

From the global to the local - can we find a blueprint for coexistence?



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Science and visions



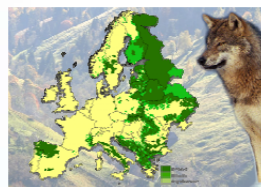
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Where are we today?



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The origin of the problem 1



Carnivores eat meat!

Challenge 1 = Livestock



Challenge 2 = Game species

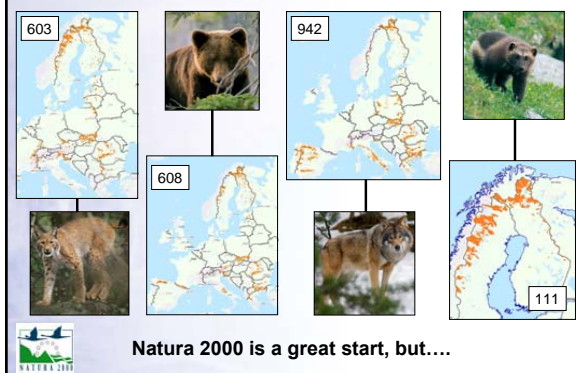


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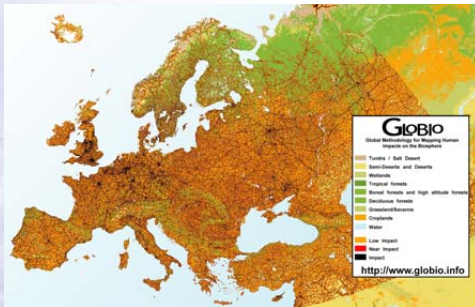


Carnivores move – they need space

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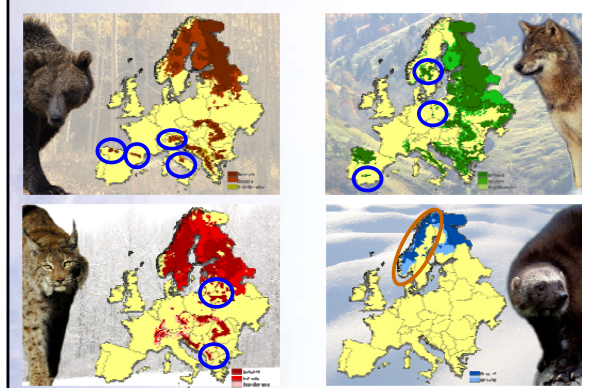
.... large carnivores are species of the matrix

Challenge 3: Infrastructure



Infrastructure is a cause of fragmentation and mortality

Challenge 4: Small populations



Challenge 5: Thinking big



The challenge of thinking big – large scale

- Coordination between sectors
- Coordination between administrations
- All Europeans are stakeholders in each other's heritage

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Good governance – taking into account the needs of the local

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The failure of governance can be serious

Challenge 6: Prejudice

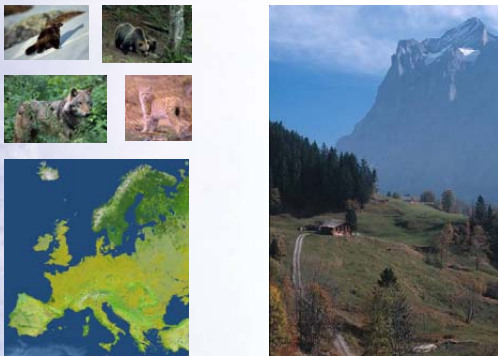


Extreme prejudice still exists – with extreme results

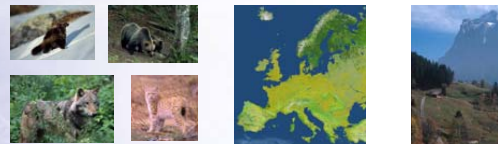
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- Must accept that we can have large carnivores back – we have the habitat – even in our crowded continent
- Can we build a will to want them back?
- A vision of reintegrating large carnivores into the fabric of a modern European landscape
- It's a big vision, and a new experiment in historical terms

Solution: Choose our methods



Solution: The middle road



Solution: The ingredients

Flexibility of approach

- Pragmatic and locally adapted
- Conservation vs protection
- Realism about carnivore habitat requirements
- Good governance – local participation – global context

Robustness of application

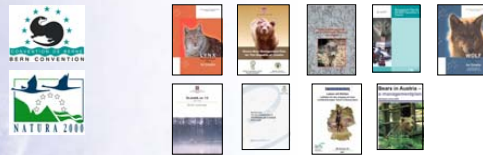
- Solid science behind management and monitoring
- Manage at appropriate spatial scales
- Concrete plans, clear targets

Realism of expectations

- Limits of our ability to control nature – carnivores are wild
- Need to be proactive with conflict mitigation – and manage!

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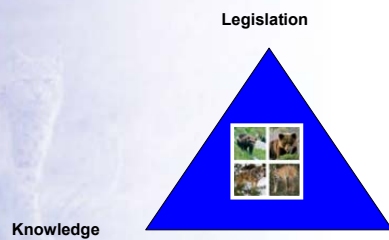


- We have a lot of detailed knowledge, and its growing



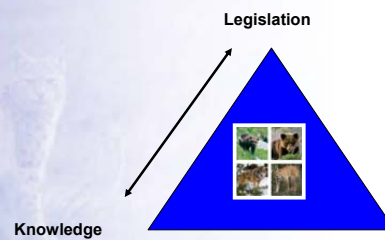
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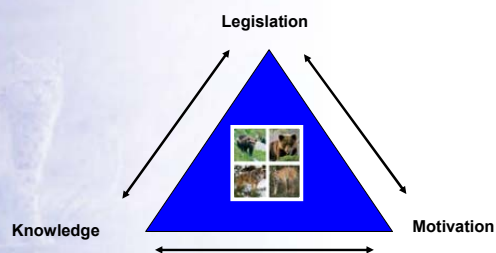
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- Do we have the motivation for conservation?



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(However, never forget that "society" is far from homogenous!)

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