



Living with wild boar and wolf in the Apennine mountains

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OBJECTIVES

- Describe Monti Sibillini National Park
 pluri-annual programs about:
 1) Wild Boar Management
 (the first performed in Italy on wild boar in a NP)
 2) Wolf Monitoring and Conflict Prevention
- and discuss about their integration

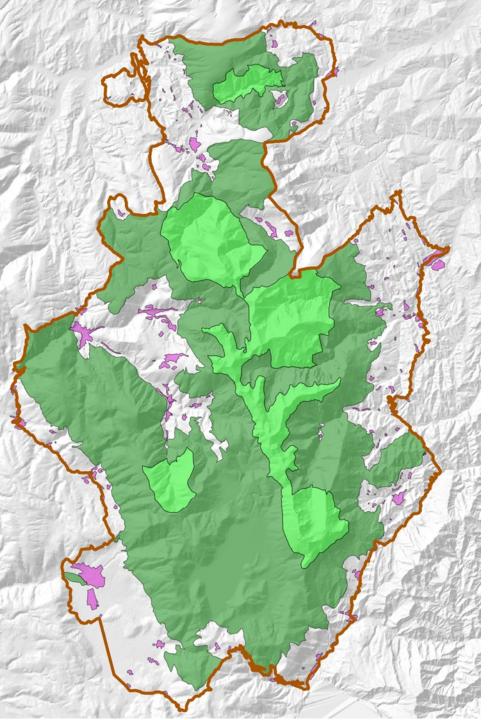
TOPICS

Territory of Monti Sibillini National Park

Wild boars within Monti Sibillini National Park

Wolves within Monti Sibillini National Park

Short term and medium term strategies



Monti Sibillini National Park Territory



Since: 1993 Surface: about 700 km2 About 13,200 people Minimum altitude: 360 m asl Maximum altitude : 2,476 m asl Municipalities : 16 (Marches and Umbria)



... Landscapes ...



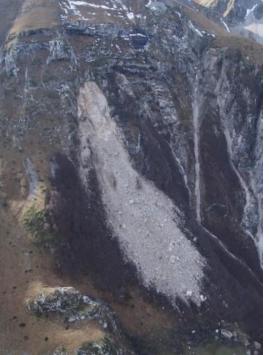












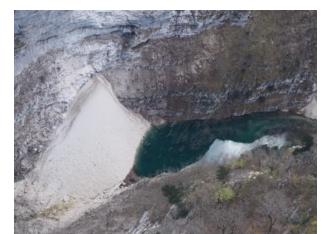
... Earthquakes ...













Wild boars within Monti Sibillini National Park



 Population assessment based on 10 consecutive counting sessions

 03/2015 about 1260
 (5 morning and 5 evening)

 03/2016 about 780
 10/2016 about 1510

 03/2017 about 1170
 (PNMS 2017)

Data from the wild boar management program

Wild boar selectors 164 chosen and trained by the park **Removed wild boars** 2014 **658** 2015 767 2016 324 **2017 (UNTIL JUNE)** 464

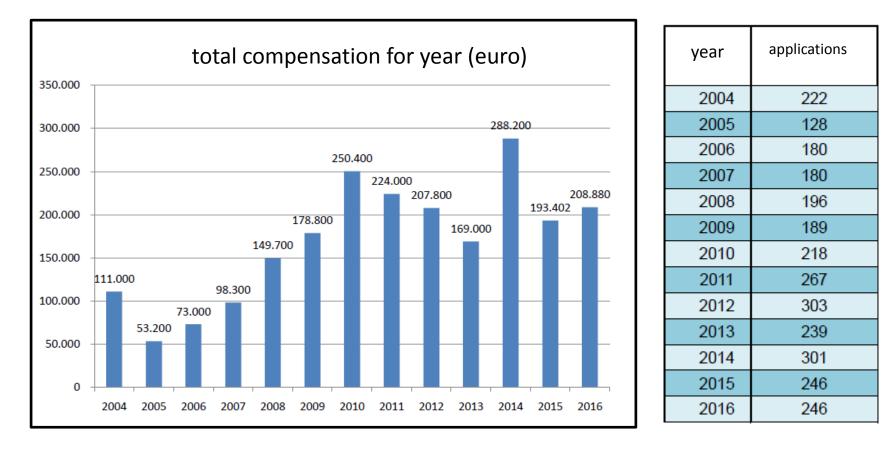
September 2016/May 2017 Days.selectors 1590 Wild boars removed 588 (PNMS 2017)

Data from the wild boar management program

January/May 2017 Wild boars captured with 3 trap (28 nights.traps) 58

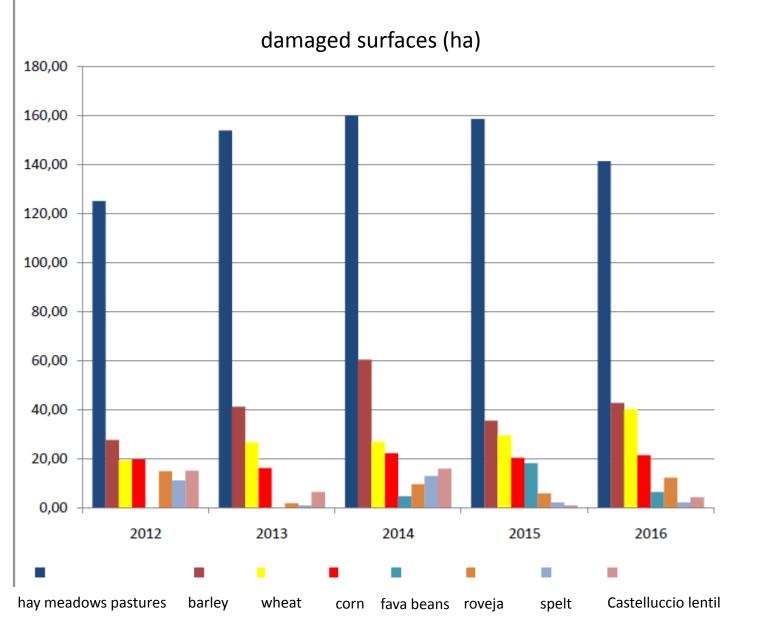


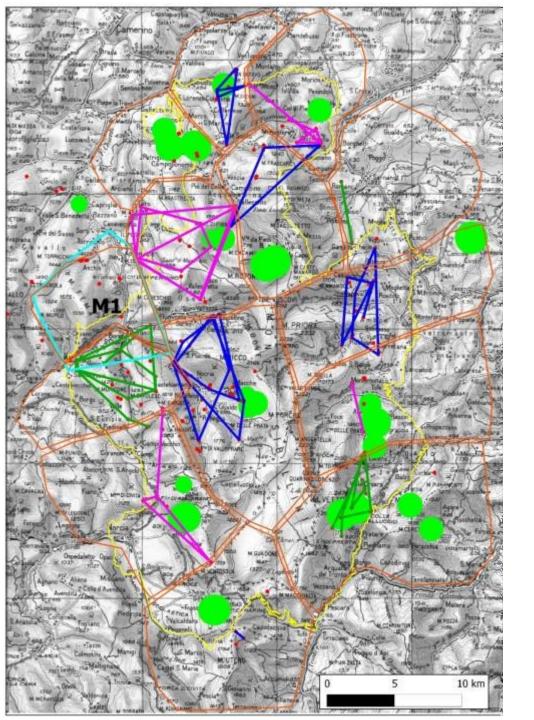
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Wolves within Monti Sibillini National Park Definition of territories and distribution

Wolf-howling

Snow-tracking

Camera-trapping

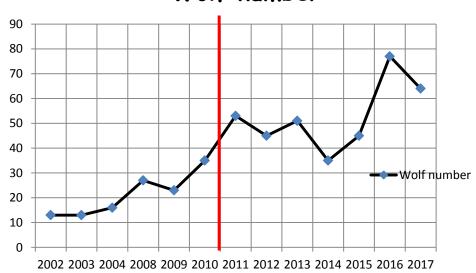
Noninvasive genetic analysis

Radio tracking

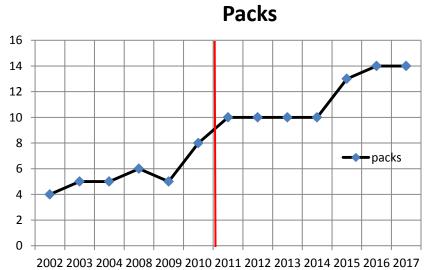
National Park researchers estimated in 2016, in a wider area of 1,200 km² including the park area, 14 packs and 64-77 individuals, these last frequenting the National Park territory for about 55%. (PNMS 2017)

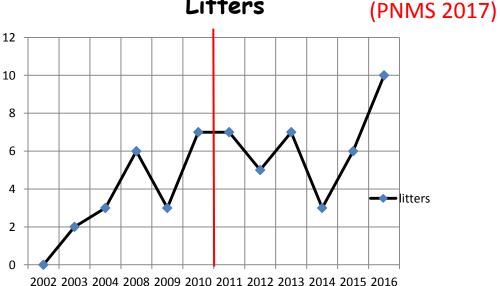
Wolves within Monti Sibillini National Park





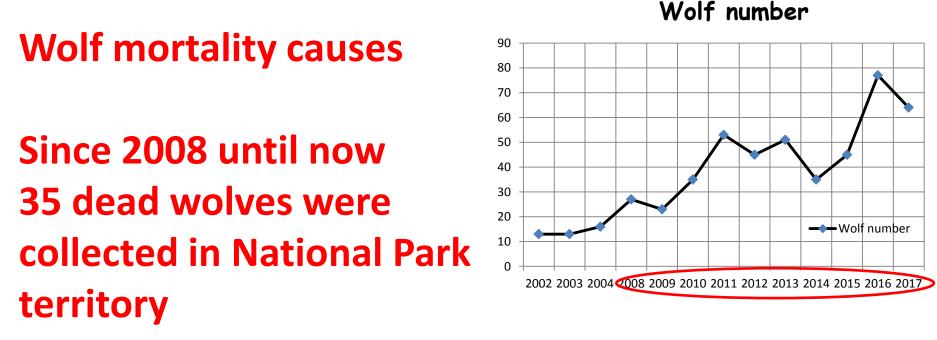
Wolf number





Litters

Wolves within Monti Sibillini National Park



16 due to poaching (by shot, toxic or snare),

- 14 due to road accident,
- 3 supposed poaching,
- 2 not diagnosed.

Data from the wolf compensation budgets

Year	total compensations (euro)		
2012	2.874		
2013	1.461		
2014	591		
2015	640		
2016	2.088	(PNMS 2017)	

No damages to the people.

Park compensation only for Umbria; for Marches compensations are paid by the region.

Some conditions to apply for compensation are

inconvenient (e.g. costs to incinerate the carcasses and dispose of the remains).

Life+ Ex-Tra project (2010-2012)

Monti Sibillini NP monitored for three years 14 farms, that received electric fence (12 breeding sheeps and/or goats, 2 breeding cows), and 1 farm which received 2 livestock guarding dogs, funded by the Life+ project





Results of electric fences installations

Farms	Damages 2007 – 2009 without electric fences		Damages 2010 – 2012 with electric fences	
	Nº attacks	Nº killed animals	Nº attacks	Nº killed animals
Farm A	4	58	2	20
Farm B	2	60	2	26
Farm C	2	57	0	0
Farm D	2	4	0	0
Farm E	1	34	1	35
Farm F	1	31	0	0
Farm G	1	29	0	0
Farm H	1	22	0	0
Farm I	1	10	0	0
Farm L	1	7	2	23
Farm M	2	4	0	0
Farm N	1	3	0	0
TOTAL	19	319	7	104
			- 63 %	- 67,4 %

What are wolves preys?

Wolf scat analysis in Majella NP

(Angelucci 2017)

years 2007-2008 517 samples collected

Wild boar 67 %

 Roe deer
 13,3%

 Red deer
 9 %

 Other
 10,7%

Winter, 250 samples Wild boar 70 % Roe deer 11 %

Red deer 11 %

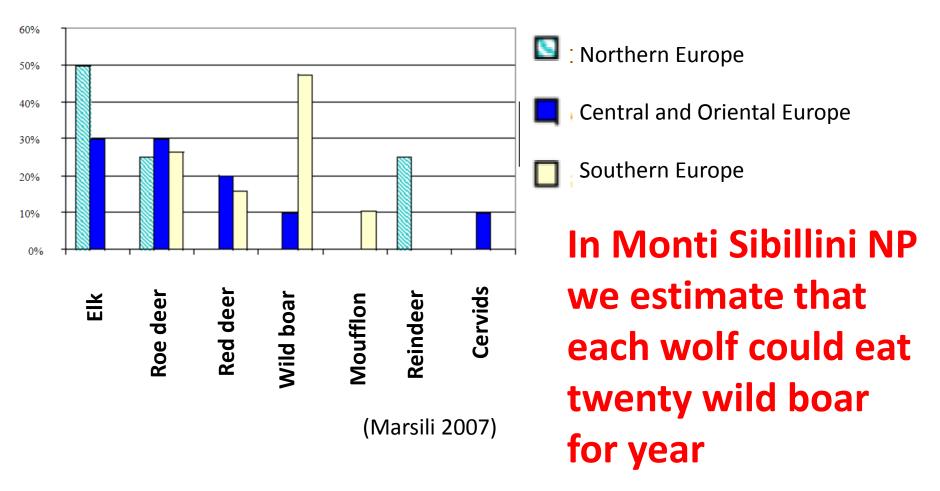
Other 15 %

Summer, 223 samples Wild boar 58 %

Roe deer15 %Red deer11 %Other16 %

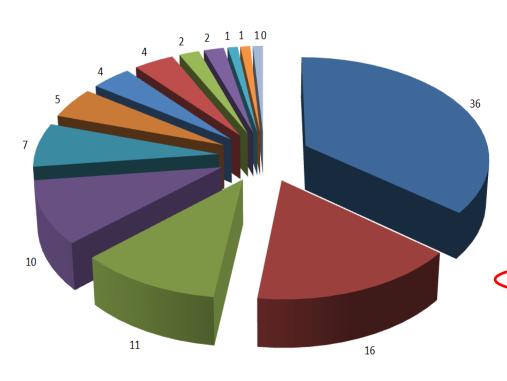
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The principal prey, when that is a wild ungulate, by Europe regions



Short term and medium term strategies

The most important management problems for a farming activity on mountain terrain (survey on 22 farmers) (Angelucci 2017)



- Problems with the product sales, low value and competitivity
- Lack of specialized staff
- Lack of livestock facilities
- High production costs (including food)
- Control of grazing livestock
- Environmental constraints for structures
- Climatic discomfort
- Poor protection by the institutions
- Land fractionation
- Wild boar damage to crops
 - Disadvantages due to the territory
 - Social isolation
 - Low prizes
 - Continuous farm management and work

Short term and medium term strategies

We are going to talk over

Observations Suggestions Integrations and Conclusions



in the next workshop steps



Thank you for your attention! Wolwes and wild boars of Monti Sibillini look forward to welcoming you!



And to proposing partnership and cooperation projects about fauna management best practices.

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