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EUROPEAN RAPTOR BIOMONITORING FACILITY



PROOF OF CONCEPT

Results of the survey of samples of priority raptor species across Europe & Next steps

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General objective of Proof of Concept: Test the capacity of the European Raptor Biomonitoring Facility for pan-European monitoring in raptors.

Specific objective: Test the capacity to assess spatial variation in contaminant residue levels across Europe, based on a 100 km x 100 km grid.

SPECIFIC CAPACITIES TO BE TESTED:

- 1) Obtain raptor samples from collections and other institutions (the *Collections Arena*)
- 2) Fill gaps in spatial coverage through new field acquisition of samples (the *Field Arena*)
- 3) Coordinate shipping of samples from collections and other institutions to toxicology laboratories (the *Analysis Arena*)
- 4) Analyse samples following agreed quality controls (the Analysis Arena)
- 5) Interpret results at European scale

Contaminants?

- SGARs
- Mercury
- Lead

Tissue?

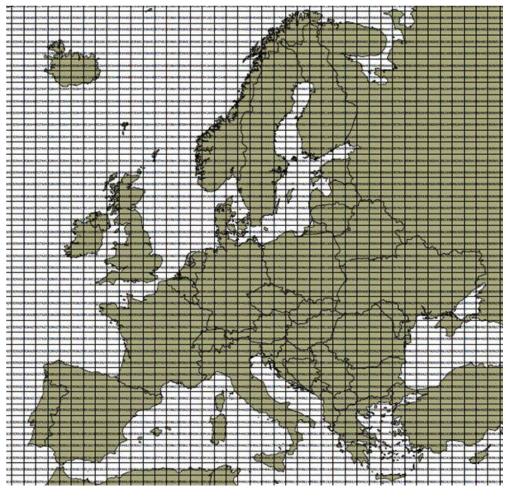
Liver



Sampling area?

100X100 Km grid.

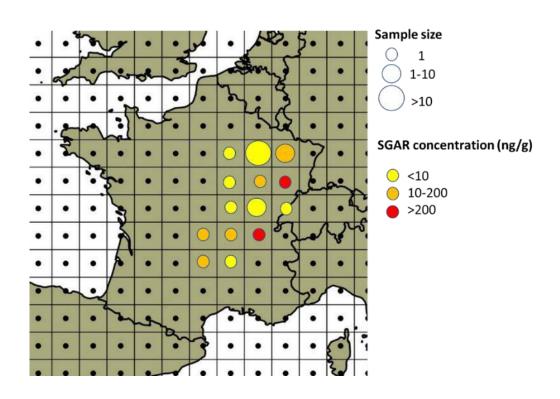
~ 842 squares (COST countries)



Sampling period?

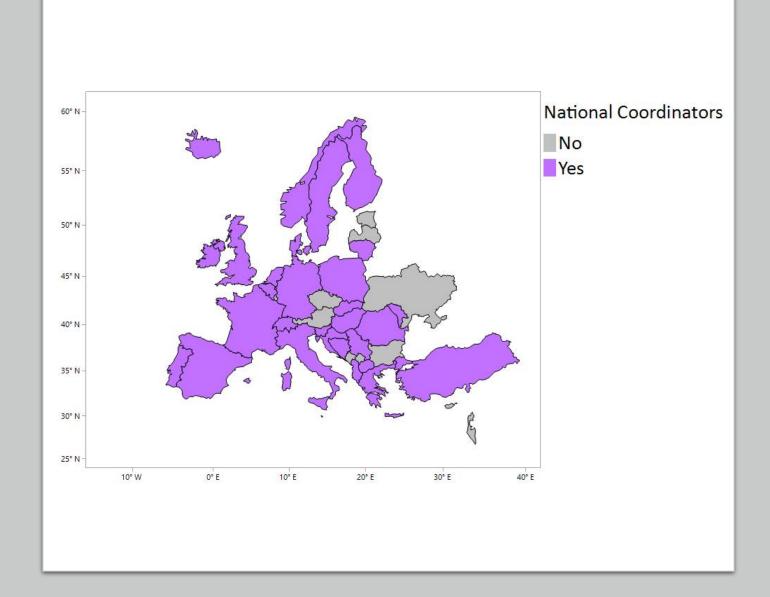
2010-2020

Output.



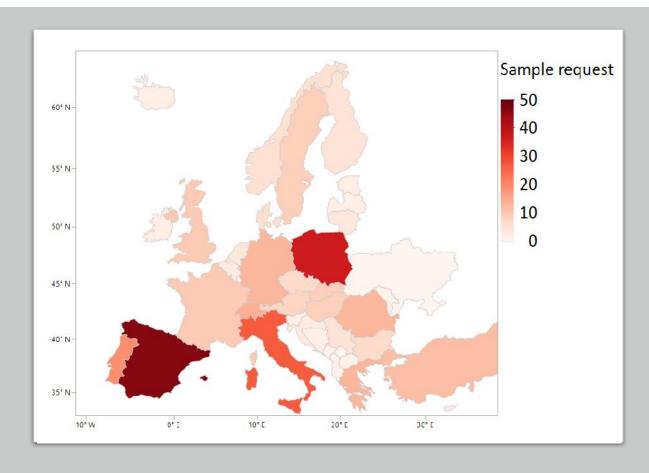
NATIONAL COORDINATORS (NCs)

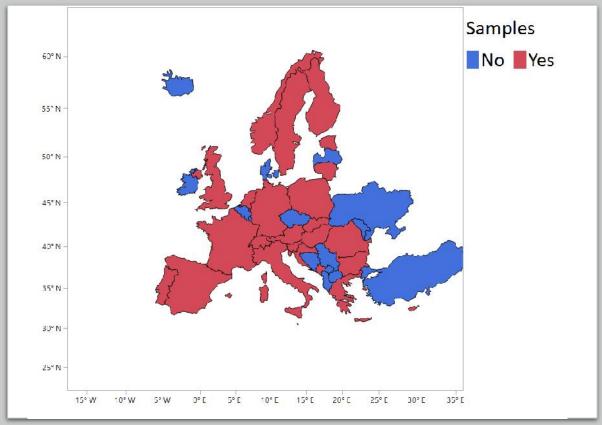
- 43 COST countries/ 30 NCs (70%)
- 21 NCs sent a list of contacts

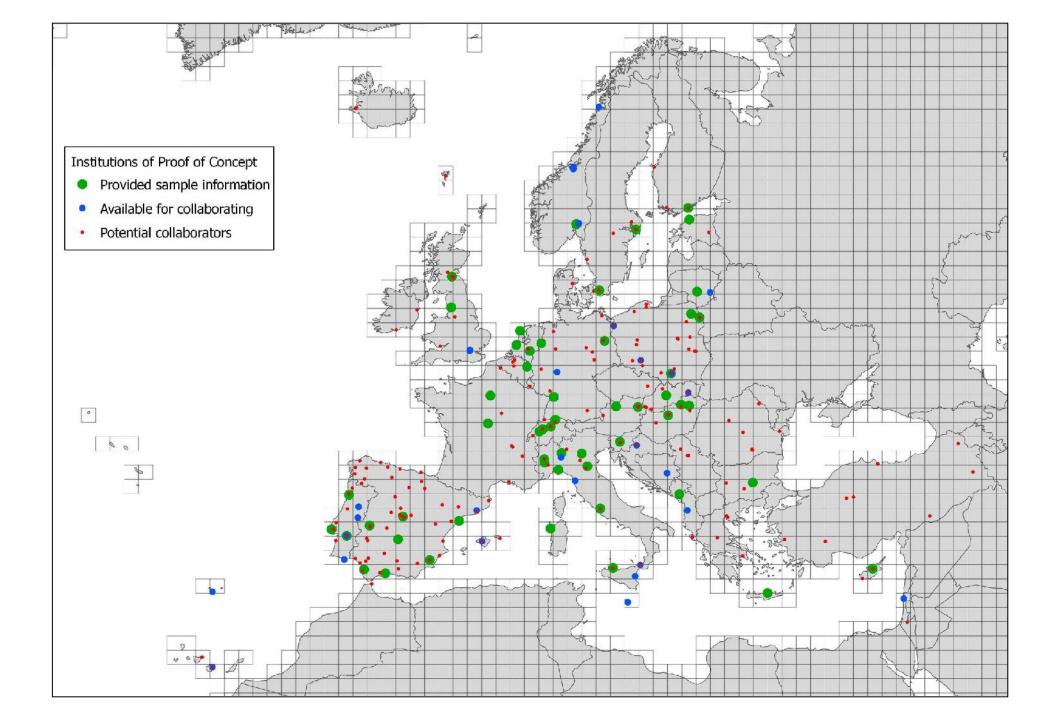


SAMPLE REQUEST

- 322 contacts from 38 countries
- 89 answer positively (28%)
- 60 (19%) / 24 countries (56%) submitted the spreadsheet







AVAILABLE SAMPLES01 February 2021

TOTAL = 3635 samples

319 samples had no date; 625 samples from 1994-2009; 2691 samples from 2010-2021 3341 were allocated to a 100x100km square; 294 had no precise location

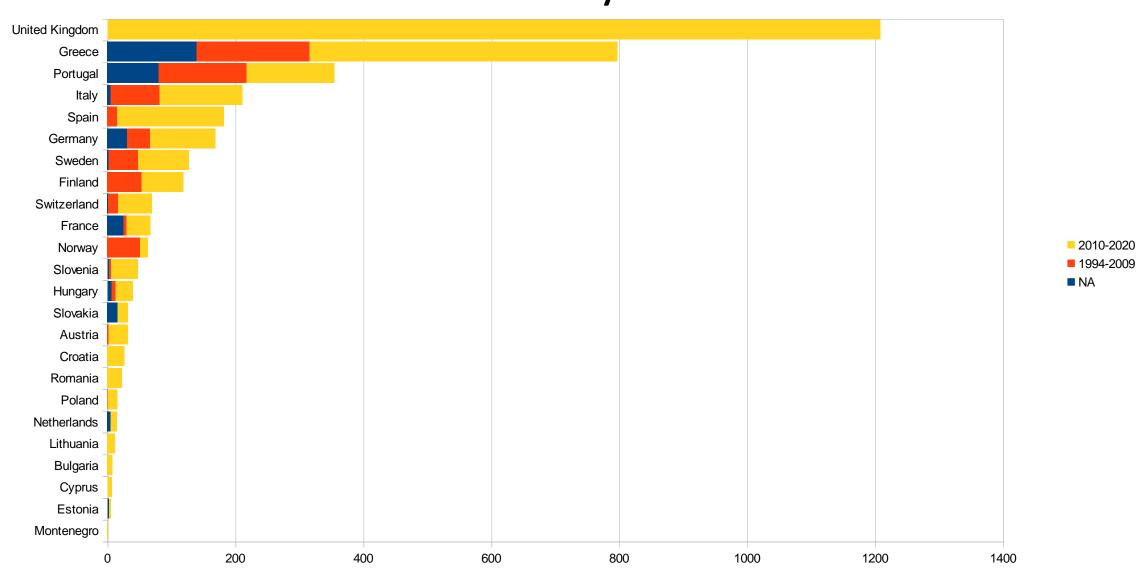
Data from 24 countries:

TOP10 = UK (1208); Greece (797); Portugal (355); Italy (211); Spain (182); Germany (169); Sweden (127); Finland (119); Switzerland (70); France (67)

334 squares (100x100km) had at least a sample from any species

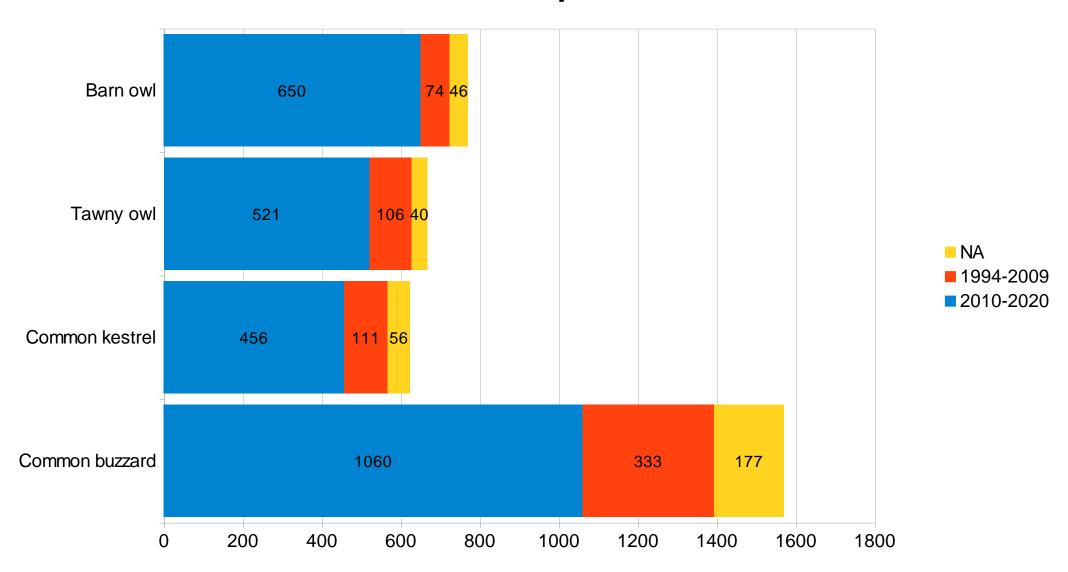
SAMPLES PER COUNTRY PER YEAR INTERVAL

01 February 2021



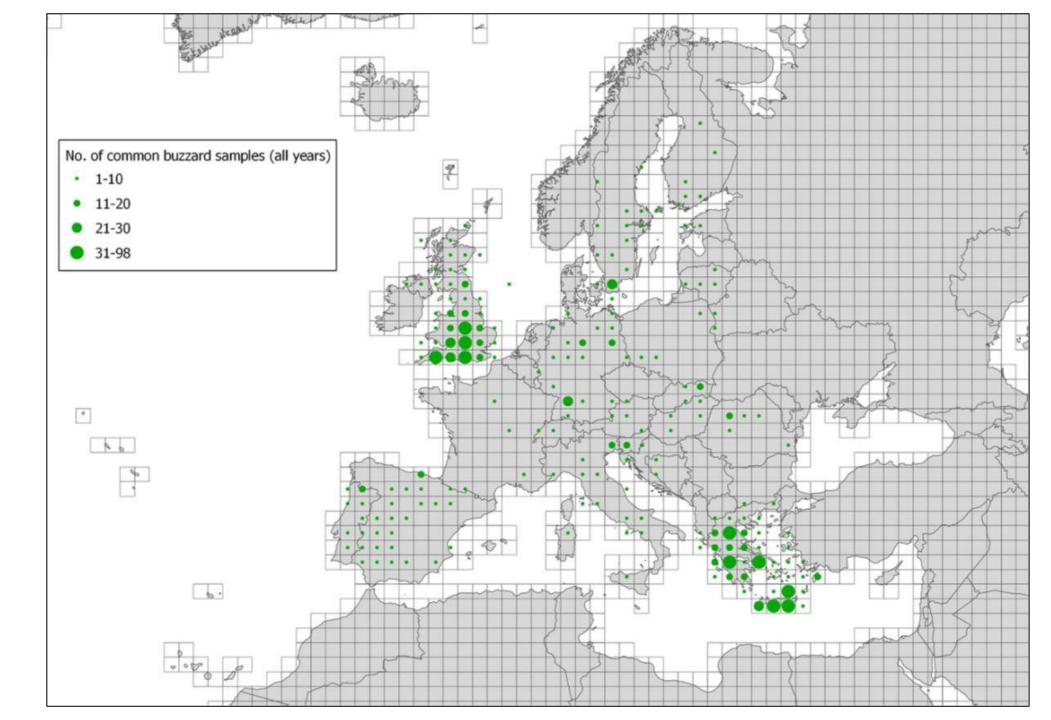
AVAILABLE SAMPLES PER SPECIES

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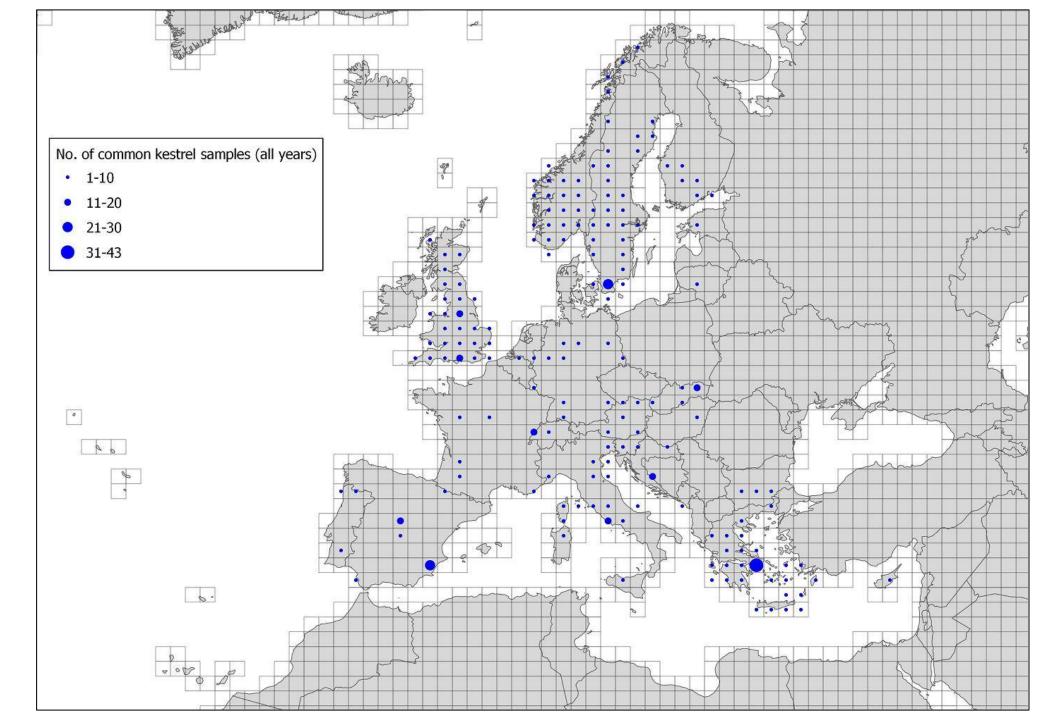


200 squares21 countries



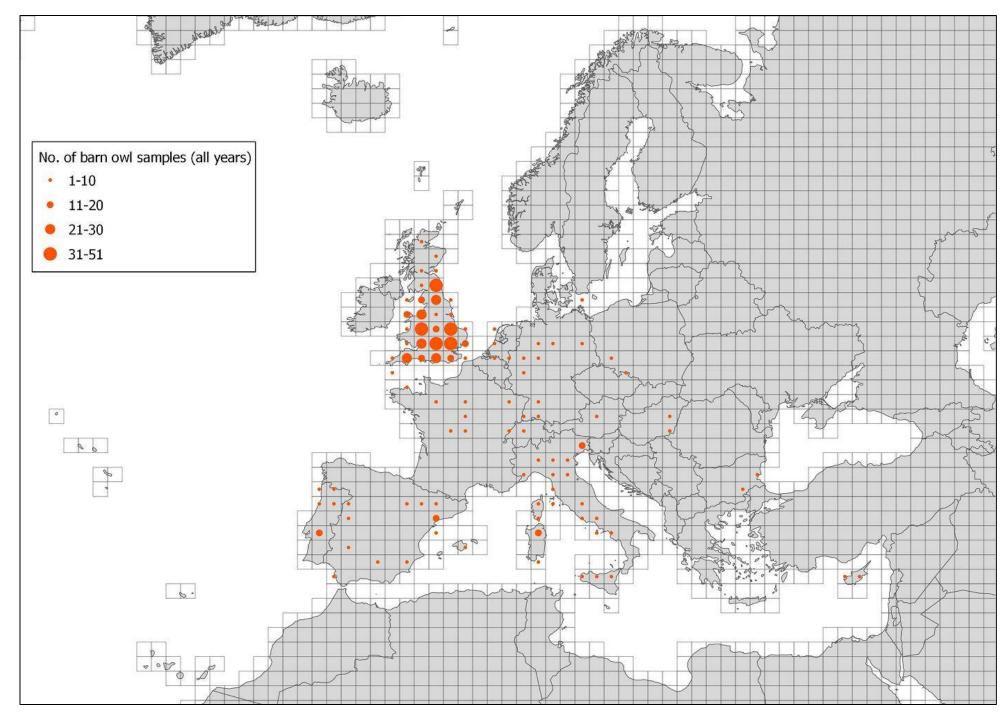


174 squares22 countries



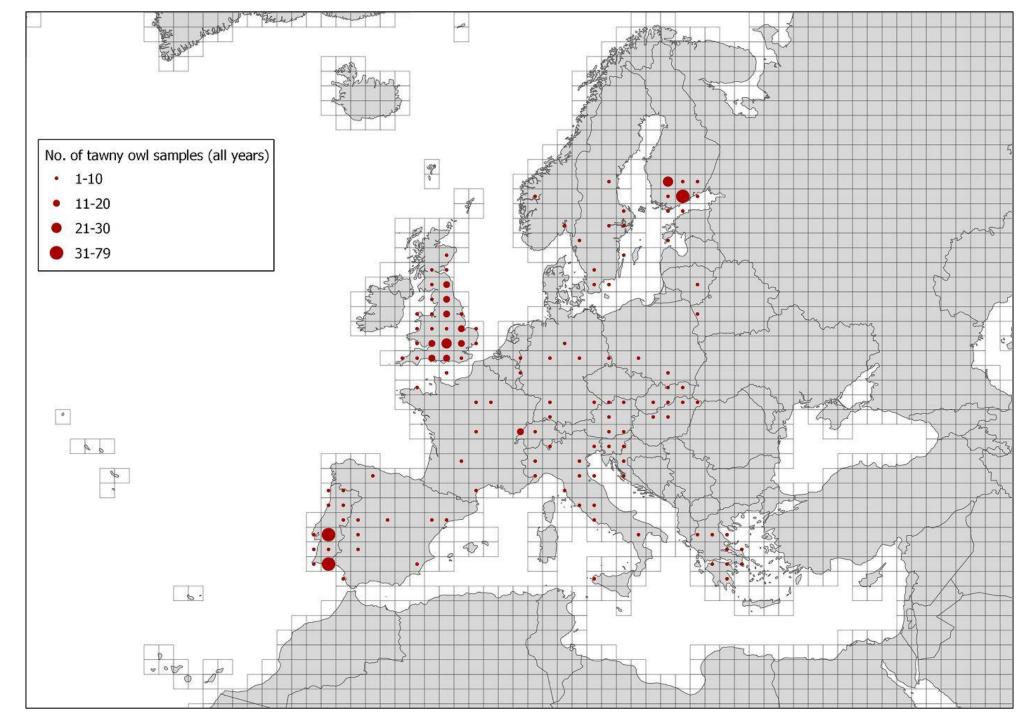


101 squares14 countries



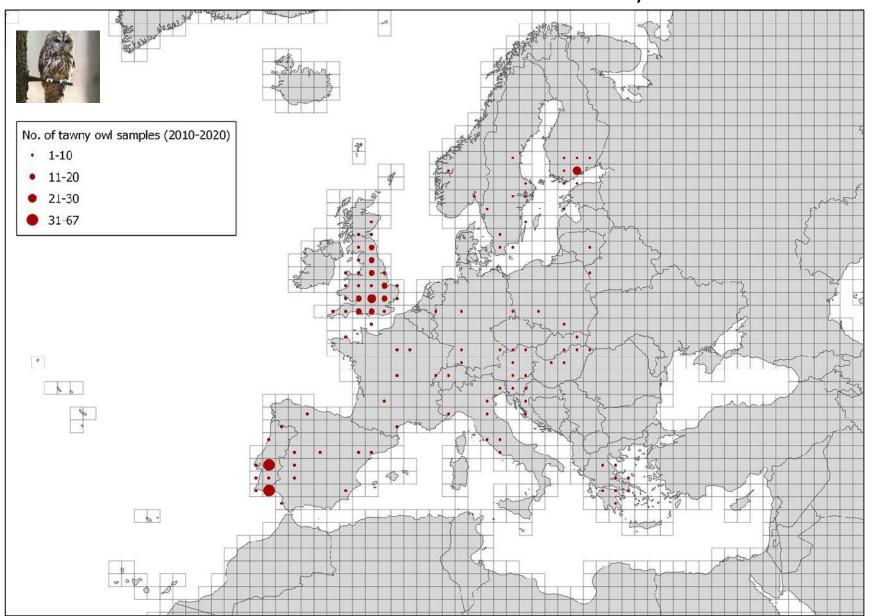


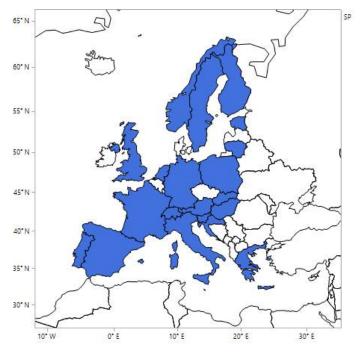
127 squares20 countries



Tawny owl samples (2010-2021)

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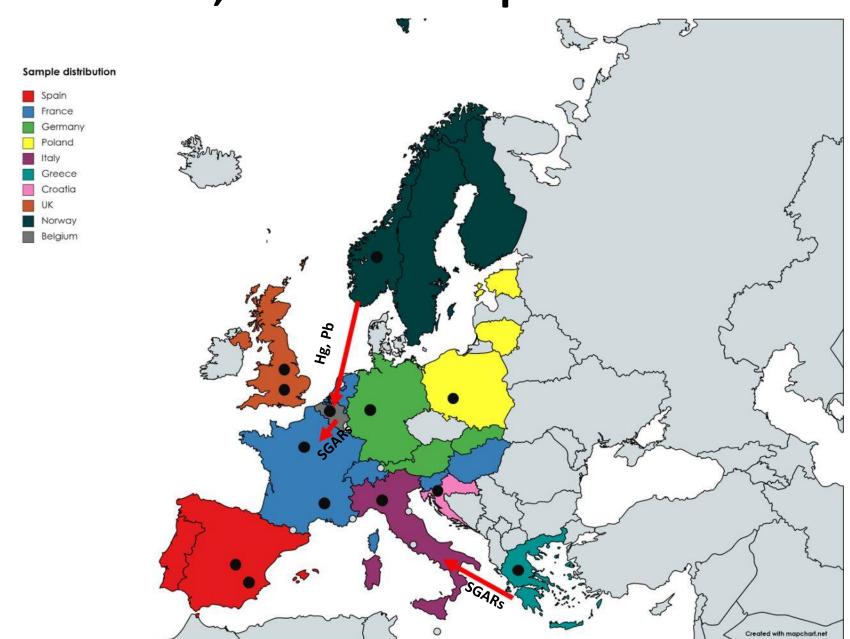


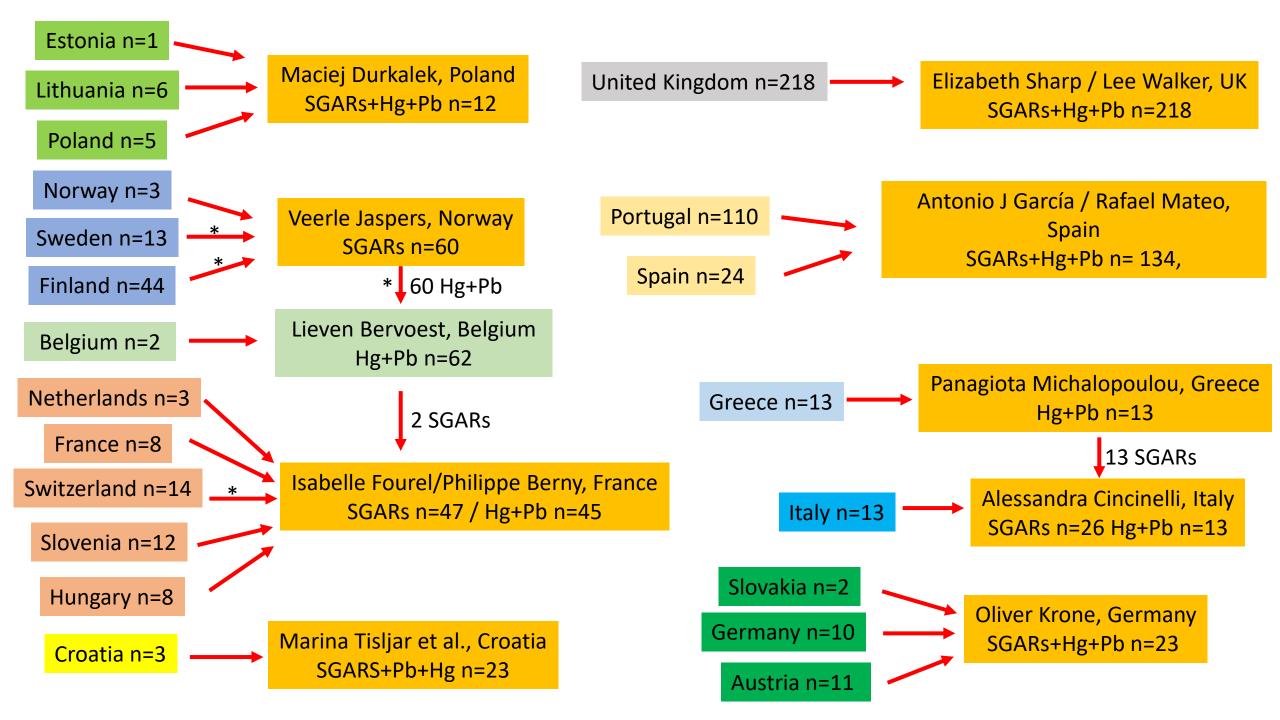
20 countries

111 Squares (13% of the total)

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Country	100x100 km squares (centroids)	Samples	Squares		
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Austria	8	11	5	62	
Croatia	6	3	2	33	
Estonia	6	1	1	17	
Finland	41	44	8	20 9 19	
France	64	8	6		
Germany	36	10	7		
Greece	42	13	9	21	
Hungary	10	8	6	60	
Italy	45	13	14	31	
Lithuania	7	6	1	14 20 5 9	
Netherlands	5	3	1		
Norway	43	3	2		
Poland	32	5	3		
Portugal	13	110	11	85	
Slovakia	6	2	2	33	
Slovenia	2	12	4	200	
Spain	64	24	9	14	
Sweden	56	13	9	16	
Switzerland	5	14	2	40	
United Kingdom	39	218	27	69	

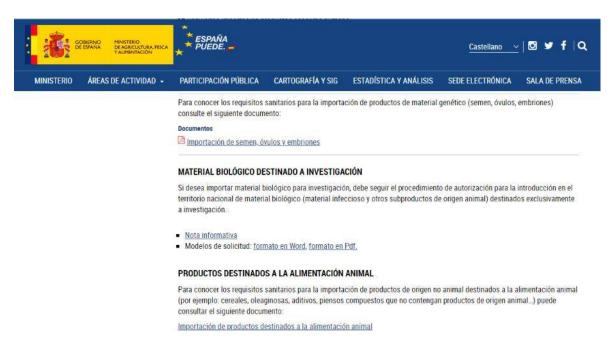
Labs, sources & shipment





Shipment of samples

- Between EU countries: Free movements of goods (with regular couriers)
- From/to non-EU countries: Need of a permit for the import of animal samples (Animal Import in Spain) and CITES.



Courier companies (DHL...) cannot do the procedure of animal/biological sample import in the customs.

Other companies specialized in the import of biological samples have **custom agents** to do this procedure with the animal import authorities (BioCair, Logística Clínica...).

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9 February 2021

Packing list for Caracal samples

Number of vials	Tissue	Common name	Scientific name	
40	Adipose (fat) in	Caracal	Caracal caracal	
	ethanol			

Specimen description

Adipose tissue collected from caracal mortalities in the Western Cape, South Africa. This shipment consists of 1 (one) package, containing 1 (one) plastic cryobox containing 40 (forty) vials sealed with parafilm within a Styrofoam box (as per the above table). The Styrofoam box contains ice-packs, making the total weight 2kg. Caracal sampling followed ethical guidelines approved by the American Society of Mammologists, the University of Cape Town Animal Ethics Committee (2014/V20/LS), Cape Nature (AAA007-0147-0056), and South African National Parks (SERL/AGR/017-2014/V1).

Exporter:

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Department of Biological Sciences, University of Cape Town & Cape Leopard Trust

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Cape Town South Africa

Importer:

Prof. Rafael Mateo

+34 926 295450 or +34 926 295300 Instituto de Investigación de Recursos Cinegeticos (IREC)

Address: Instituto de Investigación de Recursos Cinegeticos (IREC)

Ronda de Toledo, 12 13005 Ciudad Real Spain

Yours sincerely

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CUSTOMS INVOICE

Date: 26 January 2021 Shipper: Gabriella Leighton

Company Name: Department of Biological Sciences, University of Cape Town &

Cape Leopard Trust

Contact Name: Gabriella Leighton

Telephone: 0845489539

Consignee: Prof. Rafael Mateo

Company Name: Instituto de Investigación de Recursos Cinegeticos (I.R.e.C)

Contact Name: Rafael Mateo

Telephone: +34651095432

Address:

Instituto de Investigación de Recursos Cinegeticos (I.R.e.C) Ronda de Toledo, 0, 13005 Ciudad Real, Cdad. Real, Spain

Contents: Non-Hazardous/Non-Infectious Animal Adipose Tissue

Quantity:

40x 2ml tubes

For Customs Purposes Only \$10 USD

Reason for Shipping: Laboratory Testing only
Not for human consumption- research purposes only

No Commercial Value - For Customs Purposes Only Total \$10 USD

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ANEXO III - PROCEDIMIENTO ORDINARIO 052/2021



Delegación del Gobierno de Subdelegación del Gobierno de Área Funcional de

SOLICITUD DE IMPORTACIÓN DE MATERIAL BIOLOGICO DE INVESTIGACIÓN

SOLICITANTE

Nombre del laboratorio / Institución científica: Instituto de Investigación en Recursos Cinegéticos, IREC (Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas / Universidad de Castilla-La Mancha / Junta de Comunidades de Castilla-La Mancha)

Dirección completa: IREC, Ronda de Toledo 12, 13071 Ciudad Real, España,

Nº Teléfono: 926295450 Nº Fax: 926295451 ⊕mail: rafael.mateo@uclm.es

Nivel de contención del laboratorio: Nivel 2.

Objetivo de la importación: Análisis de metales pesados y contaminantes halogenados.

Persona responsable del proyecto de investigación: Rafael Mateo Soria.

MERCANCÍA IMPORTADA:

Naturaleza de la mercancía (añadir especie animal de la que procede, en su caso); Muestras de tejido adiposo de caracal (Caracal caracal)

Nº de unidades: 40 Forma de presentación: Crioviales con etanol.

Método de conservación; Congeladas.

Nº de Conocimiento aéreo /Nº Albarán (en su caso). Pendiente de información por Biocair.

País de origen: Sudáfrica.

Laboratorio/Institución de origen: University of Cape Town

Aeropuerto de entrada: Madrid-Barajas,

COMPROMISO DE UTILIZACIÓN:

□ abajo firmante, D. Rafael Mateo Soria con DNI nº 35123163R como responsable del proyecto de investigación, me comprometo a que:

- 1.-La mercancía objeto de la importación vaya destinada a la investigación y no se comercialice.
- 2.4.a mercancia vaya embalada conforme a las normas de la Asociación Internacional de Transporte Aéreo (IATA), de forma que no sea posible su ruptura y consiguiente contaminación del medio.
- 3.-La mercancia se traslade directamente a nuestras instalaciones, donde una vez realizadas las pruebas pertinentes, el material sobrante se destruirá conforme a la legislación vigente.

En Ciudad Real, a 94 de febrero de 2021

MATEO SORIA RAFAEL -

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Fdo: Rafael Mateo Soria

RESOLUCIÓN DE LA SUBDIRECCIÓN:

De acuerdo con la información suministrada a esta Subdirección General de Acuerdos Sanitarios y Control en Frontera, <u>procede</u> / no precede autorizar la importación de la mercancia arriba reseñada.

En.....

Fdo.: El Subdirector General

(firma electrónica de Emilio García Muro)

DICTAMEN DEL SERVICIO DE SANIDAD ANIMAL:

Una vez comprobada la identidad de la partida, procede / no procede autorizar la importación de la mercancia arriba reseñada.

En....

Fdo.: El Inspector de Sanidad Animali

(Nombre, firma y sello)

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DIRECCIÓN DE VALIDACIÓN: https://sede.administracion.gob.es/pagSedeFront/servicios/consultaCSV.htm FIRMANTE(1): EMILIO LUIS GARCIA MURO | FECHA: 08/02/2021 10:33 | Sin acción específica



NEXT STEPS

- February: Start the shipments
- June 2021: Finish the analyses
- End of 2021: Final report on the PoC

DELIVERABLES

- PoC final report
- Several publications (covering different aspects of the PoC: the process, constraints, toxicological results)

