

Conference on Large Carnivores' Protection in the Carpathians
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Status of large carnivores in the Czech Republic

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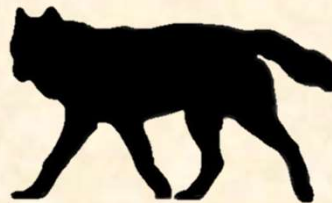
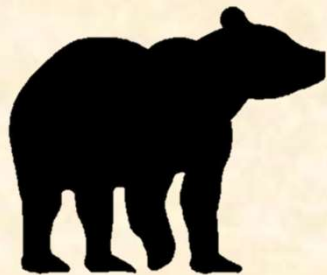
Historical distribution:

- Middle Ages - whole territory of the Czech Republic
- persecution since the 15th century:
 - livestock, sheep killing
 - fear
- turn of the 19th and 20th century:
 - last bear - 1890 Valašská Bystřice (1893 Hukvaldy?)
 - last wolf - 1914 Černý Grůň (Bukovec u Jablunkova)
 - last lynx - turn of the 19th and 20th century



Recent distribution:

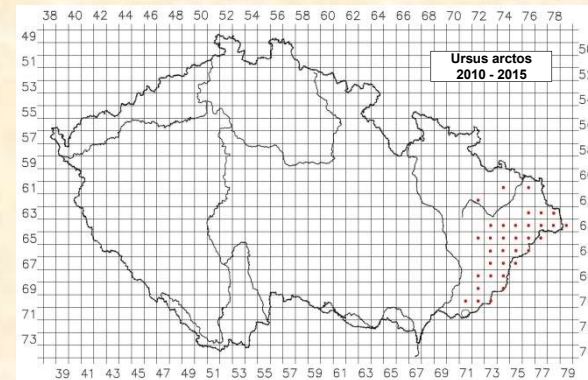
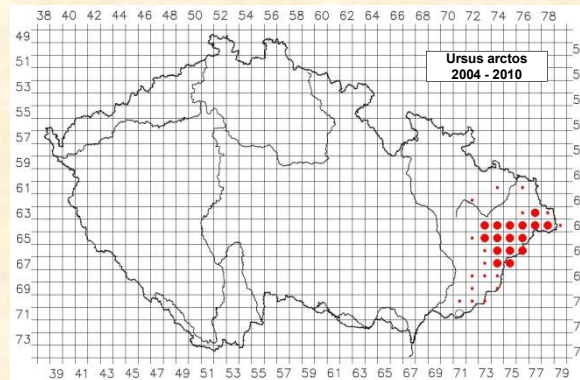
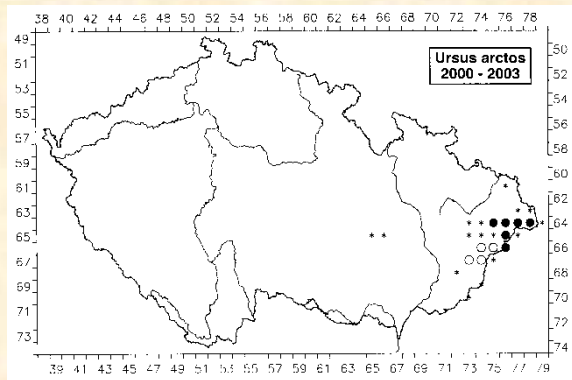
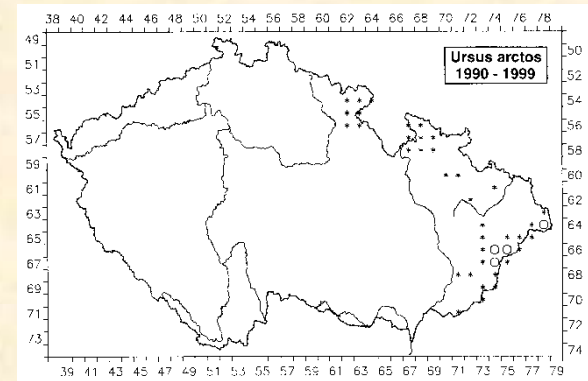
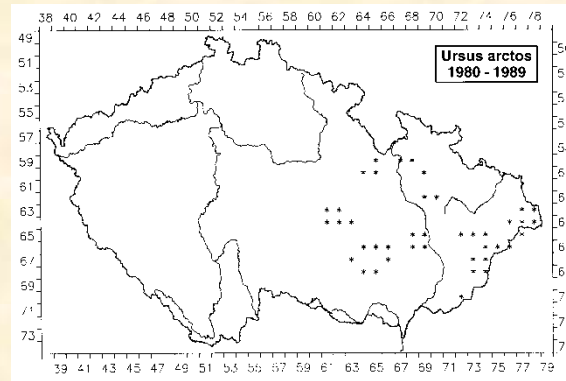
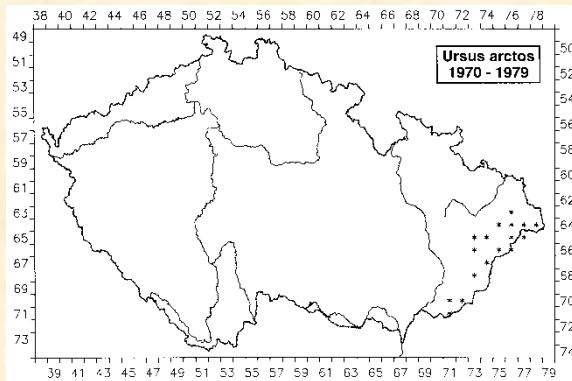
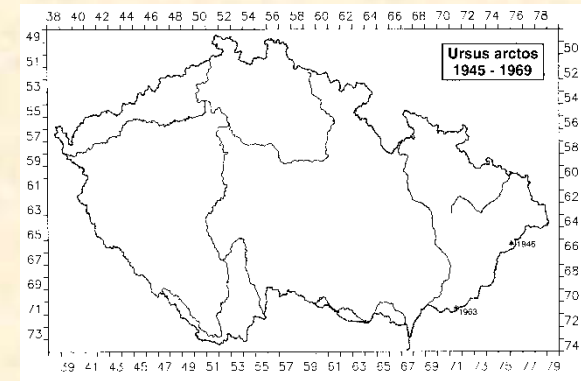
- migrants of all three species occurring in the first half of the 20th century
- evidence of distribution and population numbers after World War II

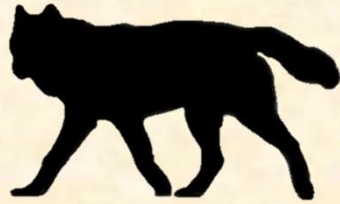


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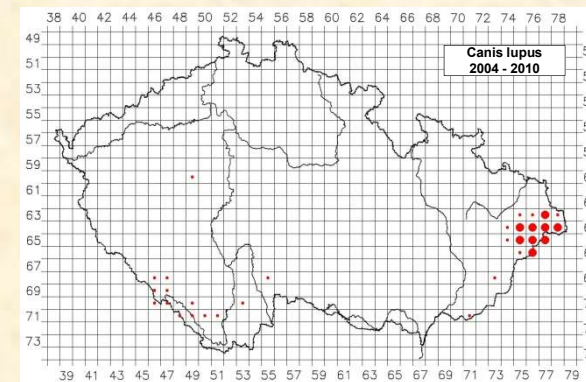
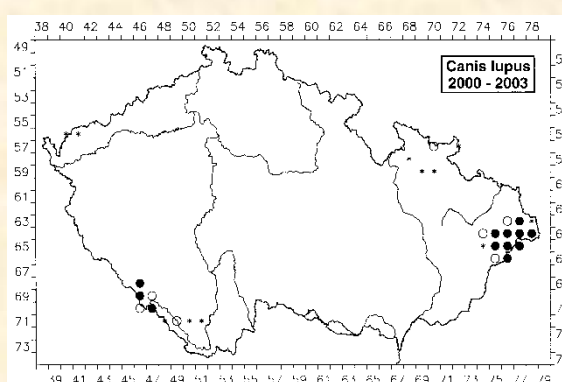
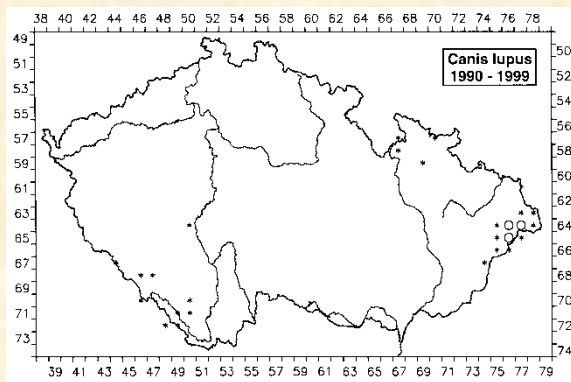
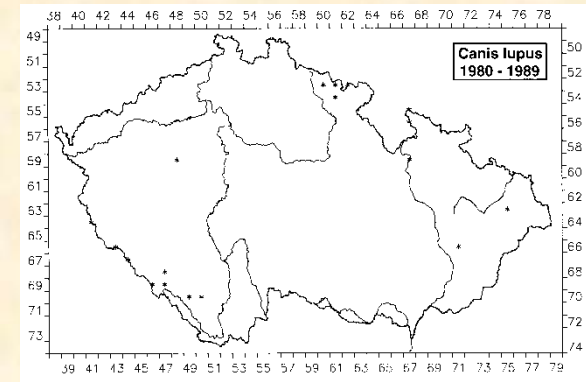
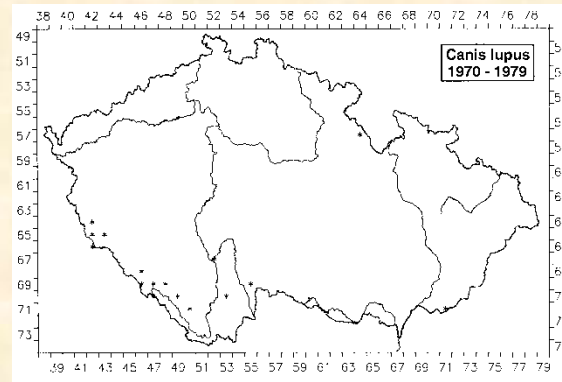
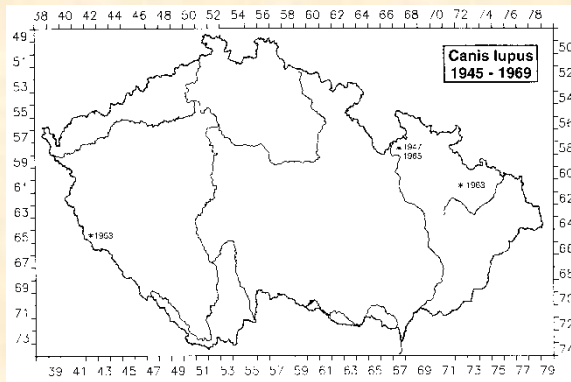


Brown bear

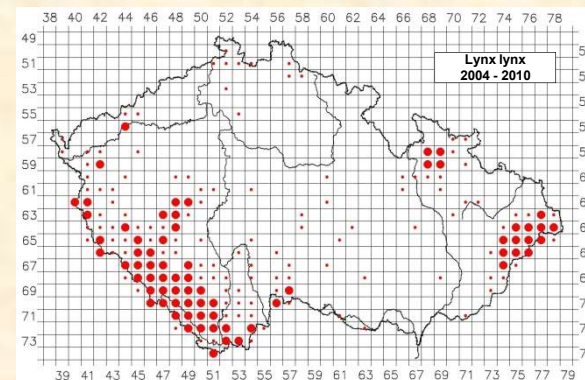
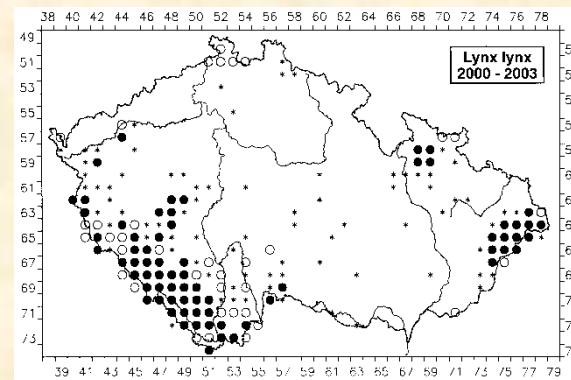
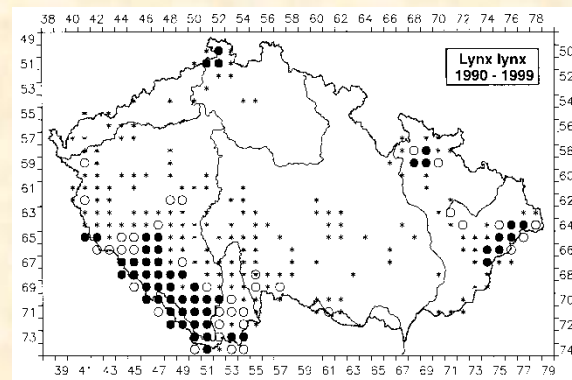
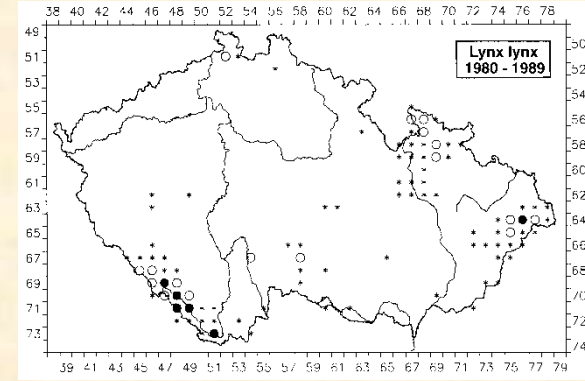
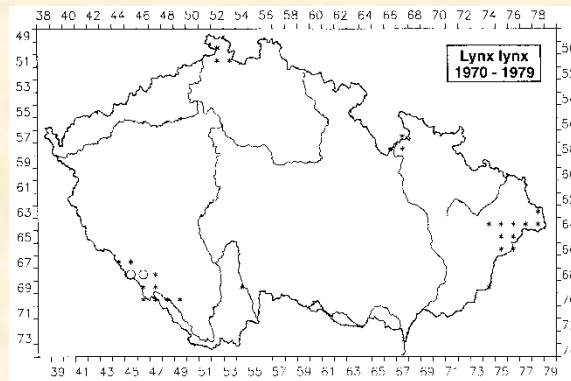
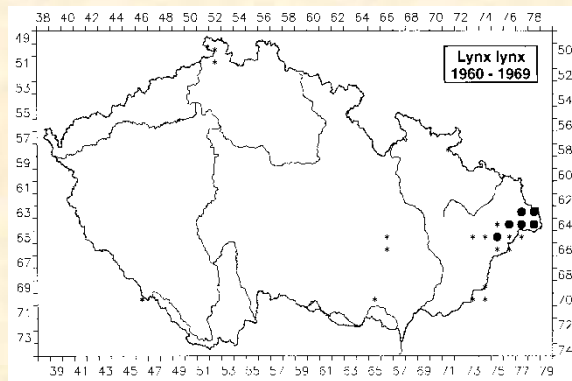
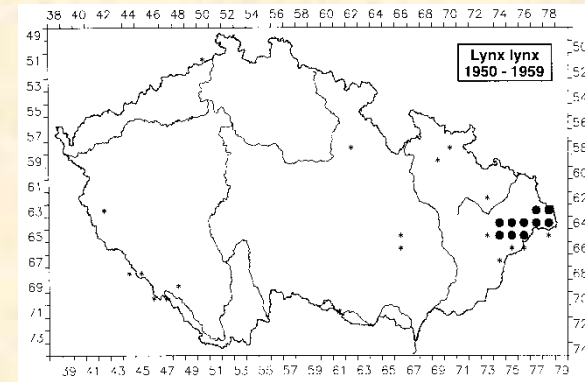
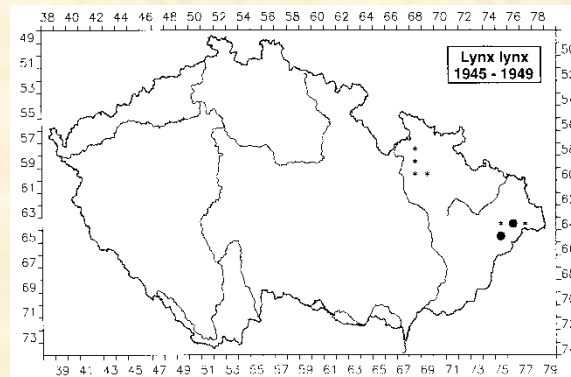




Grey wolf

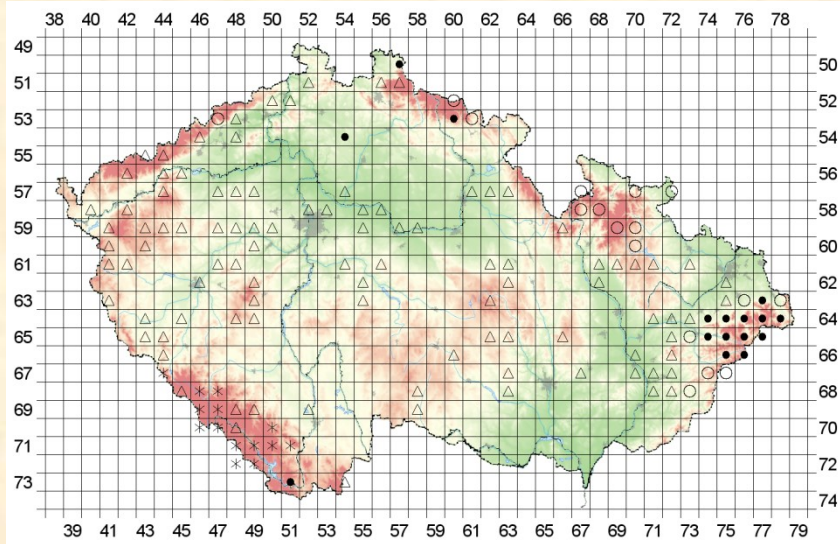


Eurasian lynx

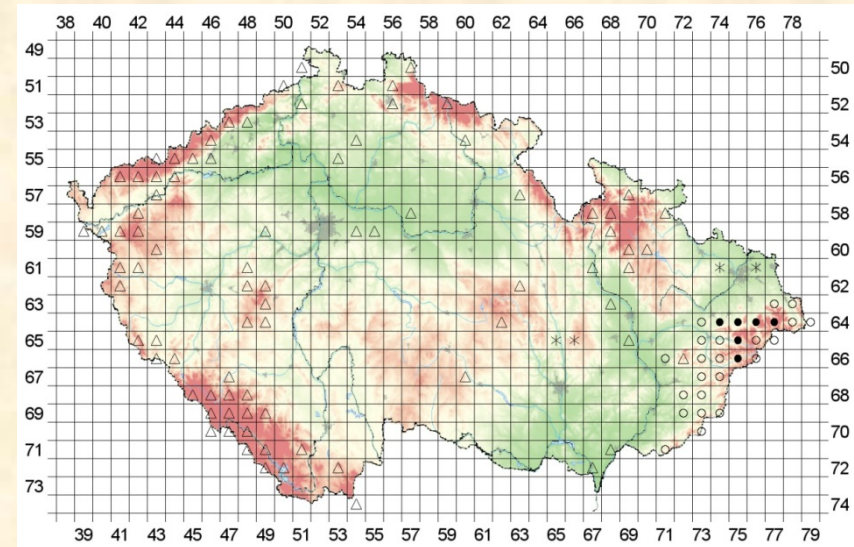


Current distribution and population numbers

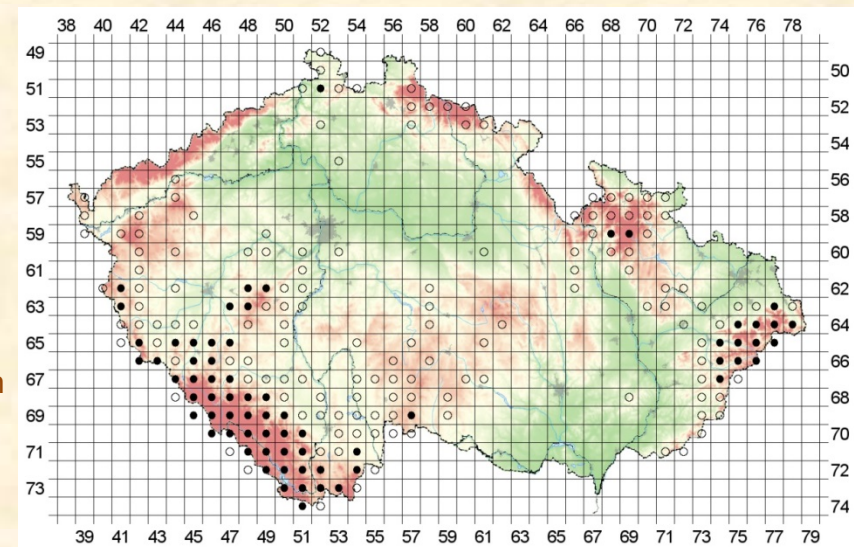
Brown bear
no permanent occurrence
in the Czech Republic



Eurasian lynx
60-80 individuals in BBA population
7-10 individuals in SCI Beskydy



Grey wolf
7-10 individuals (N Bohemia)
no permanent occurrence in SCI Beskydy



Large carnivores research in the Czech Republic:

Bohemia:

NP Šumava / Czech University of Life Sciences Prague

Alka Wildlife

National Conservation Agency CR

Friends of the Earth CR

Ecology of European lynx and roe deer in mountain ecosystem (2009-2013)

EU - Interreg CR/Bavaria 2007-2013

Trans-Lynx (2013-2015)

EU - Interreg CR/Bavaria 2007-2013; Ministry of the Environment CR, Ministry of Regional Development CR

Moravia – West Carpathians:

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National Conservation Agency CR

Monitoring of Large Carnivores in SCI Beskydy (2011-2014)

EU - Operational Programme Environment, State Environmental Fund of the CR, NCA CR

Large carnivore conservation in long term: permeable landscape, sustainability (2011-2013)

Swiss-Czech Cooperation Programme

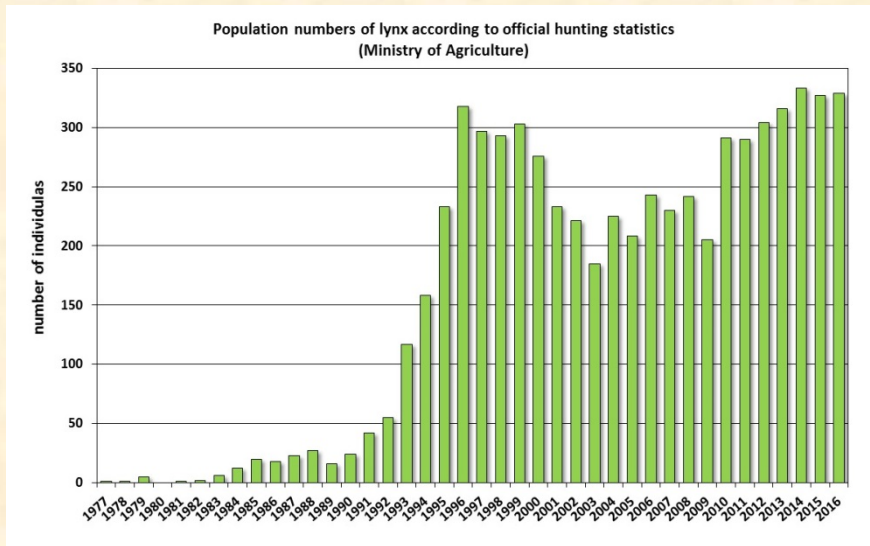
Large carnivore conservation: education, awareness and public involvement (2013-2015)

Swiss-Czech Cooperation Programme

Management plan for large carnivores in the CR (2015-2016)

EEA grants, Záchranné programy pro zvláště chráněné druhy MGSII, EHP fondy 2009-2014

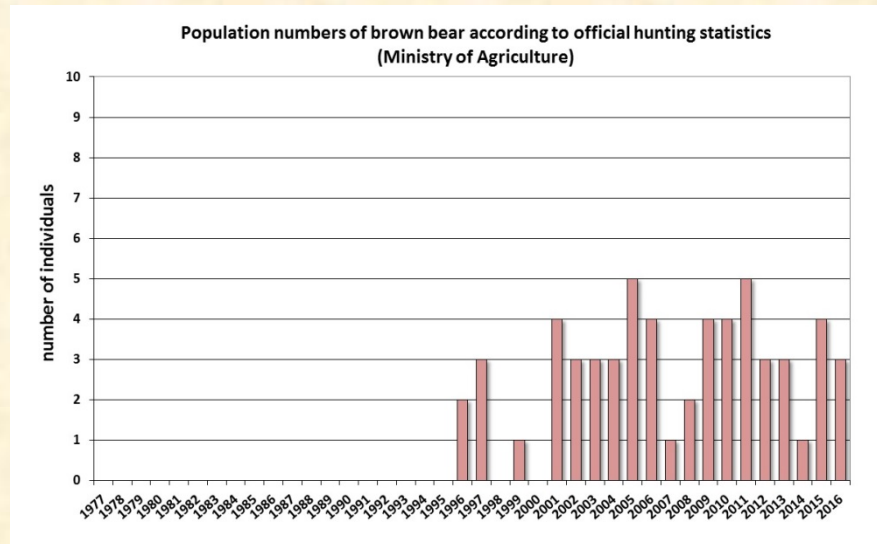
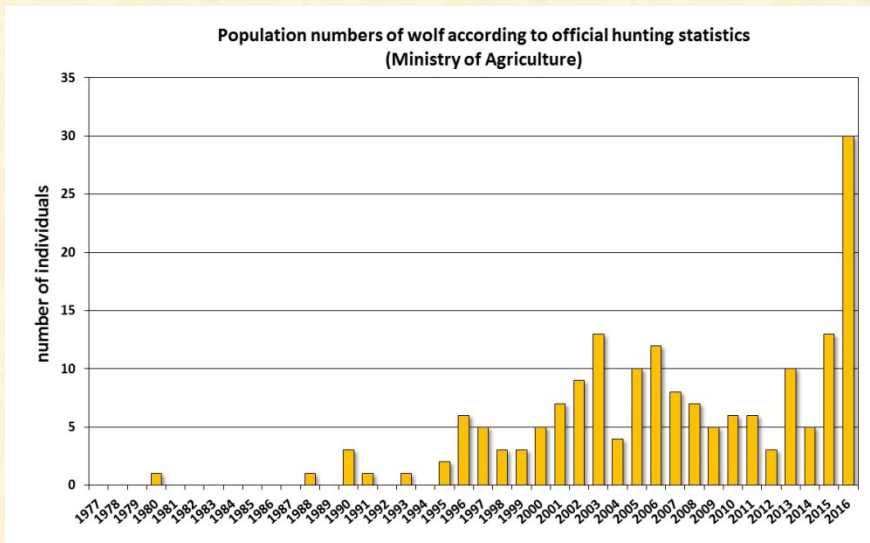
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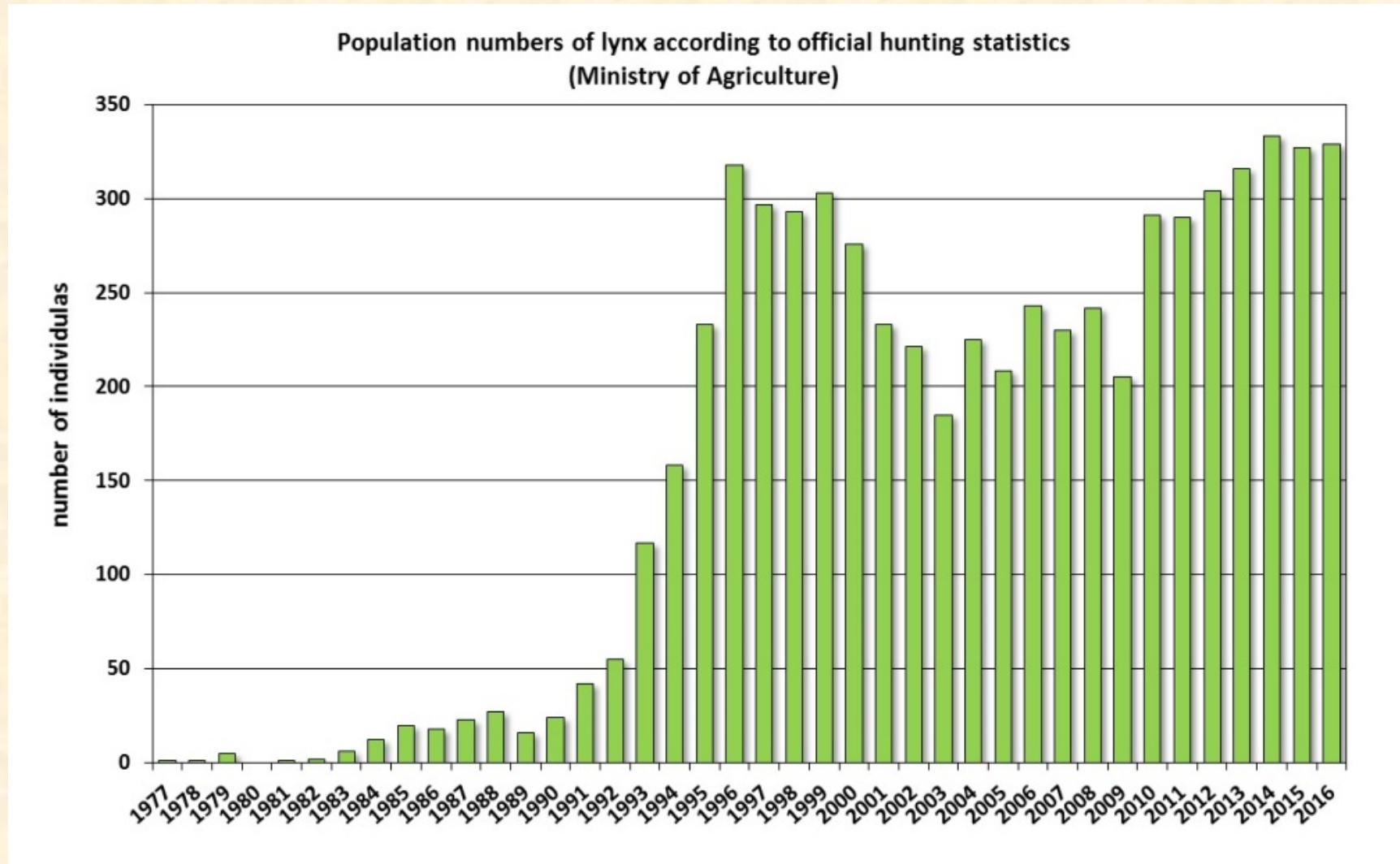
- official hunting statistics by the Ministry of Agriculture

- footprints / tracks, faeces, sightings, prey remains

- regardless of home-range size

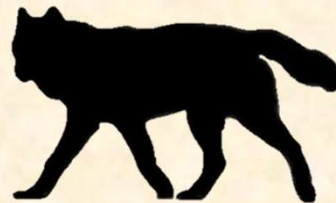
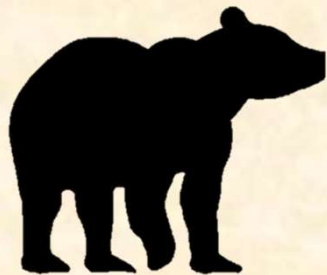


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Protection status:

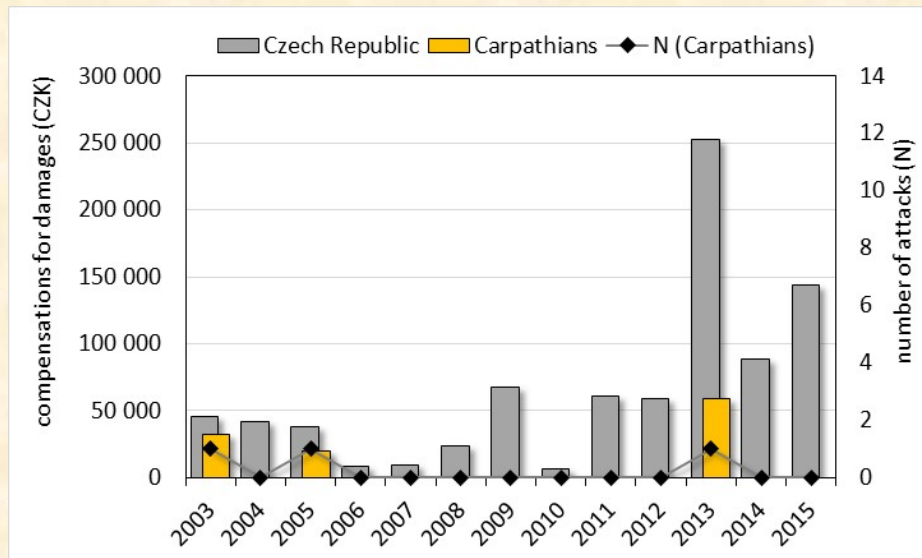
- specially protected species - the Law No. 114/1992 Coll. about nature protection
- brown bear and grey wolf - critically endangered species
- Eurasian lynx - endangered species
- listed in these categories also in the Red List of Threatened Species in the Czech Republic (Vertebrates)
- listed also in the Hunting Law as a game with a year round protection (No. 449/2001 Coll.)
- preparation of the Management plan for large carnivores in the CR



Compensations for damages caused by large carnivores on the human health, domestic animals (defined species of domestic animals including guarding dogs) and bee colonies are paid by the state (No. 115/2000 Coll.)

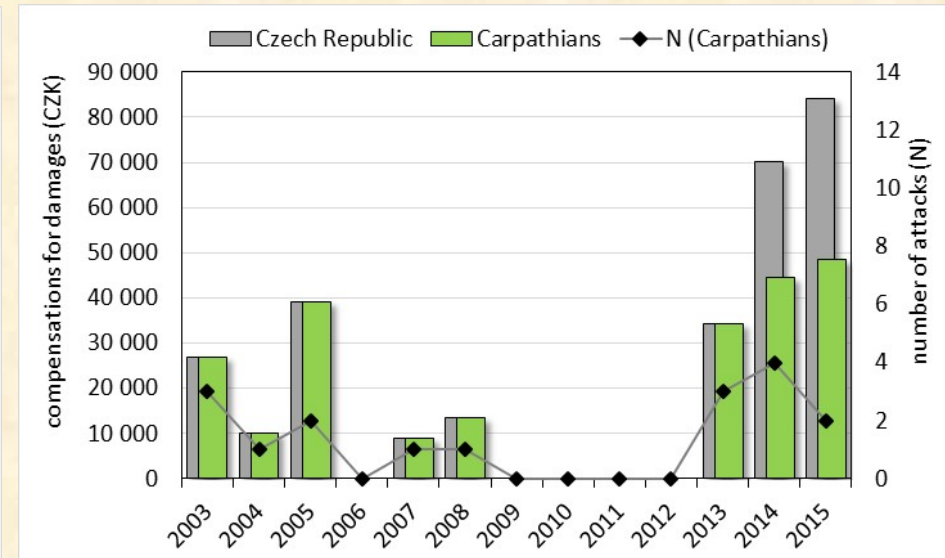
Eurasian lynx

844 024 CZK (cca 31 260 EUR)
(Carpathians - 111 221 CZK / cca 4 120 EUR)



Grey wolf

332 093 CZK (cca 12 300 EUR)
(Carpathians - 225 750 CZK / 8 360 cca EUR)



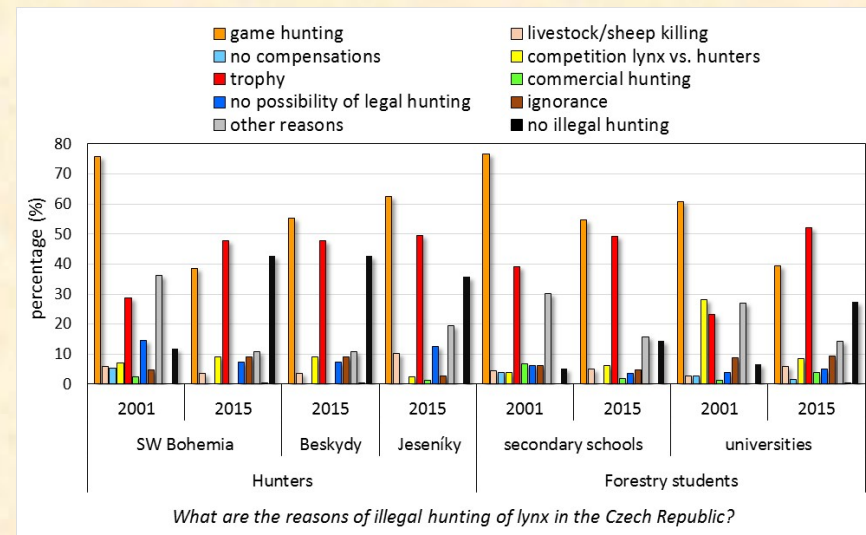
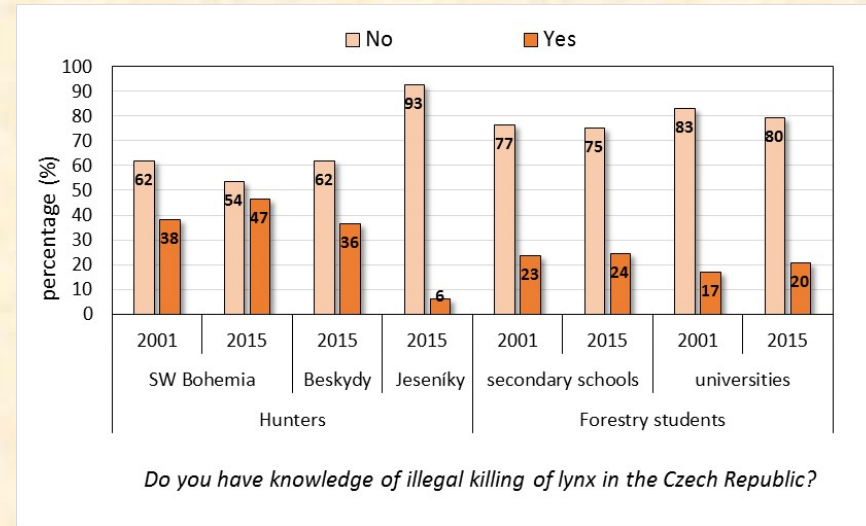
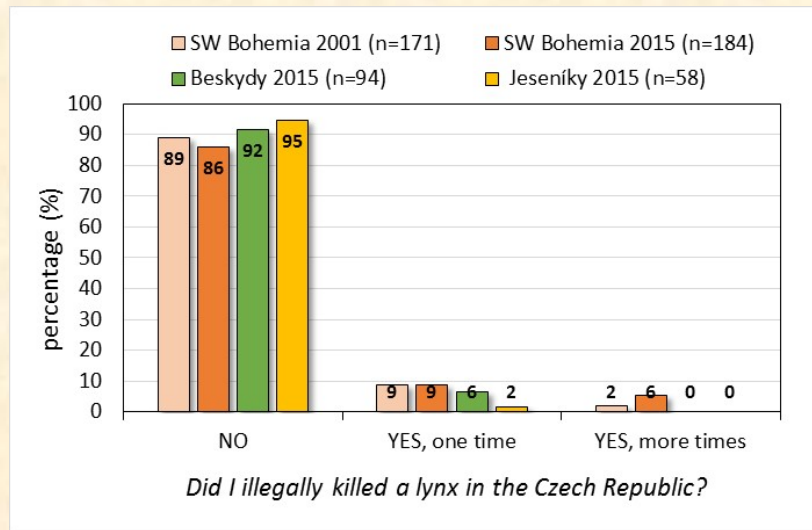
Brown bear

3 cases, all in Carpathians
damage 13 000 CZK (cca 490 EUR)

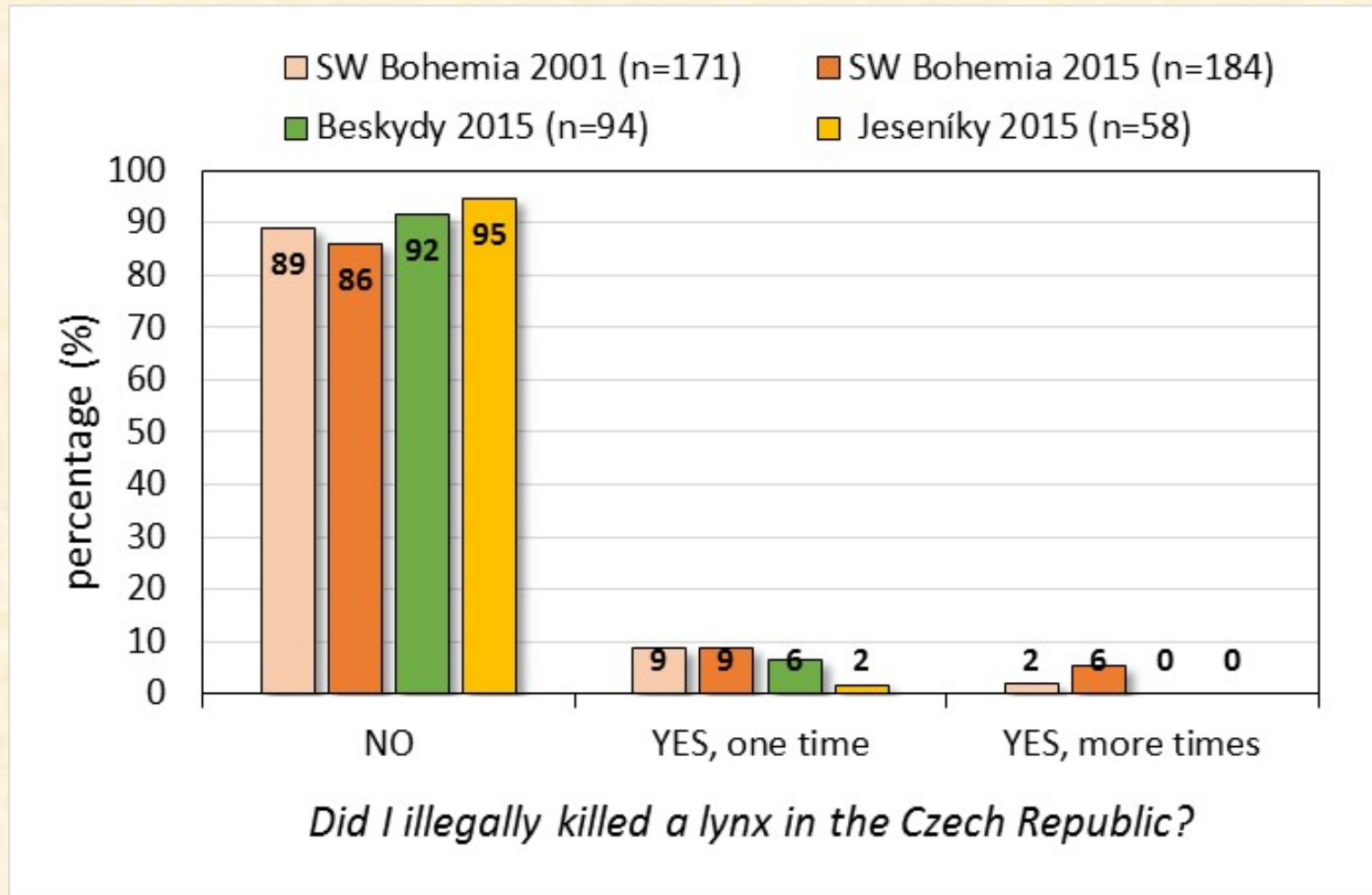
Main threats: • illegal hunting

questionnaires

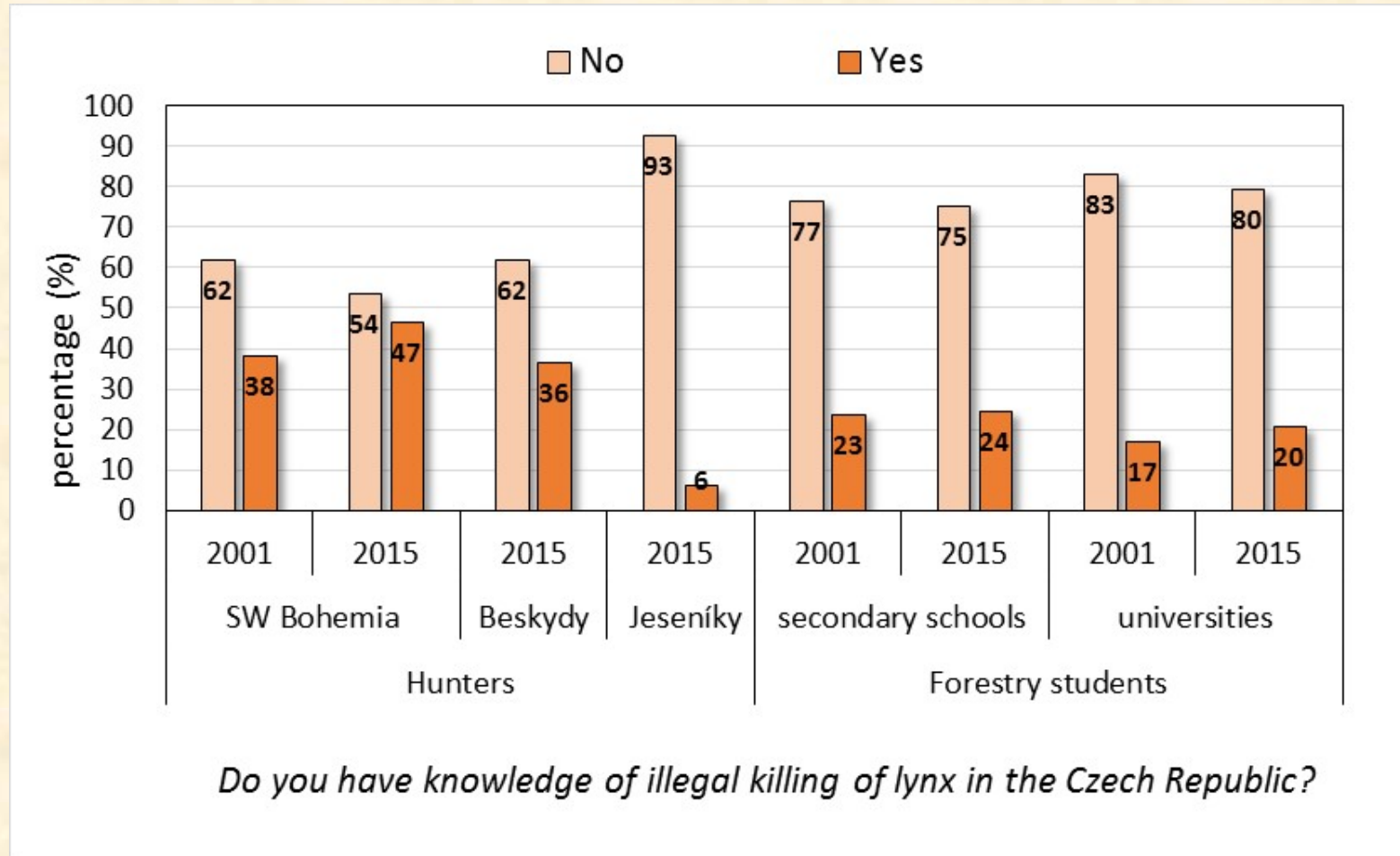
N = 1 160 (2001/2015 - 382/778)



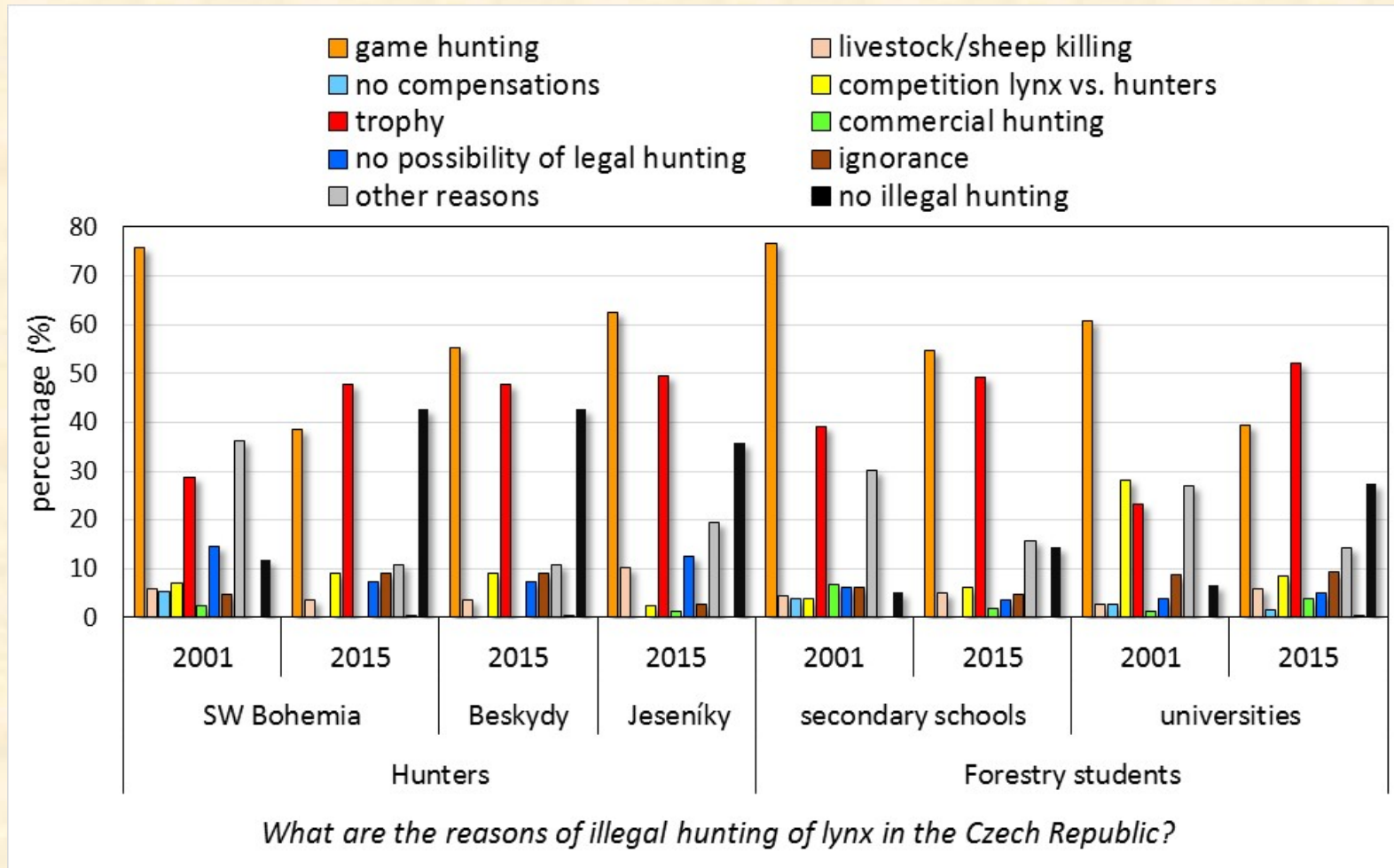
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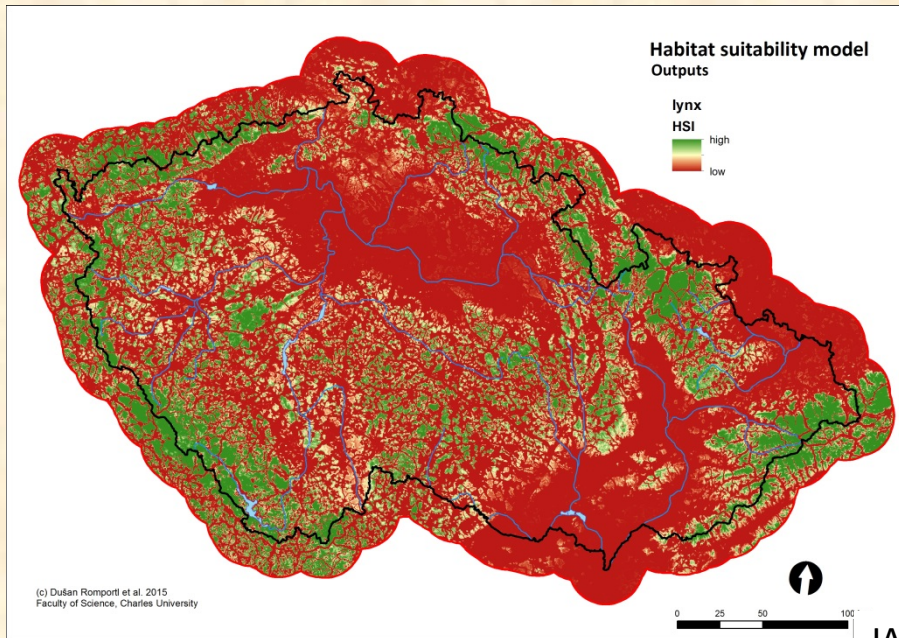
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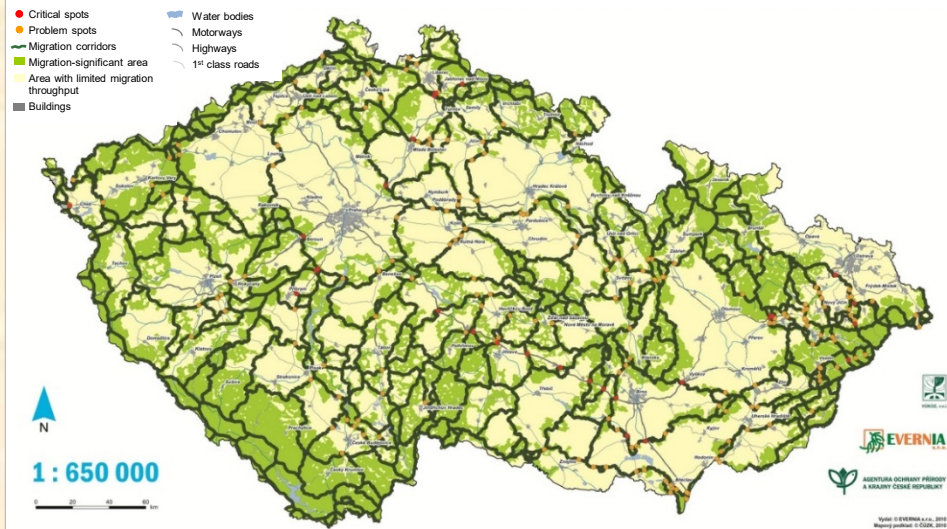
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Main threats: • landscape fragmentation and isolation

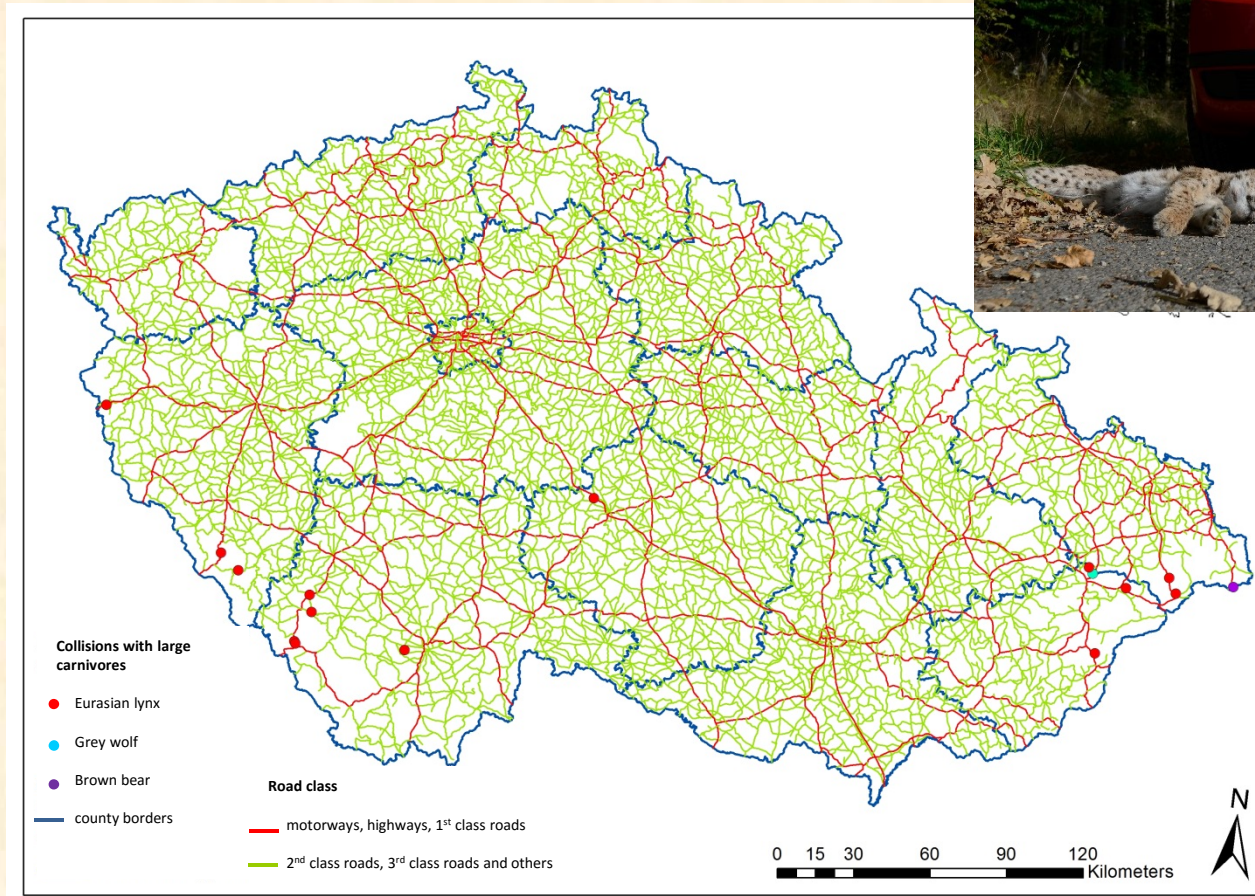


LARGE MAMMALS MIGRATION CORRIDORS IN THE CZECH REPUBLIC



Main threats: • mortality due to collisions with vehicles

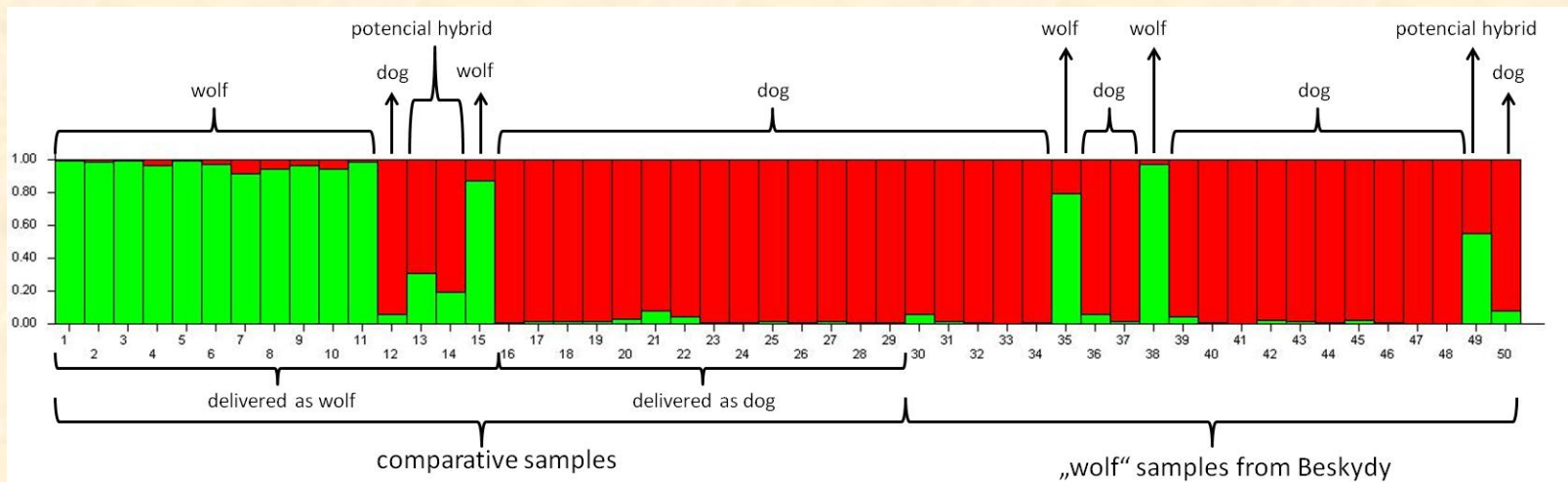
- 1991 - 2016: 14x lynx, 1x wolf, 1x bear
- last 5 years - 5 cases in SCI Beskydy (4xLL, 1xCL)
- 5 cases in Šumava (5xLL)



Main threats: • isolation and low genetic variability of BBA lynx population

	introduced populations					natural populations					
	source		Carpathians			NE Poland	Baltic		Scandinavia	Finland	Russia
	BBA	VP	Alps	Din	Beskydy		Slovakia	Estonia			
Sindičic et al. 2013				0.480							
Bull et al. 2016	0.473	0.474		0.511		0.601	0.662	0.682			0.700
Breitenmoser- Würsten & Obexer- Hellborg et al. 2002			0.420					0.680	0.540		
Schmidt et al. 2011						0.620	0.594	0.695		0.620	
own data											
2000-2016	0.447				0.548	0.593					
1948-1996	0.496				0.499	0.572			0.495		0.793

• wolf x dog hybridisation



Carpathian population of large carnivores in the Czech Republic:

Status of large carnivores

- **European lynx** - permanent occurrence of cca 10 individuals, regular reproduction
- **Grey wolf** - repeated occurrence of migrants
- **Brown bear** - repeated occurrence of migrants

Main threats

- **habitat fragmentation / migration corridors**
- **illegal hunting**
- **car collision**
- **wolf x dog hybridisation**

Future

- **habitat protection**
 - **preservation of migration corridors** - connection with the source Carpathian population, migration, connection with SW Bohemian population
 - **continued field monitoring**
 - **education** - presentations for public, cooperation with hunters and breeders
 - **international cooperation** - preparation of Interreg project with Slovakia
 - **legislative changes** - Management plan
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