

The Wolf: Problems, Opportunities, Activities and Future Perspectives' in Parco del Frignano (Northern Apennines – Italy)

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Abstract

The presence of wolves in the northern Apennines has been growing during the last ten years.

This trend urged an immediate investigation of its real dimensions to intervene with the wolves' local population with actions aimed at the conservation of an important part of Italian biodiversity and at the mitigation of the impact that the wolves have on local agricultural and business activities.

Not secondary has been the Park's commitment to inform and train the public about the problems and the opportunities that the presence of the wolves imply.

This investigation prompted some initial actions to tackle the problems deriving from the wolves' presence. It also highlighted the priorities needed to continue future improvement of the wolf's conservation – actions that were undertaken by the Parco del Frignano in association with the County of Modena.

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