

Special Issue

Evolution, Ecology and Management of Wild Boar and Deer

Message from the Guest Editor

The population sizes of wild boar and some deer species across Europe and Asia have increased significantly in recent decades. This trend has also been detected on other continents such as America and Oceania, where wild boar are an invasive species.

Underharvest has been proposed as a major determinant that favors big game species. On the other hand, the number of hunters in regions such as Europe and North America has been declining for several decades, and this downward trend is expected to continue in the future. The densities of wild boar and deer deeply impact forest preservation and the spread of infectious diseases. Therefore, to deal with these threats to natural communities and human activities, it is necessary to improve current knowledge of the evolution and ecology of these species and to develop management strategies. This Special Issue welcomes contributions on the evolution, ecology and management of wild boar and deer. The knowledge provided by these contributions could increase our chances of overcoming certain threats to biodiversity conservation and human activities.

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