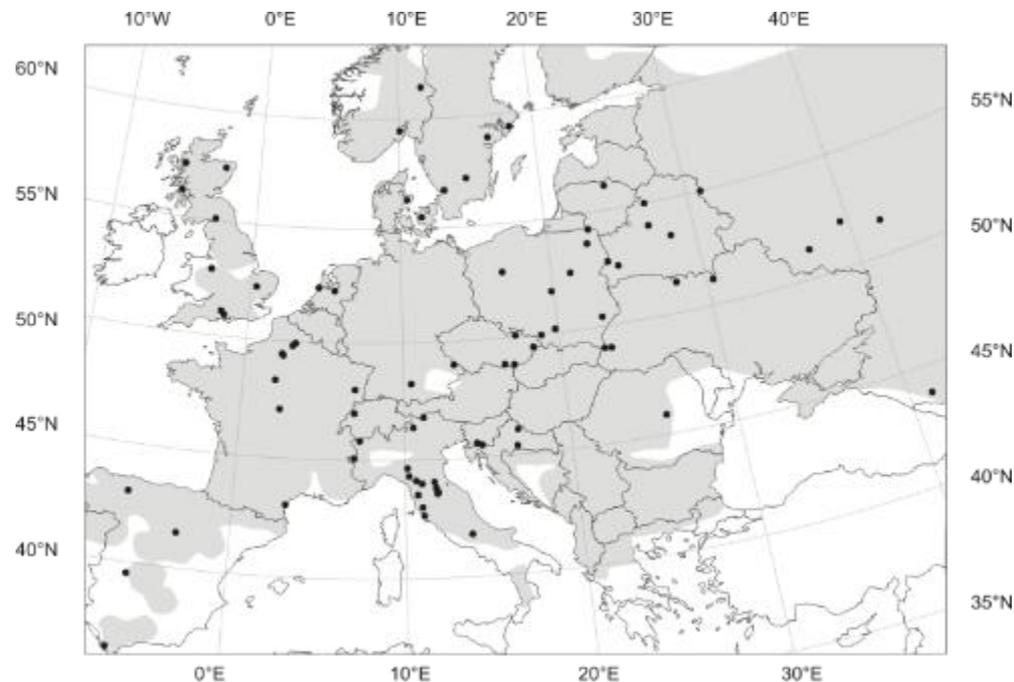


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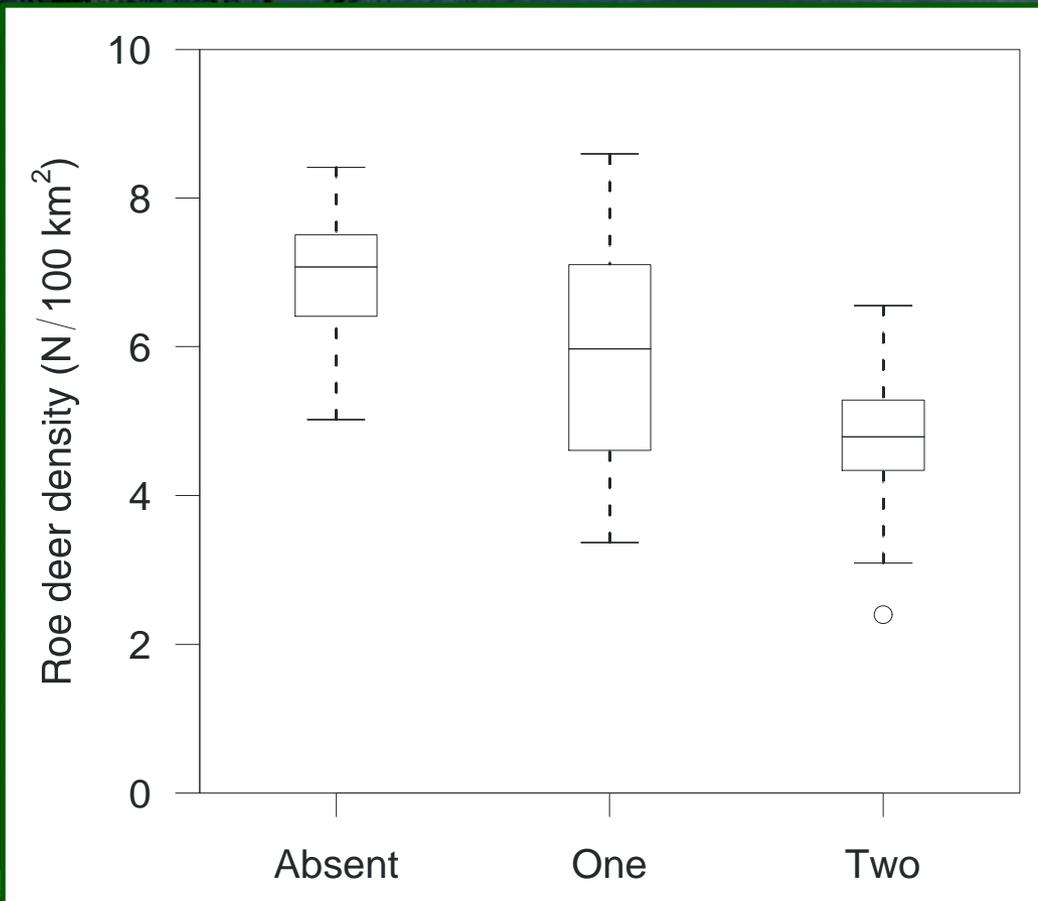


## Predation has a greater impact in less productive environments: variation in roe deer, *Capreolus capreolus*, population density across Europe

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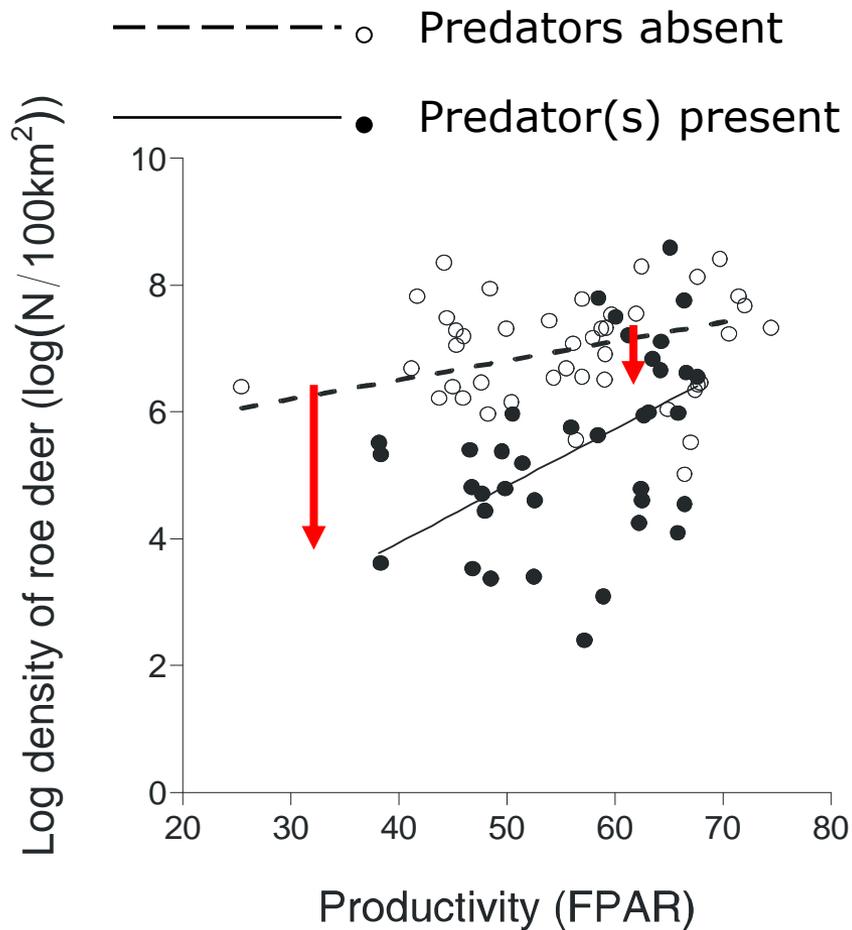


# Densities of roe deer (log-transformed) in populations subject to varying predation impact



Predators

# Population density of roe deer in relation to vegetation productivity

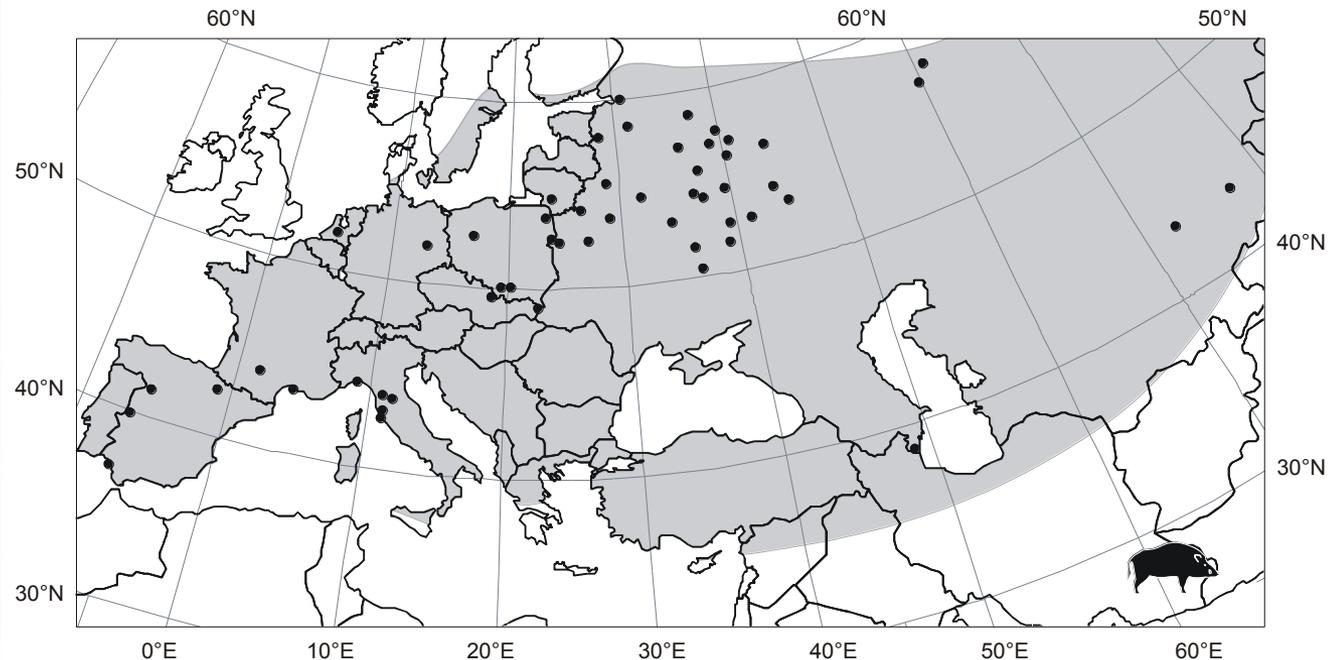


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## Biogeographical variation in the population density of wild boar (*Sus scrofa*) in western Eurasia

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# Predation by wolves has a weak limiting effect on populations of wild boar

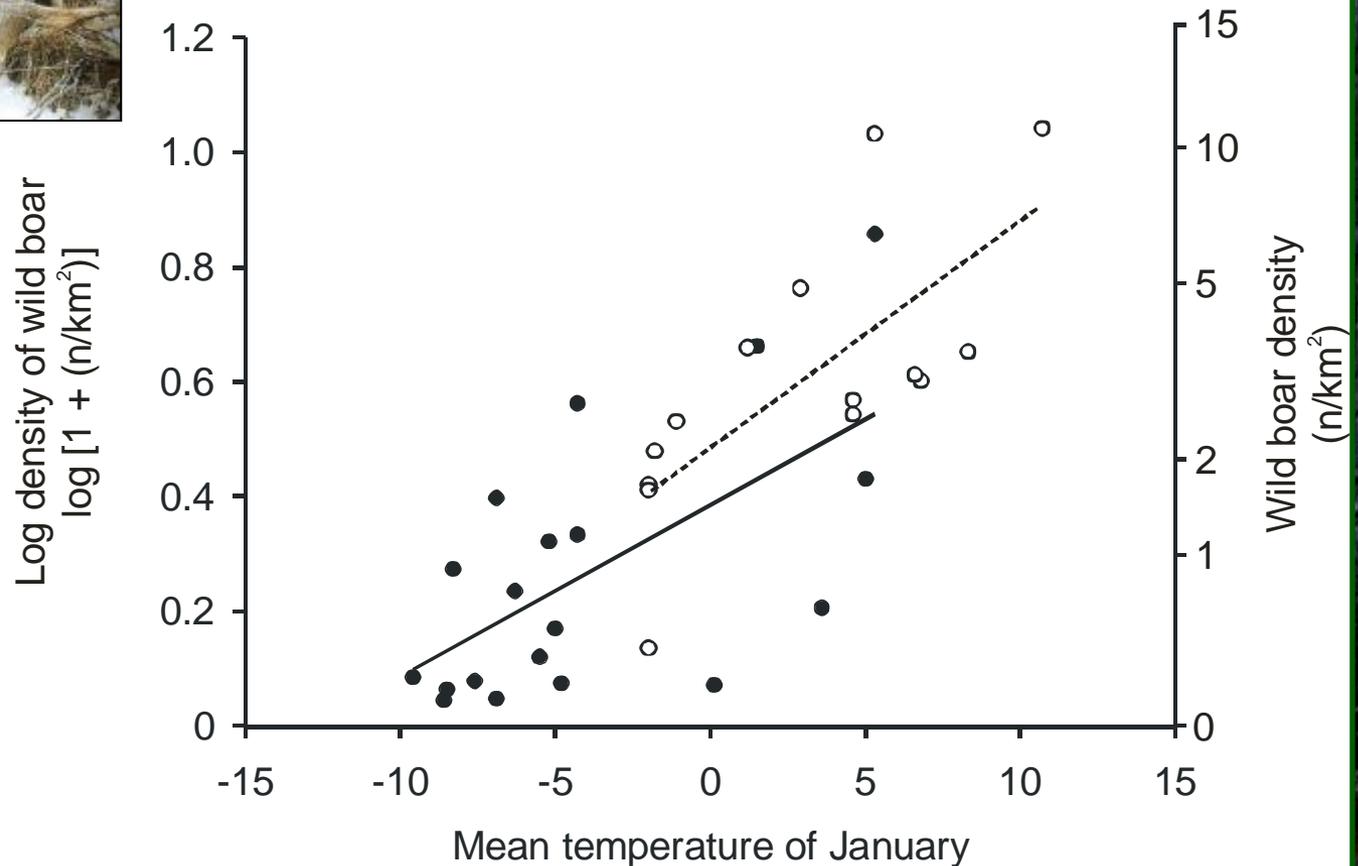


—●— Wolf present

$\text{LogDens} = 0.030 \text{ Temp} + 0.386$ ,  $N = 19$ ,  $R^2 = 0.377$ ,  $p = 0.005$

- -○- - Wolf absent

$\text{LogDens} = 0.039 \text{ Temp} + 0.487$ ,  $N = 15$ ,  $R^2 = 0.512$ ,  $p = 0.004$



### 3 - CHANGES IN LAND USE PATTERNS AND PRIORITIES ACROSS EUROPE AND ECOSYSTEMS DYNAMICS





**PAN EUROPEAN COOPERATION IN UNGULATE  
MANAGEMENT IS NEEDED**

**Thanks for attention**

