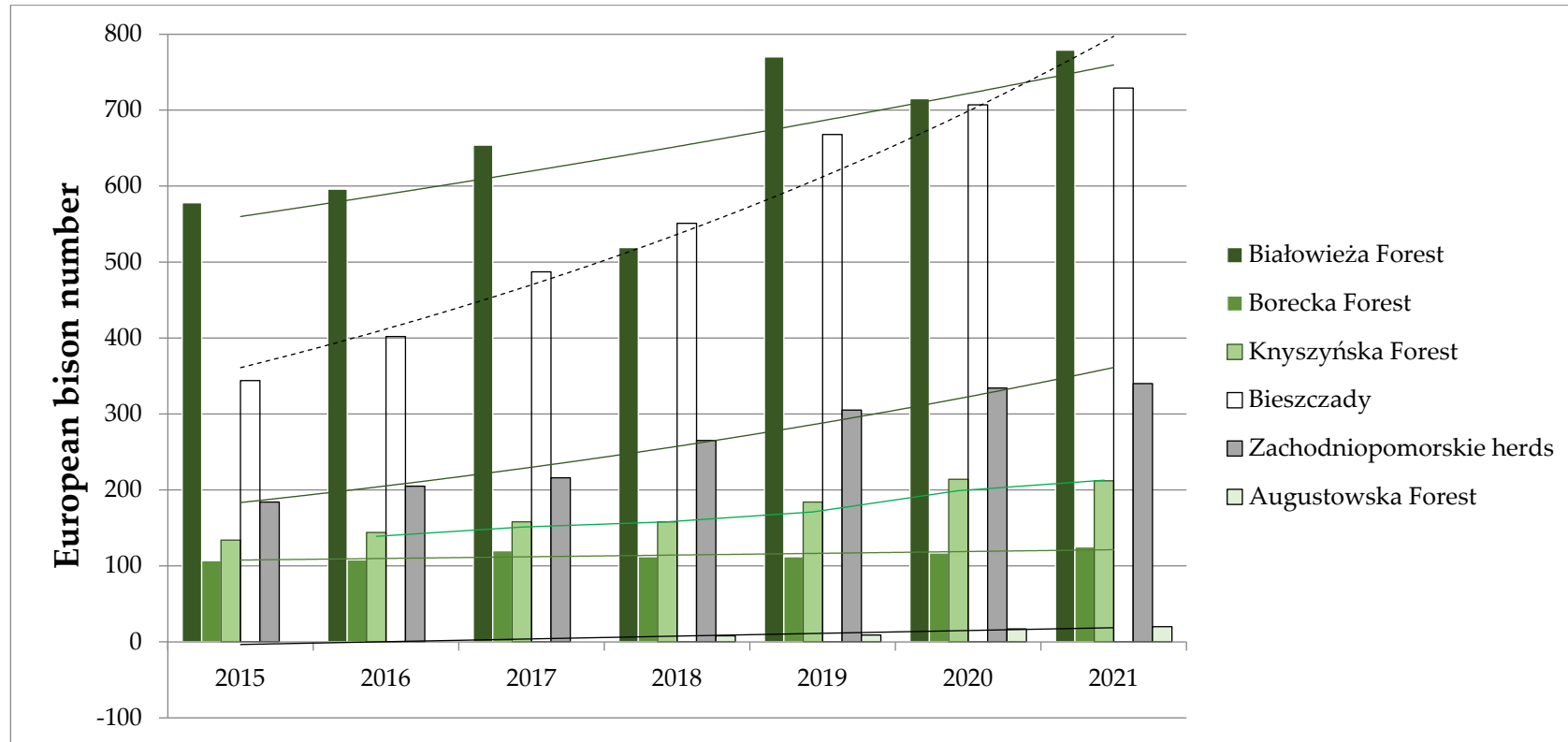


**Table S1.** The size of European bison populations included in the study by year.

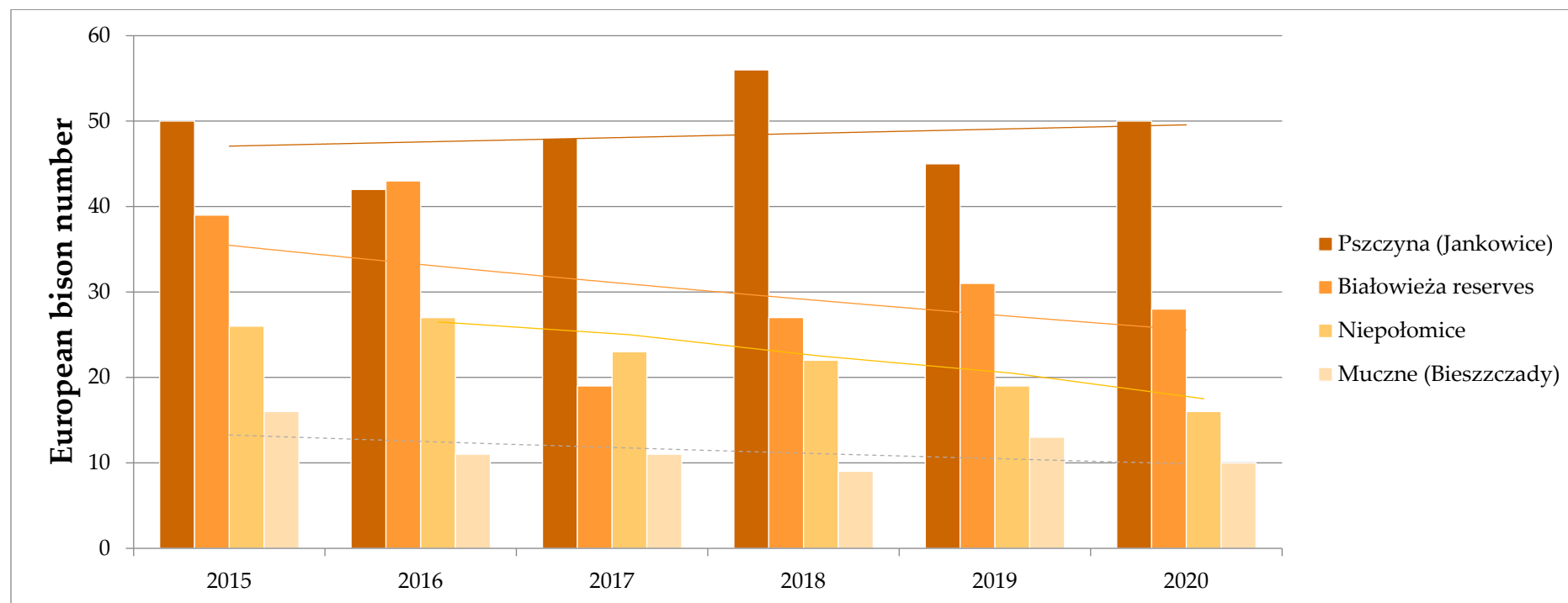
Origin	population type	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	increase 2015-2021 (individuals)	% increase 2015-2021	mean % increase/year
Białowieża Forest	free-ranging	578	596	654	519	770	715	779	201	34.8	5.1
Borecka Forest	free-ranging	107	108	120	112	112	117	125	18	16.8	2.6
Knyszyńska Forest	free-ranging	134	144	158	158	184	214	212	78	58.2	7.9
Bieszczady	free-ranging	344	402	487	551	668	707	729	385	111.9	13.3
Zachodniopomorskie herds	free-ranging	184	205	216	265	305	334	340	156	84.8	10.8
Augustowska Forest	free-ranging	0	0	0	8	9	17	20	12	150.0	35.7
Pszczyna (Jankowice)	captive	43	50	42	48	56	45	50	7	16.3	2.5
Białowieża reserves	captive	28	39	43	19	27	31	28	0	0.0	0.0
Niepołomice	captive	27	26	27	23	22	19	16	-11	-40.7	-8.4
Muczne (Bieszczady)	captive	12	16	11	11	9	13	10	-2	-16.7	-3.0
Jabłonowo	captive	6	9	8	9	10	7	9	3	50.0	7.0
ZOO Warszawa	captive	6	5	7	6	8	7	9	3	50.0	7.0
Międzyzdroje	captive	7	8	9	9	6	8	8	1	14.3	2.3
Bałtów	captive	8	9	8	8	8	6	7	-1	-12.5	-2.2
Gołuchów	captive	11	12	10	7	5	6	7	-4	-36.4	-7.3
ZOO Gdańsk	captive	10	12	13	12	13	5	7	-3	-30.0	-5.8
Zoo Poznań	captive	2	2	3	5	5	6	7	5	250.0	23.2
Pszczyna Park	captive	8	7	7	6	7	5	6	-2	-25.0	-4.7
ZOO Bydgoszcz	captive	3	3	3	4	4	3	4	1	33.3	4.9
Szewce	captive	0	0	0	0	0	5	3	3	n.a	n.a
Ustroń	captive	4	4	5	3	3	3	2	-2	-50.0	-10.9
Kiermusy	captive	6	7	8	8	6	4	0	-6	n.a	n.a.
Smardzewice	captive	7	6	6	0	0	0	0	-7	n.a	n.a.
ZOO Łódź	captive	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	-3	n.a	n.a.
	total	1538	1671	1845	1791	2237	2277	2378	832	54.1	7.5
	free-ranging	1347	1455	1635	1613	2048	2104	2205	858	63.7	8.6
	captive	191	216	210	178	189	173	173	-18	-9.4	-1.6

\*not applicable

**Figure S1.** The size of Polish European bison free living populations by year.



**Figure S2.** The size of Polish European bison captive populations by year.



**Table S2.** List of ELISAs used in the serosurveillance of European bison exposure to bovine viral diarrhea virus (BVDV), bovine herpesvirus type 1 (BoHV-1), bovine rhinovirus 3 (BRV3), bovine adenovirus (BAdV-3), bovine respiratory syncytial virus (BRSV), bluetongue virus (BTV) and Schmallenberg virus (SBV).

Virus	Kit	Cut-off	Sensitivity	Specificity	Reference
BVDV	Indirect IDEXX BVDV Ab Test (IDEXX Laboratories, Inc., Liebefeld-Bern, Switzerland)	S/P $\geq$ 0.3	96.3%	95.0%	manufacturer
BoHV-1	IBR gB X3 Antibody Test kit and (IDEXX Laboratories, Inc., Liebefeld-Bern, Switzerland)	S/N $\geq$ 55%	99.8%	100%	manufacturer
BoHV-4	Monoscreen AbELISA BoHV-4 (Bio-X Diagnostics S.A., Rochefort, Belgium)	S/P>30%			
BRV3	Trivalent Antibody Test kit (IDEXX Montpellier SAS, Montpellier, France)***	S/P $\geq$ 20%*	98.8%	86.7%	manufacturer
BAdV-3			75.0%	100%	
BRSV			not provided	not provided	
BTV	Ingezim BTV DR (Ingenaza, Madrid, Spain)	0.15 $\times\bar{x}$ O.D. positive control	98.5%	99.5%	[Niedbalski, 2011]
SBV	ID Screen ELISA Schmallenberg virus Competition Multi-species (ID.vet, Grabels, France)	S/N $\leq$ 40%	100%	97.6%	[Pejaković et al., 2018]

\*The results was also graduated accordingly to S/P values between weak positive (+) to very strong positive (+++++)

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**Table S3.** Primers and probes used for bovine adenovirus (BAdVs) and bovine rhinovirus 3 (BRV3)

Target	Primer/probe	Sequence (5'-3')	Amplicon size (bp)	Gene/protein	Reference
BAdV	BAdV-Hex-33F	GAAATGCGAGGTATCTGTCT	hexon protein gene	105	[Hakhverdyan et al. 2016]
	BAdV-Hex-138R	TGWTGGAGCTACAAAAGGATCTCTAA			
	BAdV-HEX-65-TagMan	TGCAGTTCATCACTGCCACWCAAAGC			
BRV3	BPI3F	TGTCTTCCACTAGATAGAGGGATAAAATT	protein M gene	69	[Horwood et al. 2010]
	BPI3R	GCAATGATAACAATGCCATGGA			
	BPI3P-FAM-TAMRA	ACAGCAATTGGATCAATAA			

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**Table S4.** Frequency and antibody levels in the sera of European bison in relation to bovine rhinovirus 3 (BRV3), bovine adenovirus type 3 (BAdV3) and bovine respiratory syncytial virus (BRSV) exposure.

	BRV3		BAdV-3		BRSV	
	n	%	n	%	n	%
(weak positive) +	27	7.1	72	19.1	28	7.41
++	51	13.5	61	16.1	13	3.44
+++	58	15.3	39	10.3	11	2.91
++++	20	5.3	22	5.8	4	1.06
(very strong positive) +++++	8	2.1	31	8.2	4	1.06
negative	214	56.6	153	40.5	318	84.13
total	378	100	378	100	378	100