

## European Bison: An analysis of conflicts and management effort in populations across Europe as a precondition for well informed reintroductions



The European Bison is the largest free ranging herbivore in Europe. The animals were hunted to extinction in the wild in the early 20th century. Beginning in 1951, European bison have been reintroduced and nowadays free-ranging herds are found in nine countries numbering about 5000 animals. Living close to Bison herds goes not without problems, but during the last decades, a lot of experiences and knowledge have been gathered how to manage the coexistence between humans and bison in cultural landscapes. Therefore, the aim of this study is to develop a survey which will summarize these experiences. The analysis of this data will help managers who plan reintroductions, such as the Sumava National Park, to draw informed decisions and to prepare an up to date conservation management.

### Methods

A survey with questionnaires. Field visits of European Bison populations might be possible

### Time

The project can start anytime. Suitable as MSc project

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