



Online-Workshop

Overview of wildlife poisoning in whole Europe: The LIFE SWiPE project



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Geographical scope



● Bosnia and Herzegovina ● Bulgaria ● Croatia ● Hungary ● Italy ● Poland ● Romania ● Serbia
● Slovakia ● Spain ● Ukraine

To **discourage** and ultimately **reduce Wildlife Crime**
by **improving compliance** with EU Environmental Law,
increasing the number of successfully
prosecuted offences

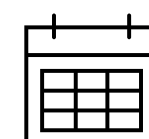
Partners



Lead partner: WWF Bulgaria

Associated beneficiaries:

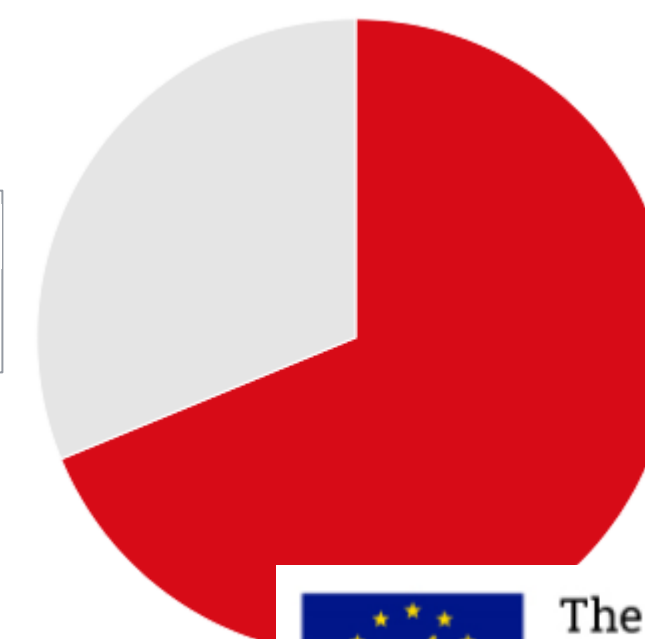
- State Attorney's Office of the Republic of Croatia
- Judicial Academy Croatia
- FFI
- TRAFFIC
- 9 WWF Offices



1/9/2020 - 31/08/2023

Funding

Co-financing (national level actions) 1.446.157€



EU financial contribution
3.186.175€



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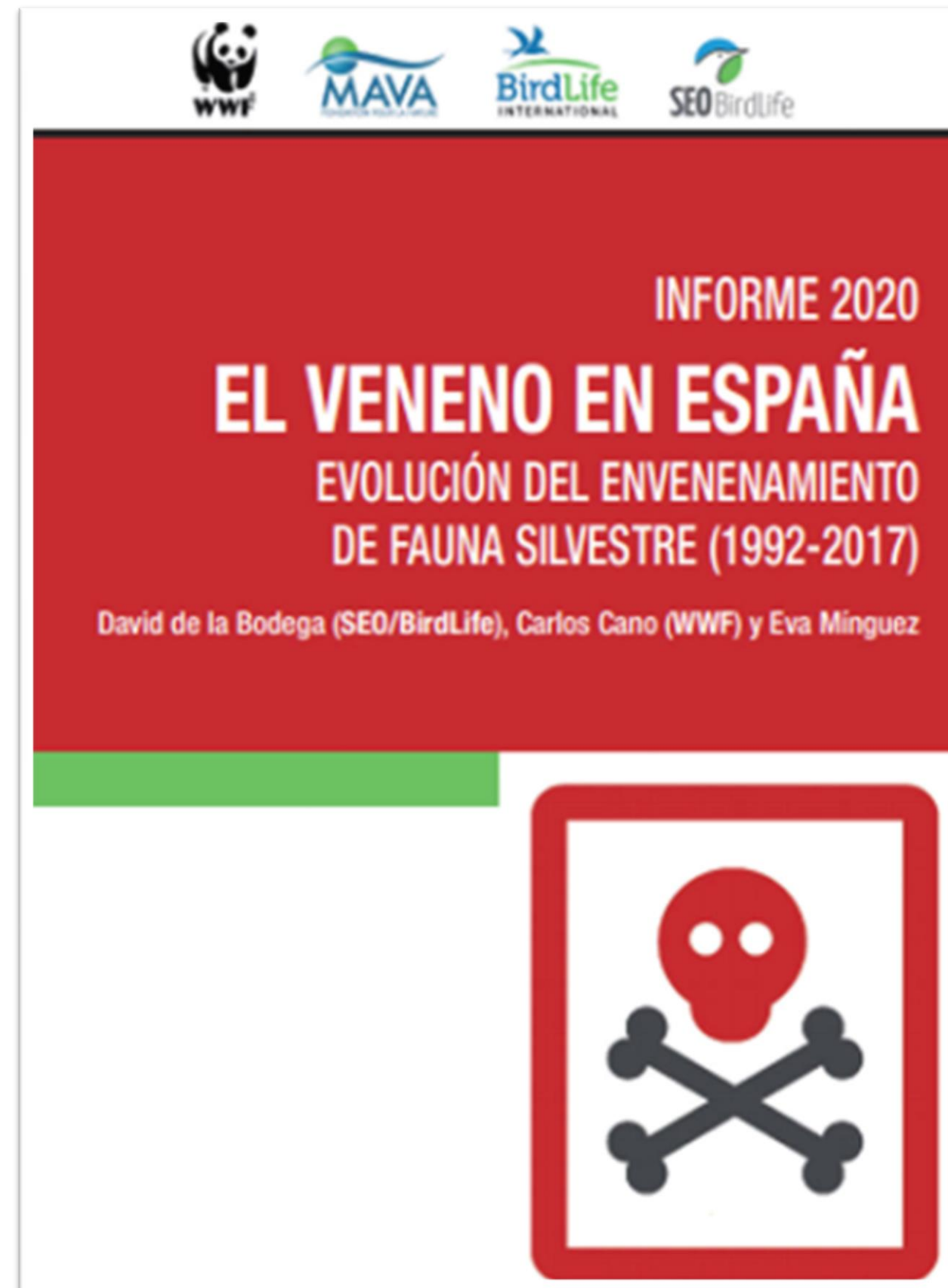


- 1) Collection of data on wildlife crime, best practices through a participatory process involving stakeholders (interviews, focus group discussions)
- 2) Analysis and assessment of the information collected – presenting them in national reports and an European summary report (March 2022)– highlighting key challenges and recommendations
- 3) European conference (May 2022)
- 4) Capacity building and training
- 5) Expert portal (to include SWiPE reports, training materials, other relevant resources and links to databases):
www.stopwildlifecrime.eu
- 6) Informing relevant policies
- 7) Pilot cases (e.g. www.centinelasdelveneno.es)
- 8) Awareness raising campaign **#StopWildlifeCrime**



Two decades working against poisoning in Spain

- Contribution to Research (data, reports)
- Pilot projects
- Communication activities and awareness raising
- Capacity building, coordination with other NGOs
- Legal work (civil and criminal cases)
- Policy, advocacy actions (reducing impunity)
- Exporting experience to fight poisoning to other countries

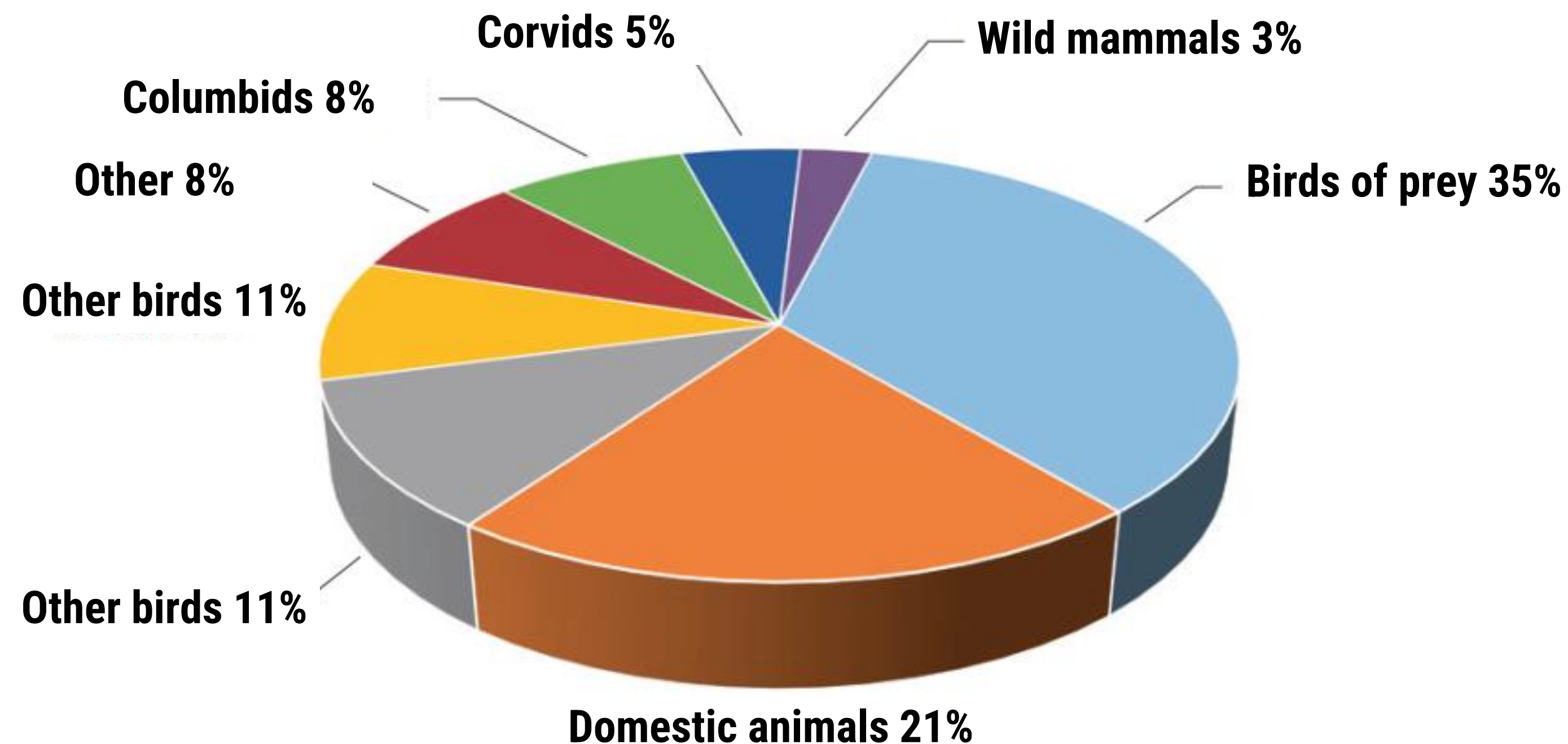


- 9700 cases
- 21.260 detected animals
- 200.000 estimated animals
- 200 convictions

[El veneno en España. Evolución del evenenamiento de fauna silvestre \(1997 – 2017\).](#)
SEO/BirdLife y WWF, Madrid



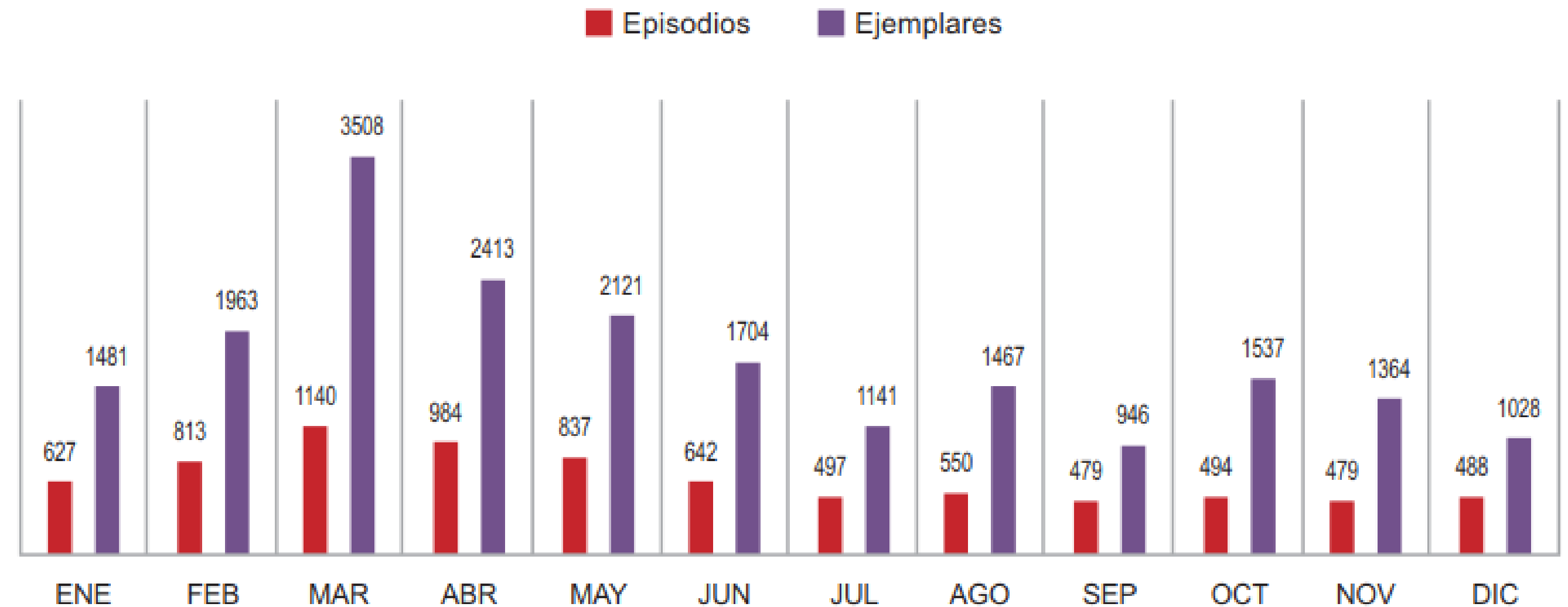
CASES PER SPECIES GROUP



Importance of raptors and domestic dogs to detect the presence of poison in natural áreas.



MOTIVATIONS



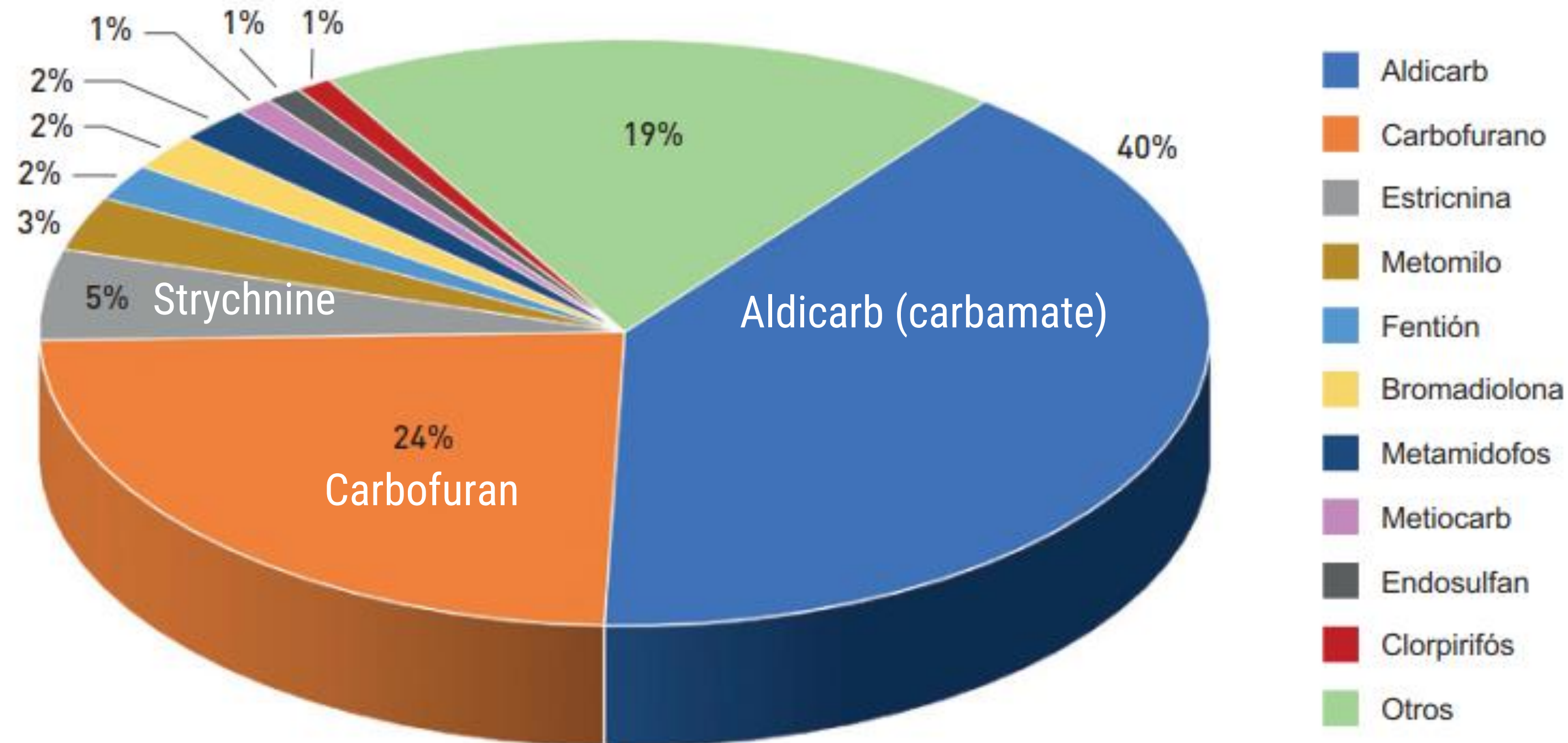
De la Bodega, Cano, Mínguez, 2020. El veneno en España. Evolución del envenenamiento de fauna silvestre (1992-2017). SEO/BirdLife y WWF, Madrid

Illegal predator control (poisoned baits) in:

- Hunting management
- Stock breeding
- Agriculture
- Beekeeping
- Pigeon keeping



TOXINS



Three most used substances are illegal

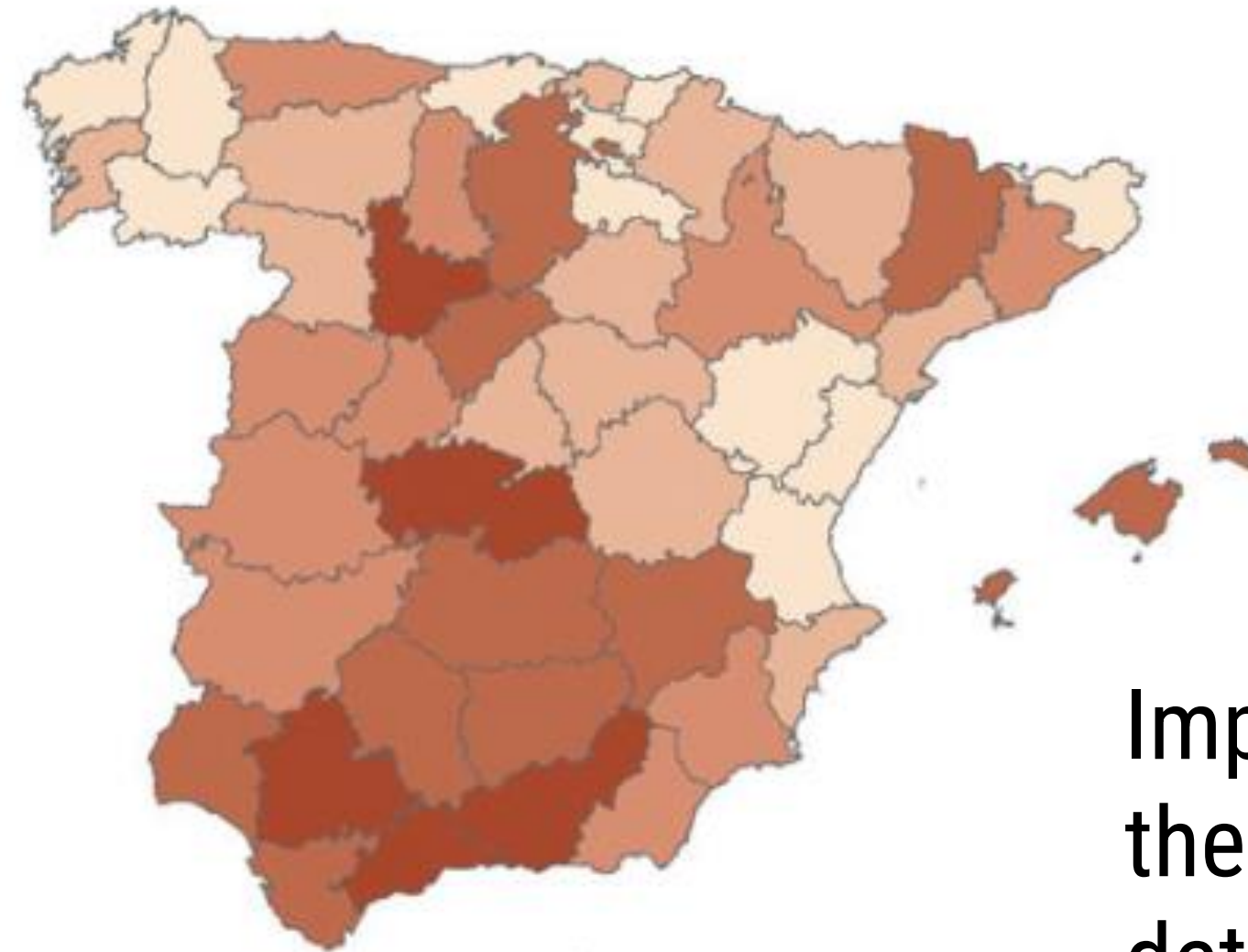
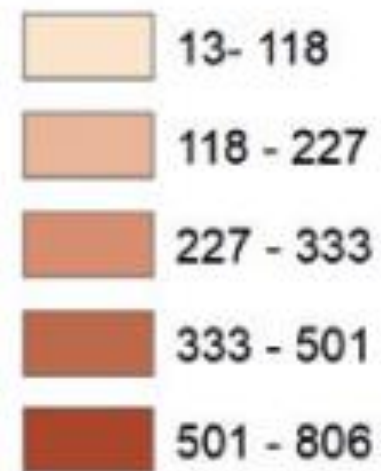
Some detected toxins are legal (pests control in crops)

Mainly used in poisoned baits as a method for controlling predators



HOT SPOTS

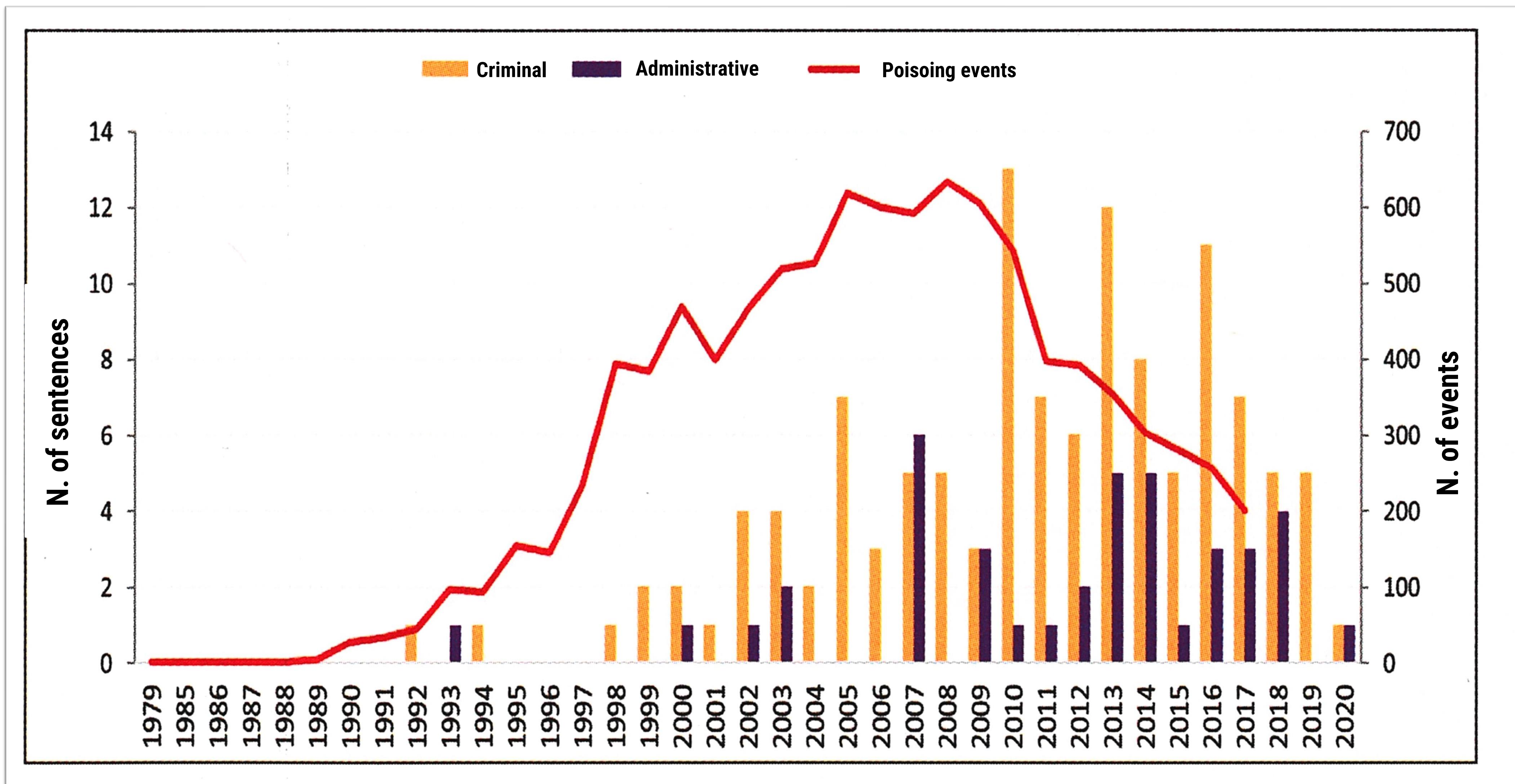
Poisoning cases per province



Important to point out the high effort towards detection in Andalusia region (high number of detected cases) Vs. Castilla y León, with the same incidence but less resources.



EVOLUTION OF EVENTS AND SENTENCES



Quercus 419 (January 2021). *Las sentencias contra el veneno en España*. Based on the results from the report *El veneno en España* (2020)



Preliminary results collected within the frame of the SWiPE project for Spain (as of October 2021)



3.200 cases of infringements collected to date (2015-2020):

- Shooting
- Poisoning
- Illegal killing and catching (snare and other devices)



350 sentences (mainly related to poisoning)

Information from the the two biggest regions (Andalucía & Castilla y León)
pending.



EXAMPLE OF SENTENCES

Cáceres (Extremadura). Two farmers convicted for poisoning two red kites between February and March 2017.

39.200 € fine to the Regional Government (Junta de Extremadura) and 16 months fine (6 €/day or two prison days for each two unpaid days).



Roj: SJP 2211/2018 - ECLI:ES:JP:2018:2211

Id Cendoj: 10037510012018100004

Órgano: Juzgado de lo Penal

Sede: Cáceres

Sección: 1

Fecha: 02/05/2018

Nº de Recurso: 50/2018

Nº de Resolución: 88/2018

Procedimiento: Procedimiento abreviado

Ponente: RAFAEL ESTEVEZ BENITO

Tipo de Resolución: Sentencia

JDO. DE LO PENAL N. 1

CACERES

SENTENCIA: 00088/2018

JUZGADO DE LO PENAL NUMERO 1 Juicio Oral 50/2018

CÁCERES

SENTENCIA N.º 88/2018.

En Cáceres, a dos de Mayo de 2018.

Don Rafael Estevez Benito, Magistrado-Juez del Juzgado de lo Penal nº 1 público los presentes autos de Juicio Oral nº 50/2018 seguidos por delito de homicidio como acusados Luis Enrique, con DNI. nº NUM000 y Juan Ignacio, con antecedentes penales y en situación de libertad por esta causa.

Han sido partes el Ministerio Fiscal, en el ejercicio de la acción pública; representados por el Procurador D. Juan Carlos Avís Rol y defendido por Let





Petitions to the Ministry

- Multidisciplinary teams (sniffer dogs, laboratories, dedicated and specialized patrols and law enforcement agencies)
- Better coordination among different competent authorities and along the enforcement chain
- Higher penalties (as deterrent effect and to ease prosecution)
- Work on HWC related to predators:
 - Wolf recently protected (expected increase in illegal killing/poisoning)
 - Lynx: 2nd cause of mortality

Thanks for your attention

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