



# Hunters' Perceptions of Large Carnivores in Europe

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# Structure of Presentation

- Introduction to FACE
- Hunters & Large Carnivores
- Perceptions
- Management of Large Carnivores
- Sustainable Hunting
- Involving Hunters in Management of Large Carnivores





- Founded in 1977
- Represents the interests of Member Associations from 36 European countries.
- Members of IUCN since 1987
- Secretariat Based in Brussels
- 7 million hunters for conservation in Europe





# Hunters & Large Carnivores

**Large carnivores are a part of the Fauna**

**Majority accepts large carnivores (LC)**

**Conflicts LC and domestic animals**

**Conflicts LC and hunting**





# **The value of hunting - Sweden**

**300 000 hunters**

**Hunts on an average 26 days/year**

**Hunting in Sweden "worth" 350 000 000 EURO annually**

**Four percent of meat consumption**

**200 000 hunting dogs**

**Hunting is for everyone**

**Conflicts hunters – dogs – forestry – large carnivores**



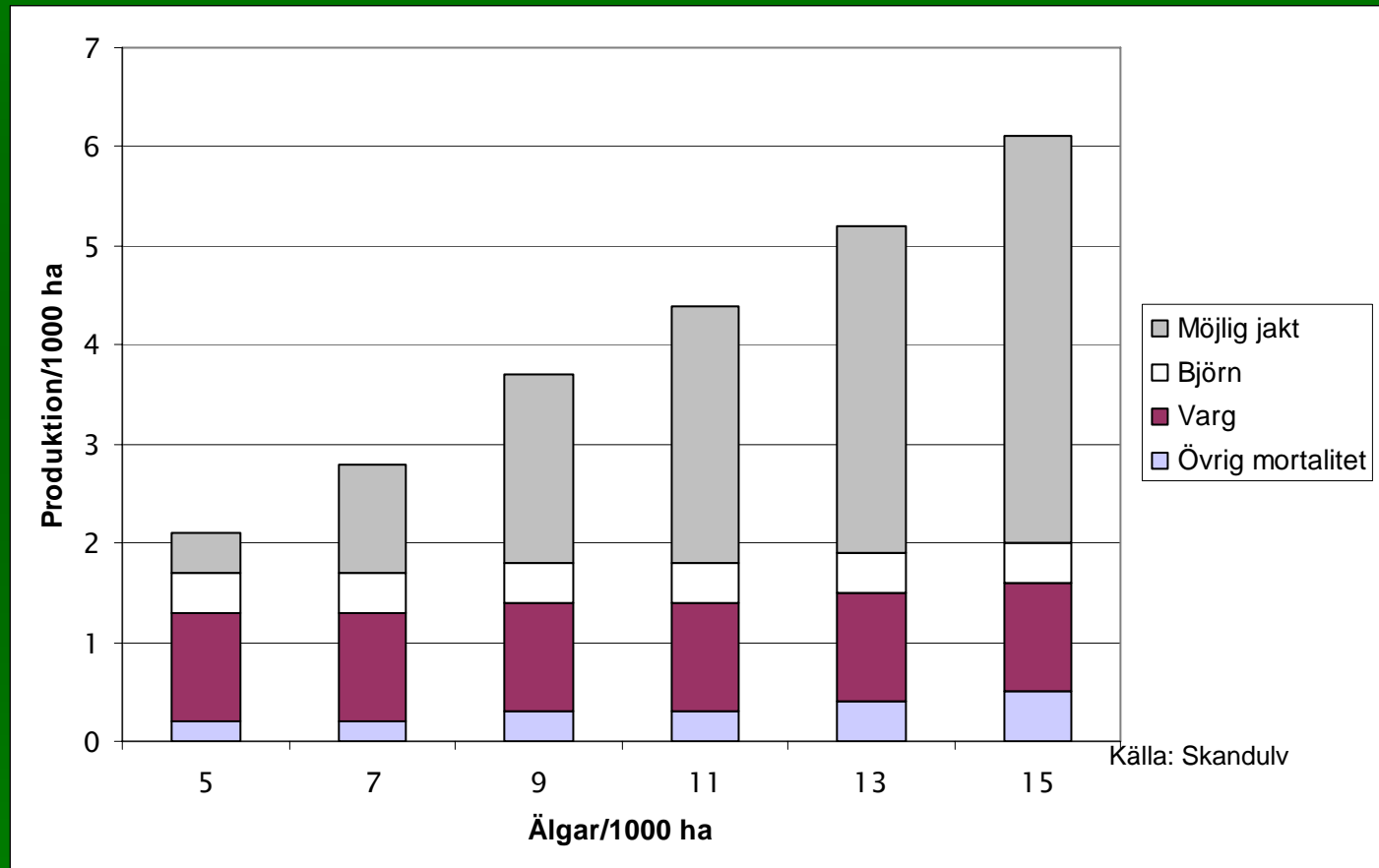
# Interaction wolf, moose. forestry and hunters



## Varg, älg, skogsbruk och jägare



# Moose population - Wolves, bears and hunters

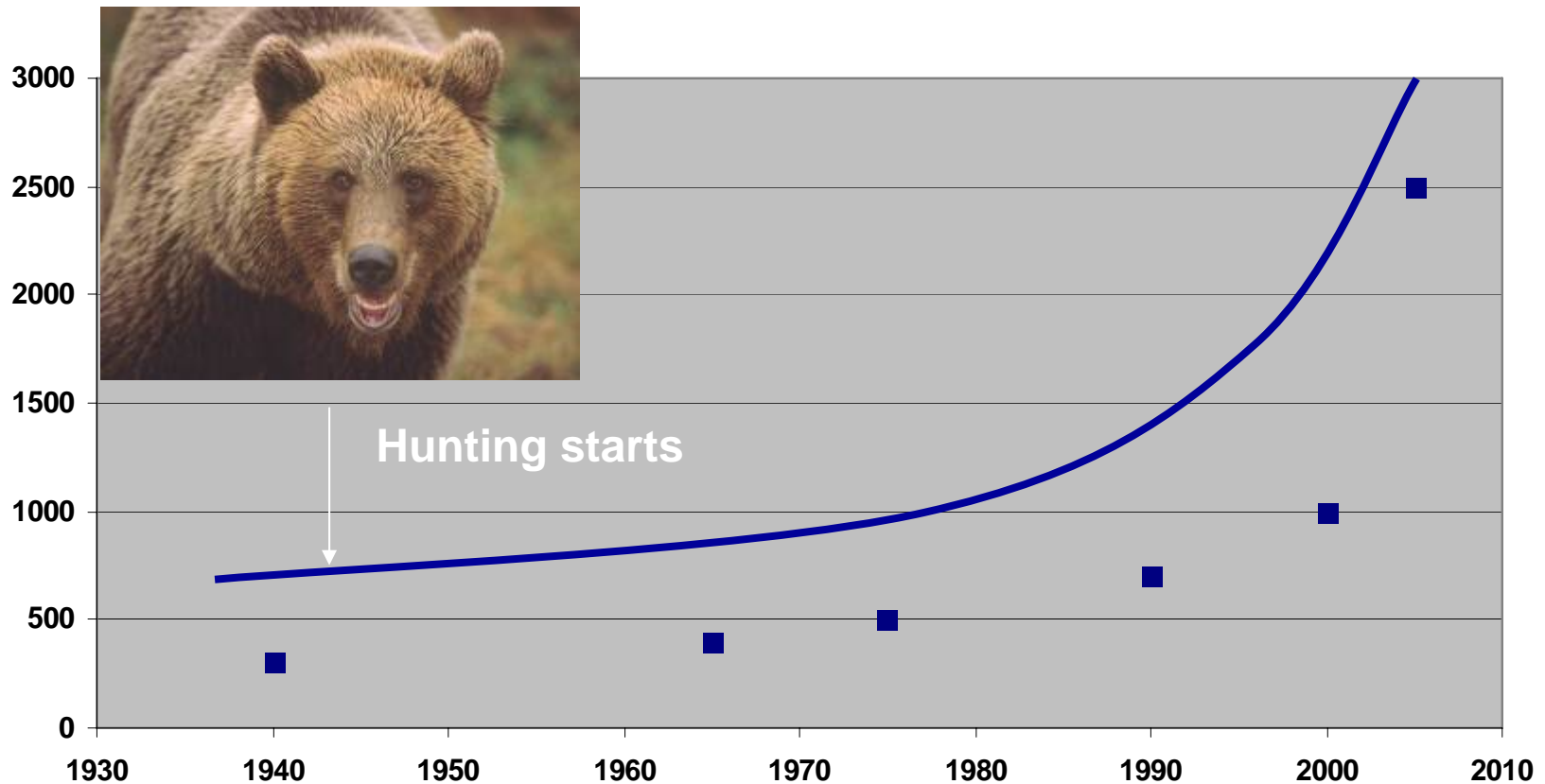






# Hunters & Large Carnivores

## Brown bear in Sweden







# Large Carnivore Management

- Brown bear Sweden good example
- Increasing population since 1943
- Active management/hunting
- Generally accepted
- Local problems
- Reduction needed some areas
- Accepted by LCIE?





# Hunters & Large Carnivores

och grovt  
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22-åring-  
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n efter  
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arbetningen.

Stadsvik till Salsheid. Halm.

DAN NILSSON



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Polisen fann uppriven mossa och björnsplinning i närheten av Valsjöbyn där mannen omkom.

## Björn dödade 60-årig älgjägare

**En älgjägare i 60-årsåldern hittades avliden i Jämtland i går morse. Den troliga förklaringen är att han dödades av en björn. Nu letar naturbevakare efter björnen för att skjuta den.**

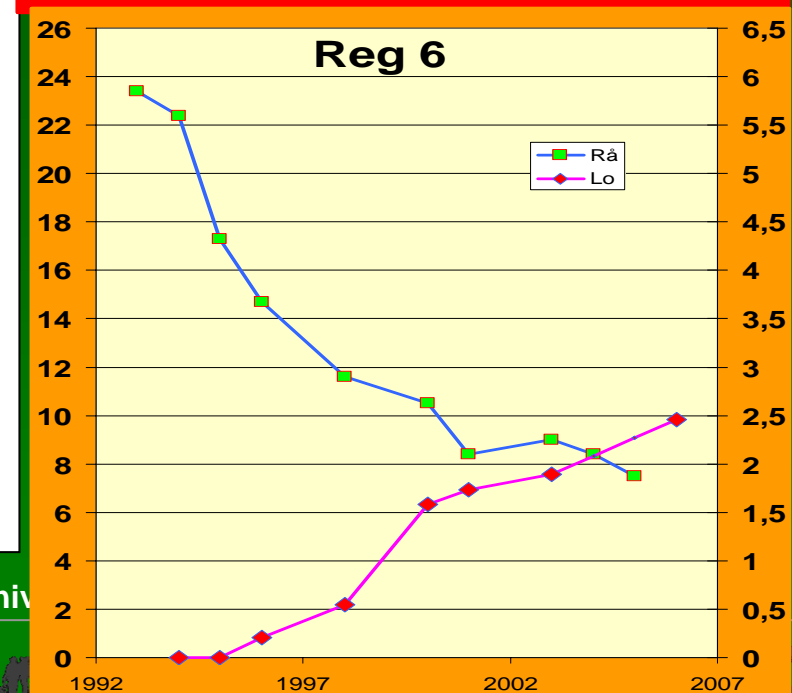
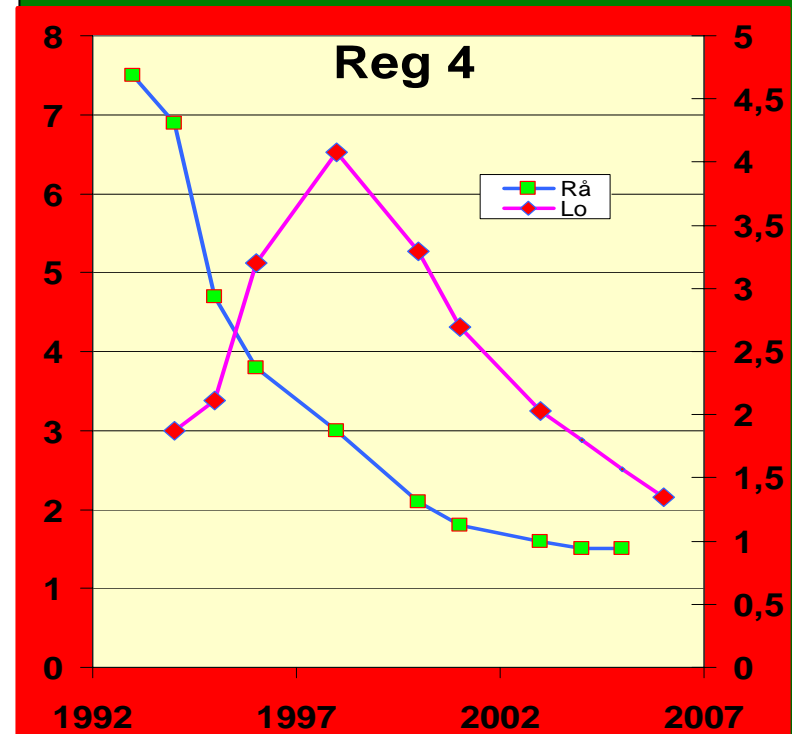
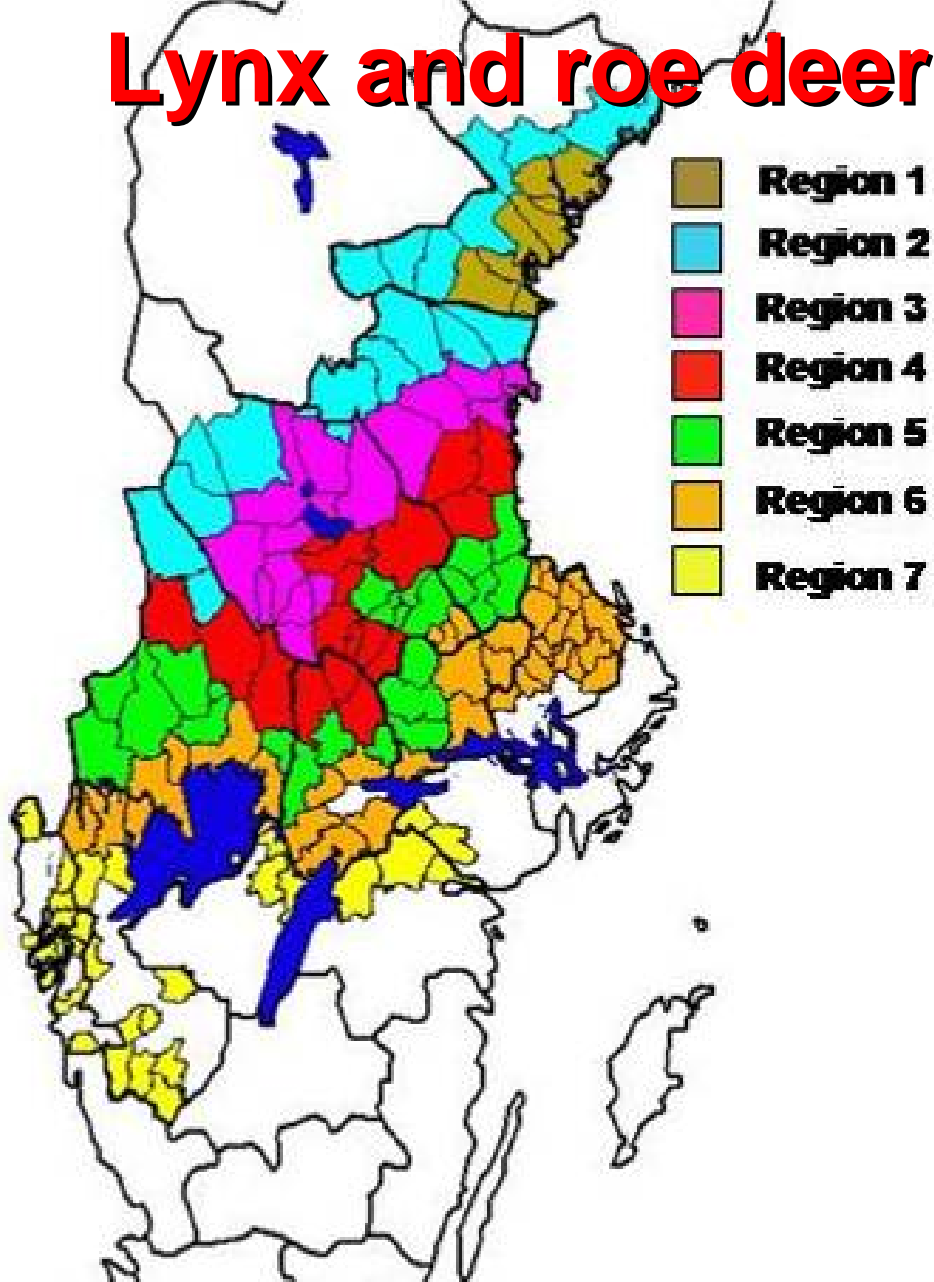
till att hitta rätt björn. Vi har naturverkare från Länsstyrelsen som leder eftersökningen, säger Margit Fryklund vid polisen i Östersund.

Björnanfall som lett till döden är

riktade förra månaden skarp kritik mot Jämtlands björnjägare. Enligt honom hade de, på grund av slarv eller nervositet, bara lyckats döda hälften av de beskjutna djuren.



# Lynx and roe deer



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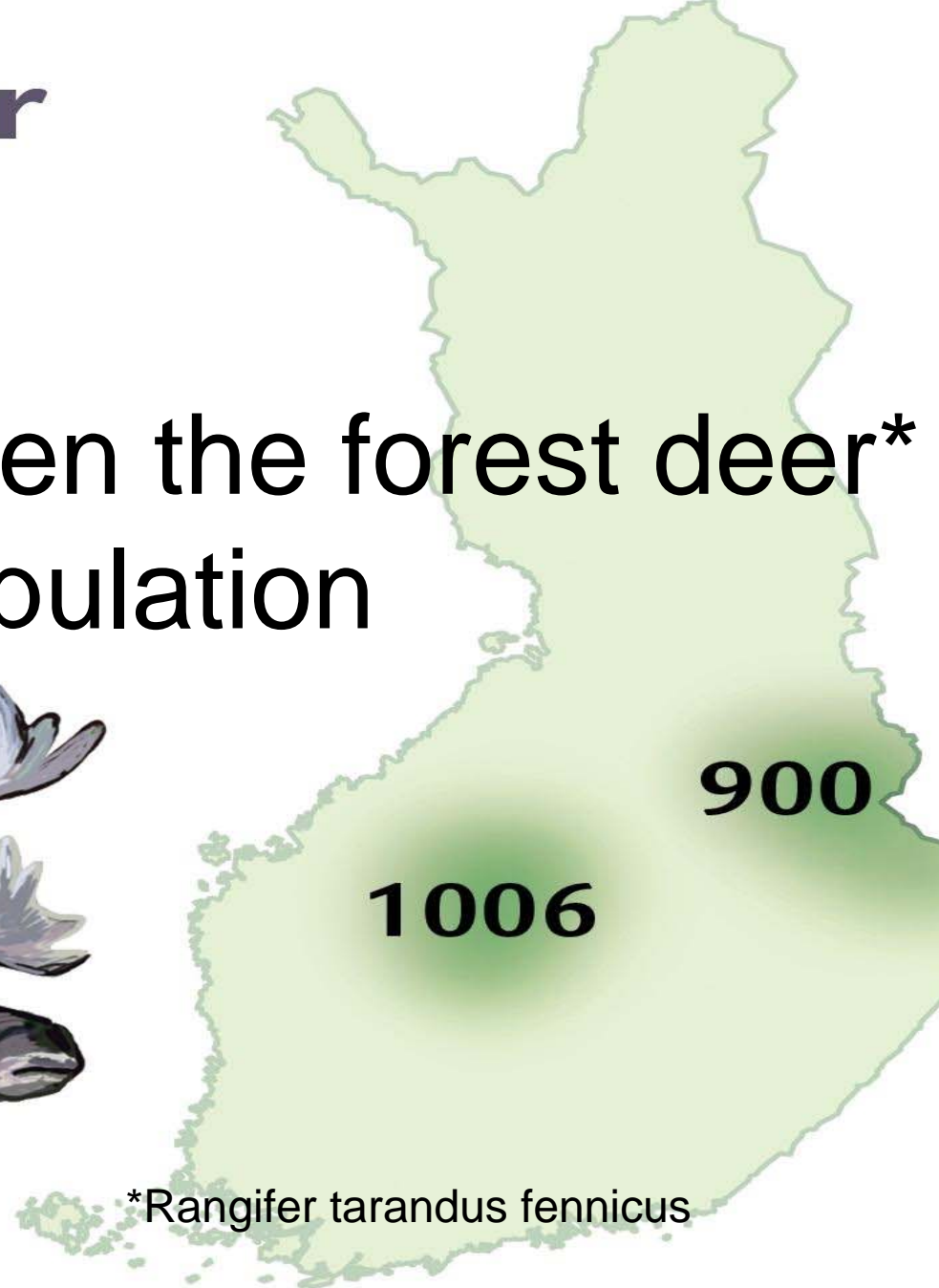
Conflicts with wolves mainly includes livestock, dogs and moose





# Forest Deer in Finland

Wolves threaten the forest deer\*  
population



\*Rangifer tarandus fennicus



# Hunters & Large Carnivores

- FACE Position Paper
  - Management Strategy
  - Conflict Resolution
  - Stakeholder Involvement
  - Flexibility

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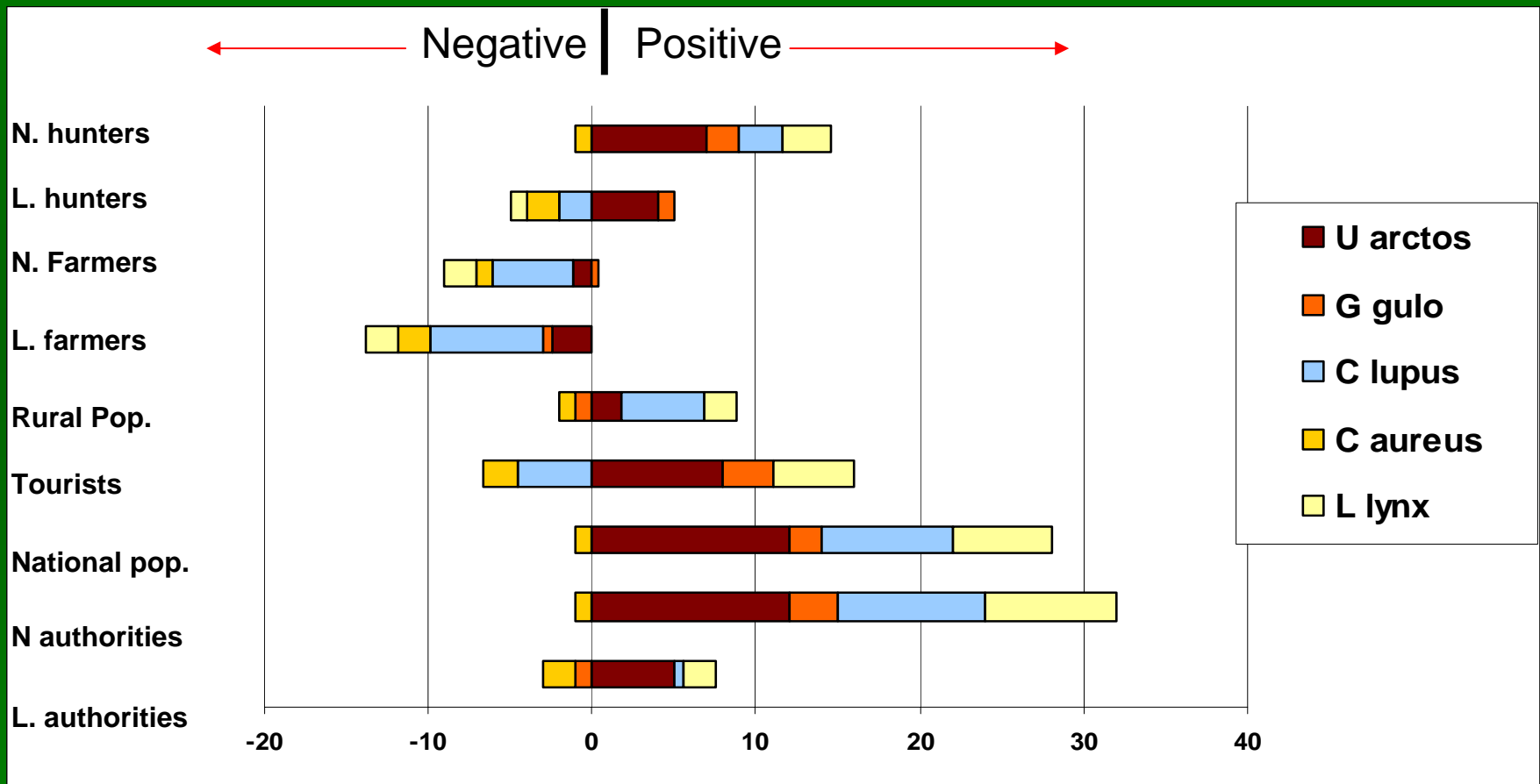
# National Hunters Associations Perceptions towards Large Carnivores

- Surveying Perceptions of Members
  - Survey of all Members with Large Carnivores
  - 60% response rate
  - Snapshot of national perceptions.
  - Wider surveys required, especially at local levels!





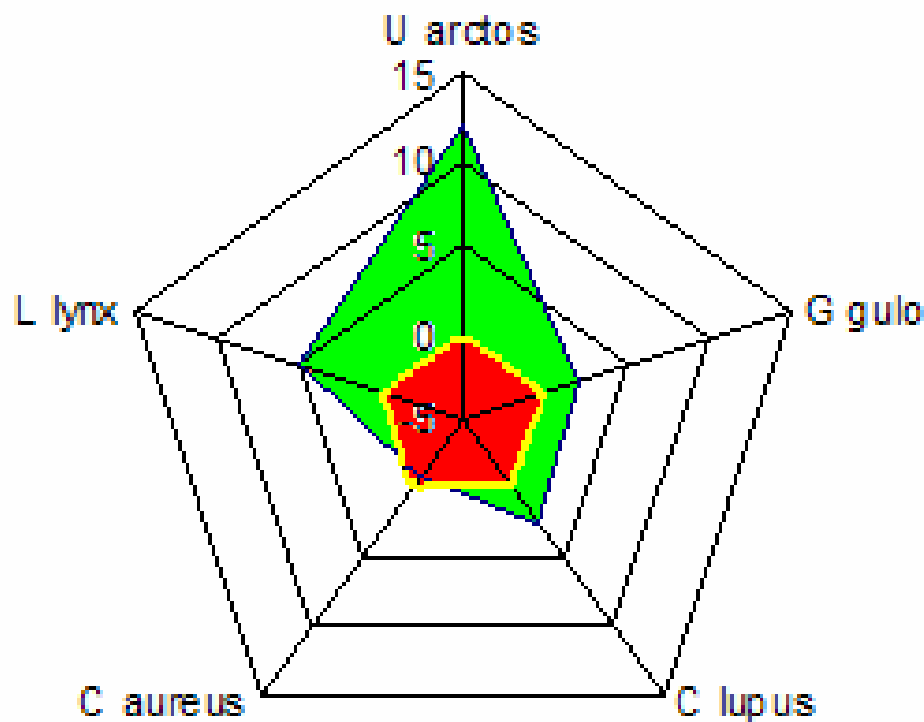
# Stakeholder Perceptions of Species







# National Hunters Associations Perceptions towards Large Carnivores





# Hunting as a tool for Conservation

## European Charter on Hunting & Biodiversity

- 12 Key Principles
- Non-binding but actively promoted by the community of hunters.
- Important tool to promote sustainable hunting, dialogue and the involvement of hunters in biodiversity management.





# Comments: Guidelines for Population Level Management Plans for Large Carnivores

1. Hunters in general Positive to Regional management
2. Cross border management must be enforced
3. Important management at regional level – Not as habitat directive National Level
4. PVA – Adaptive management
5. Not all populations shall increase for ever! Reduction is sometimes needed.
6. Conflicts can arise with LC and other protected species





# Concluding Remarks

## FACE welcomes LCIE

- Definition FCS is preferable
- Regional management
- Freedom within Frames
- Management must include local views, local people and hunters. Solve conflicts
- More pragmatic management at regional level
- Conservation by people; **Not Conservation against people**





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