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Mammals as Key Species in the Maintenance of Ecosystem Services and Biodiversity Conservation

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Wild mammals are key species in the maintenance of regulating ecosystem services, such as seed dispersal, the suppression of insect pest populations, and pollination. They are also an important source of food in many parts of the world, being one of the groups most represented in subsistence hunting by indigenous peoples and local communities (IPLCs). Many species also provide important cultural services, both via ecotourism and owing to their spiritual and cultural significance to IPLCs. In this sense, the conservation and management of mammals is of great importance, especially in view of the different defaunation processes that different ecosystems have suffered. This Special Issue provides a platform to highlight how mammals are important for the maintenance and sustainability of ecosystems. For further reading, please visit the [Special Issue website](#).

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