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LIFE EUROKITE Online Workshop „Overview of wildlife poisoning in whole Europe“ 11.11.2021

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Title: Coordinated actions to improve wolf-human coexistence at the alpine population level

Goals:

- Population surveillance, management and protection of wolves in the Alps
- Reduction of human-wolf conflicts and promotion of coexistence through participatory approaches

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Timeframe: 9/2019 – 9/2024

Total project budget: € 11.939.693,00

EU financial contribution: 59%

Countries involved: Italy, France, Austria, Slovenia

Lead-Partner: Parco Naturale Alpi Marittime (ITA)

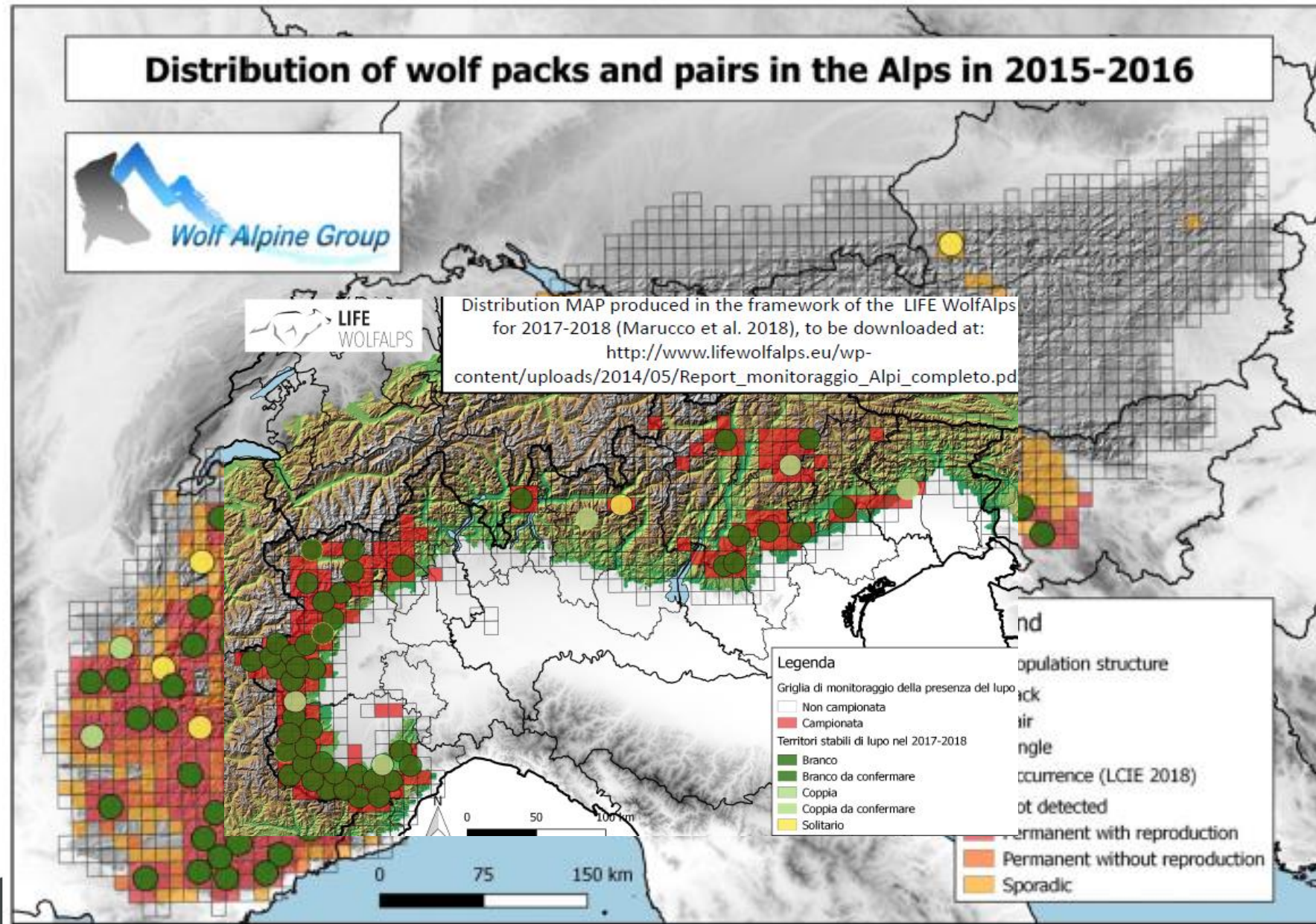
Partners: 14 ITA, 2 FRA, 2 SLO, 2 AUT

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Wolves in the Alps

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Measures Against Illegal Wolf Killing and Control of Poison Baits And Coordination of International and National Environmental Judicial Policy

- International coordination through Carabinieri forestali (EnviCrimeNet)
- Transfer of best practices to Slovenia and Austria
- Training and interventions of new anti-poison dog teams
- Toxicological analysis of found carcasses
- Awareness campaign against poaching and poisoning

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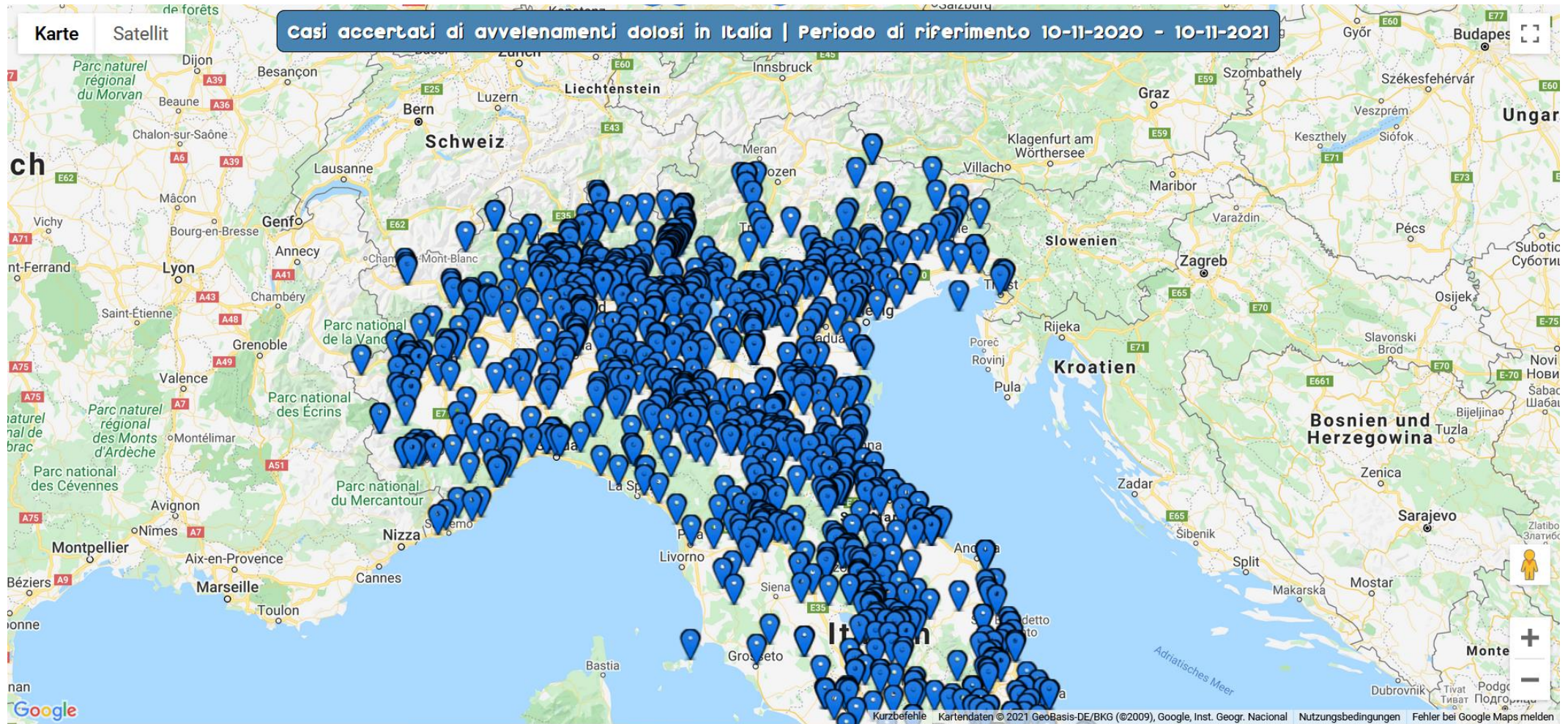
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- Poisoning is a problem
- National online portal of willful poisoning of animals from the Ministry of health: <https://avvelenamenti.izslt.it>
- **Poisoners:** breeders, farmers, hunters (truffle hunters, neighbours)
- **Seasonality:** two peaks February-March, October-November repopulation of species for hunting purposes, moving livestock from stables to pastures, truffle season
- Italy has successfully used **LIFE** for the fight against poisoning (6 LIFE projects, a total of 19 anti-poison dog teams trained)

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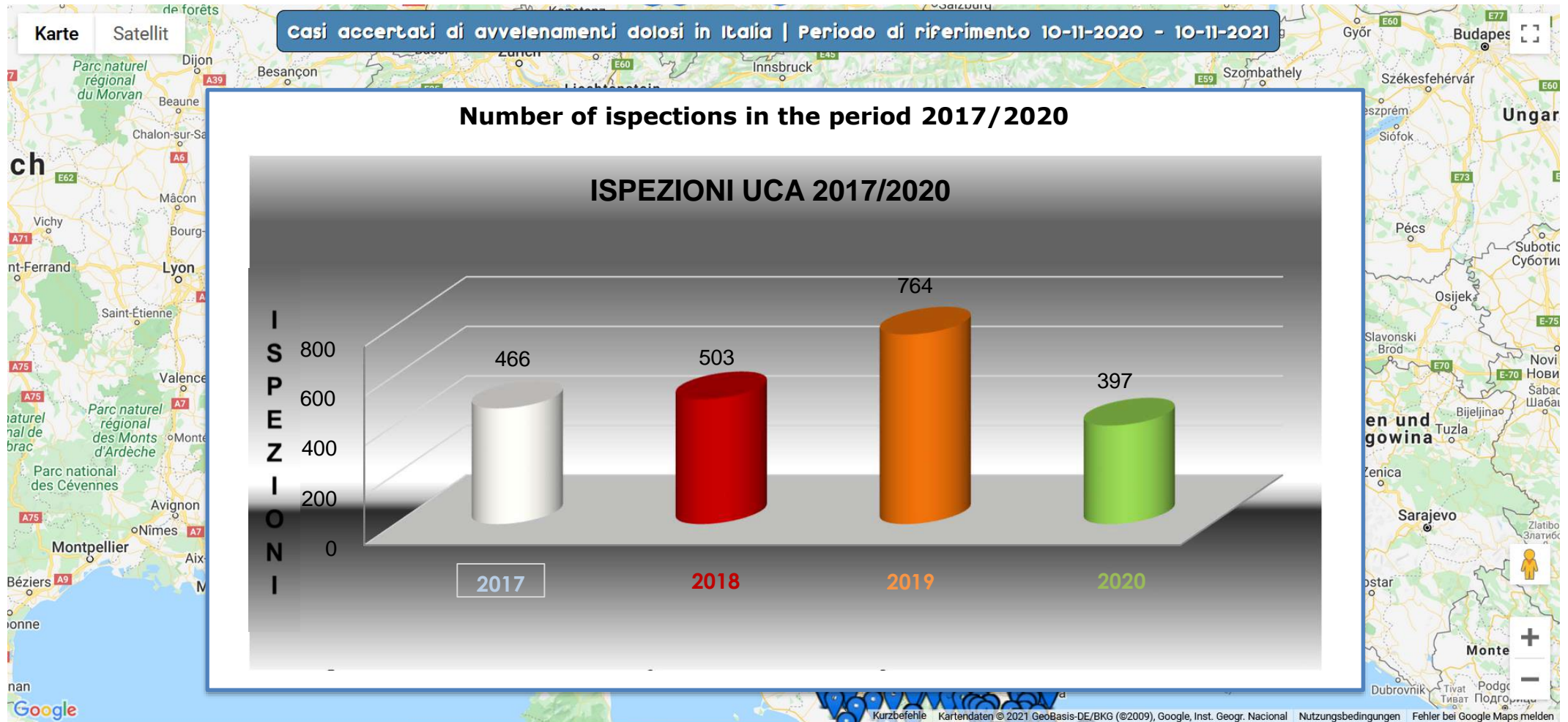
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Source: Lieutenant Colonel Giancarlo Papitto, Carabinieri Forestali

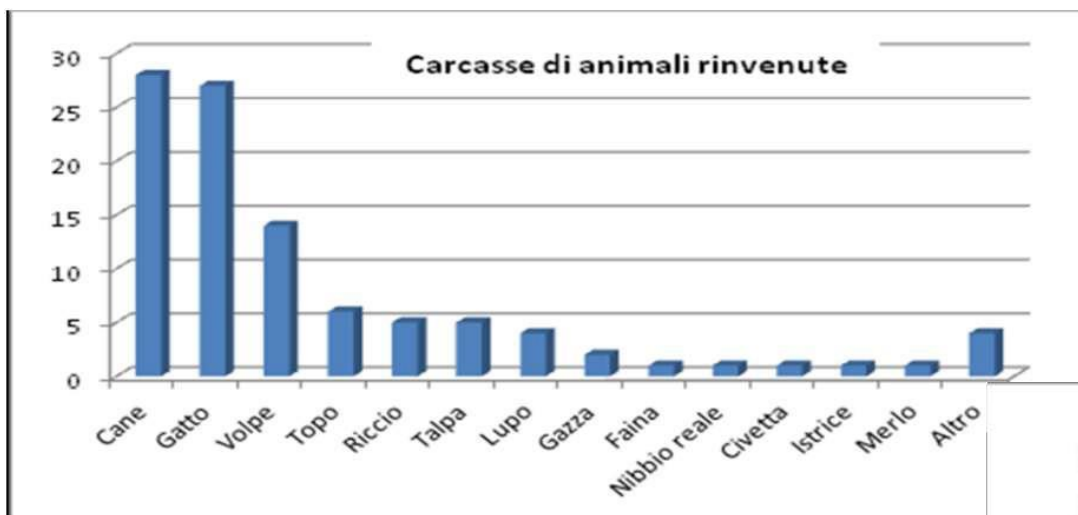
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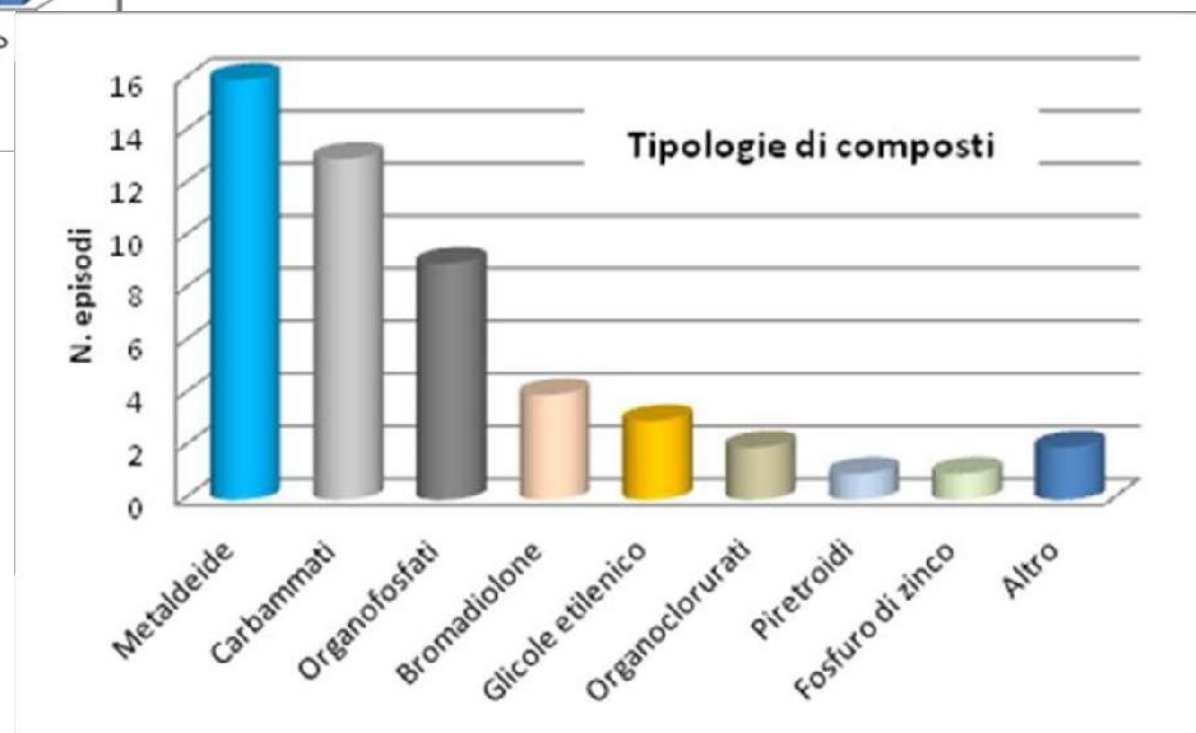


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Species injured



Type of poison

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- Yes, poisoning happens
- Centralised national register at OFB if autopsy is performed
- For wolves: does the possibility to shoot the species limit poisoning?

SLOVENIA

- Since 1992 no report of poisoning of bear, wolf or lynx
- Apparently no reports of poisoning of mammals – rather shooting
- Birds: estimation of 150-500 specimen between 2000 and 2018
in 2019 43 cases opened before the competent authorities

- A lot of work done by colleagues from WWF Austria and BirdLife
→ report on wildlife crime f
- **Illegal persecution** is a well-known problem
- No evidence of **poisoning** of wolves yet, but known cases of illegal persecution of lynx, wolf and bear
- **Birds:** hotspots of poisoning in North-Eastern Austria
- Mostly Carbofuran (carbamate) used
- Number of convictions remains low compared to number of cases

Within LIFE WolfAlps EU:

- Transfer of best practices with the Italian and Slovenian police
- Workshops with police forces specialised on environmental crimes
- Training of anti-poison dog unit

Further needs:

- Expanding co-operation between experts, executive and judiciary
- Increase rate of successful investigations and punishment of offences
- Judicial criminal law vs. administrative criminal law



Thank you for your attention!