

The natural expansion of wolves in several areas of Europe is a great challenge for conservation biologists and wildlife managers, which try to achieve the goal of having a viable population, while minimizing the conflict that the species might generate.

In this context, a new document "Guidelines for Population Level Management Plans for Large Carnivores" developed in the framework of the Habitat Directive in 2007, clearly defined the term wolf population at European level. Wolf populations are defined by socio-ecological and biological rules, and their territories are often crossed by national boundaries. Today, it is even more difficult to manage these transboundary wolf populations, which require an international collaboration.

Such complex management issue requires an understanding of the spatial and temporal dynamics of the wolf population through the monitoring of parameters, such as population size and distribution, to assess the status of the species. At the same time a detailed analysis of human-wolves conflicts, in particular regarding livestock depredations, is needed to allow preventive strategies to be effective in minimizing wolf human conflicts.

In this framework we organized the conference. The aims are to discuss on the first day which are the most effective preventive methods to decrease wolf livestock conflicts; and on the second day what should we monitor to guarantee an effective wolf population management over the years.

On the last day we organized a series of workshops to update the international collaboration on the monitoring of the wolf alpine population, to examine the best implementations of prevention systems, and to discuss the implementation of the coordination between the Alpine Italian regions on wolf management.



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## Wolves, people, and territories

European wolf management: conservation, monitoring, damage prevention, and conflict mitigation

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Monday, May 24th TORINO

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**WOLF LIVESTOCK DEPREDATIONS:  
Goals and preventive strategies**

**Moderator: Prof. Luigi Boitani, University of Rome**

**9,00 am - 12,30 pm Session I: Wolf damages prevention in Europe**

- Introduction to the conference  
*Piedmont Regional Councilor for Agriculture*
- Preventive methods across Europe: LIFE Natura projects experiences  
*Valeria Salvatori, Istituto di Ecologia Applicata, Italy*
- Effectiveness of damage prevention methods used in Europe  
*Ilka Reinhardt, LUPUS Wildlife Consulting, Germany*
- The prevention of predation by wolves on domestic livestock in the Balkans  
*Elena Tzingarska, Balkani Wildlife Society, Bulgaria*
- The limits to coexistence and tolerance  
*Representatives of farmers and shepherds.*

**12,30 pm - 1,30 pm: Lunch - Poster Session**

**1,30 pm -5,00 pm Session II: Wolf damages prevention in the Alpine context**

- An integrated program to prevent, mitigate, and compensate wolf damage in Piedmont  
*Silvia Dalmasso, Centro Conservazione e Gestione Grandi Carnivori, Italy*
- Measures to prevent and compensate damages to livestock caused by wolves in France  
*Patrick Degeorges, MEEDDM, France*
- Livestock damage prevention in Switzerland: The challenge to manage the « human dimension » of large carnivores  
*Daniel Mettler, AGRIDEA, Switzerland*
- Comparing preventive methods in the alpine context - working under the Ministry Protocol  
*Vittorio Bosser-Peverelli, Regione Piemonte, Italy*

**5,00 pm: Round table: wolf damage prevention tools: evaluation of the best strategies to mitigate wolf-livestock conflicts.**

Tuesday, May 25th, 2010 TURIN

Regional Museum of Natural Science

**MONITORING WOLF POPULATIONS IN EUROPE:**

**what do we need to monitor and how?**

**Moderator: Prof. Luigi Boitani, University of Rome**

**9,00 am - 12,30 am Session I: Monitoring wolf population in Europe**

- Introduction to the conference  
*Piedmont Regional Councilor for Environment*
- "The population level management plan": monitoring implications  
*John Linnell, NINA Trondheim, Norway*
- Monitoring wolf populations without snow- The case of Spain  
*Juan Carlos Blanco, Wolf Project CBC, Spain*
- Intensive monitoring in Scandinavia  
*Olof Liberg, SKANDULV, Sweden*
- Monitoring of wolf population and recovery in Poland  
*Sabina Nowak, Association for Nature "Wolf", Poland*

**12,30 am - 1,30 pm: Lunch - Poster Session**

**1,30 pm - 5,00 pm Session II: Monitoring the wolf Alpine population**

- Genetic monitoring of a recovering wolf population in the Alps  
*Michael Schwartz, RMRS, USFS, Montana, USA*
- The return of the wolf on the Piedmont Alps: 10 years of wolf monitoring in the region  
*Francesca Marucco, Centro Conservazione e Gestione Grandi Carnivori, Italy*
- Wolf monitoring and population dynamics in France : a dual frame survey  
*Christophe Duchamp, ONCFS, France*
- SCALP: the lynx monitoring system over the Alps  
*Anja Molinari, KORA, Switzerland*

**5,00 pm: Round table: optimize and harmonize monitoring techniques of wolf population at local, national and European scale.**

Wednesday, May 26th, 2010

ENTRACQUE, Alpi Marittime Park

**9,30 am - 5,00 pm: VISIT TO THE WOLF CENTRE**

special opening for the conference

**9,30 am - 5,00 pm: THEMATIC RESERVED WORKSHOPS**

- 1.The Wolf Alpine Group (WAG) - meeting
- 2.The Large Carnivore Initiative for Europe (LCIE) - meeting
- 3.Working group on preventive methods
- 4.Coordination between the Alpine Italian regions on wolf management
- 5.Network Lupo Piemonte

**1:00 pm - 2:30 pm LUNCH**