

# **Brown bears in Croatia: research, status and management**

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### Abstract

The scientific study of brown bears (*Ursus arctos*) in Croatia started in 1981. The focus was on telemetry tracking to reveal the ecological but since the very beginning biological samples have been collected from living and dead bears. The obtained results gave insight in the population status (size and trends) and have been applied in the management with special care to maintain the acceptance by local inhabitants. Currently the population is stable and the damages (including attacks on humans) are among the lowest in Europe. Although are strictly protected by the European rule the bears in Croatia are also hunted through derogations of Habitat's Directive. That requires the close monitoring of all population parameters including the health status.

### Curriculum Vitae

Djuro Huber is conducting the "Study of large carnivores in Croatia" since 1981. The research included all aspects of their biology, as well as management issues. So far, he was conducting 20 different projects and published 180 scientific papers. He is the member of relevant national and international professional organizations like IBA, IUCN Species Survival Groups for Bears, Veterinary Medicine, and Large Carnivore Initiative for Europe. Djuro Huber is currently professor emeritus at Biology Department of the Veterinary Faculty in Zagreb.

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