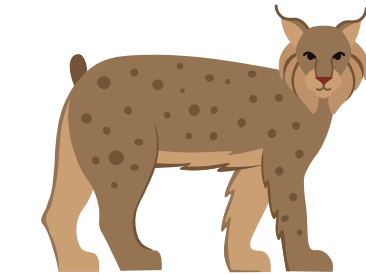# Status of large carnivores in Europe

Despite their numbers have recovered, this does not mean the species are out of danger

Total populations	Least Concern	Near Threatened	Vulnerable	Endangered	Critically Endangered
10	3	-	3	-	4
10	4	-	-	3	3
9	3	5	1	-	-
2	-	-	1	1	-

Data retrieved from:

Fernández-Gil et al (2018). Large Carnivore Management Plans of Protection: Best Practices in EU Member States.

Assessment of the conservation status of the Wolf (Canis lupus) in Europe, Large Carnivore Initiative for Europe (2022).

They and their habitats are technically protected but ... CURRENT THREATS:

- Hunting pressure (legal and illegal).

- Habitat modification and loss (e.g. from agriculture, development, forestry).

- Habitat fragmentation (such as roads, veterinary fences) that hinders physical and genetic dispersal and cause roadkills.

OVERARCHING SOLUTIONS

- Uphold the measures that have allowed populations to rebound, such as protection

- General habitat protection and restoration

- Support coexistence to avoid human-wildlife conflicts

WHY ARE YOU(TH) IMPORTANT?

- We are the generation growing up with large carnivores comeback, (re)normalizing their presence in nature

- We get the chance to do things differently

- Coexistence and predator ethology is being (re)studied and advanced

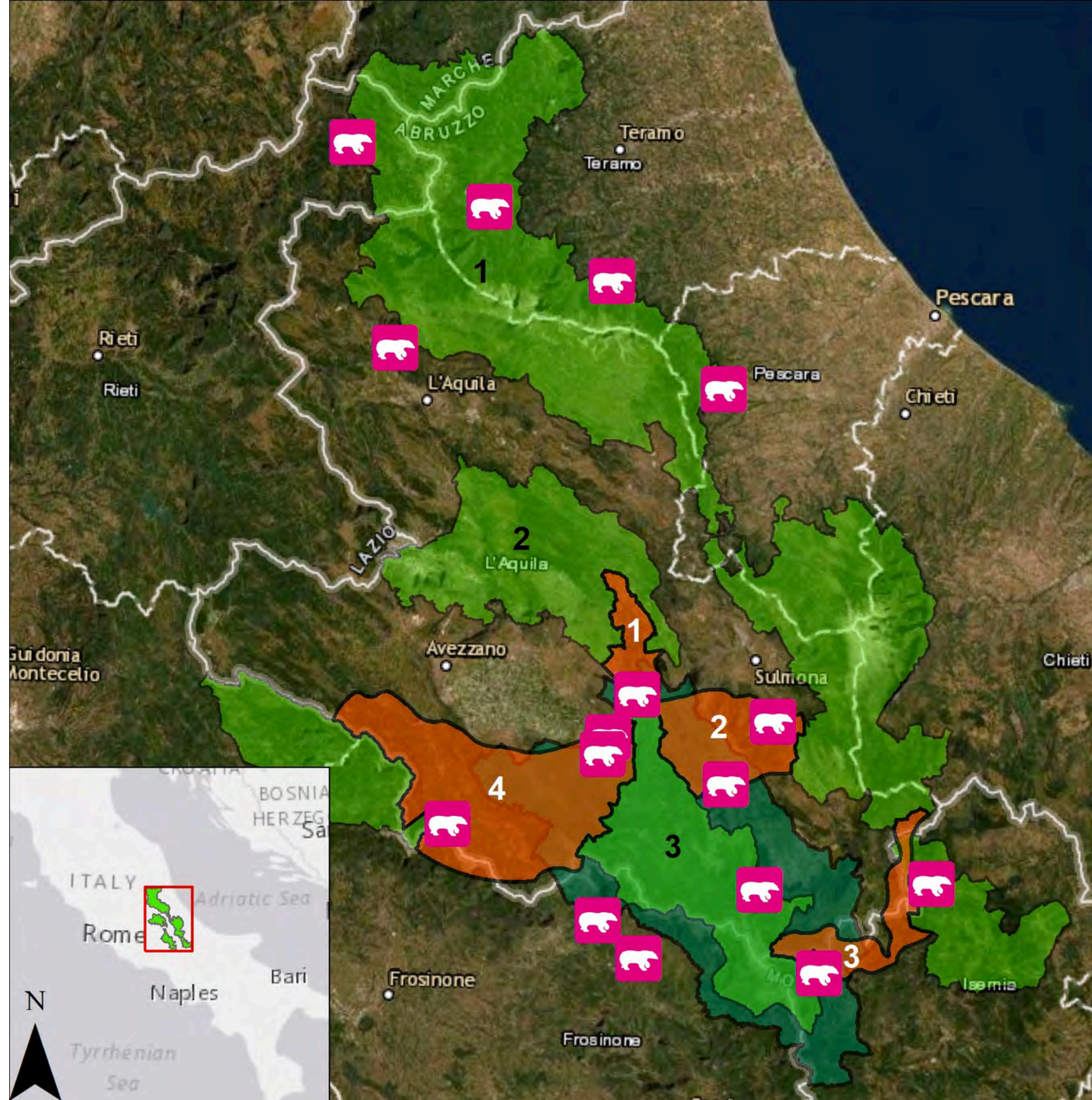- We are future decision-makers and teachers

ON THE GROUND YOUTH INVOLVEMENT: EXAMPLE FROM THE VOLUNTEERING PROGRAM IN THE CENTRAL APENNINES, IN ITALY
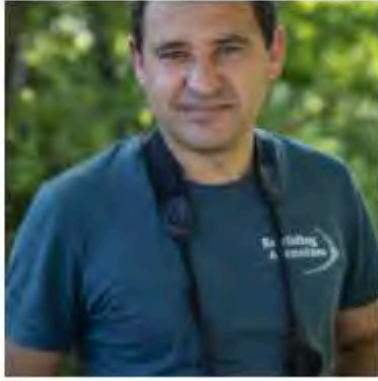
Central Apennines, Italy
Rewilding Apennines
LIFE BEAR SMART CORRIDORS

Bear Smart Project Area

- 🐻 C1 Bear Smart communities
- 1. Gran Sasso e Monti della Laga National Park
- 2. Sirente Velino Regional Park
- 3. Parco Nazionale d'Abruzzo, Lazio e Molise
- Bear Smart corridors
- PNALM Bufferzone
- Natura 2000 areas

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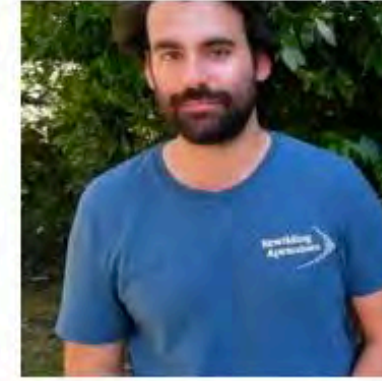
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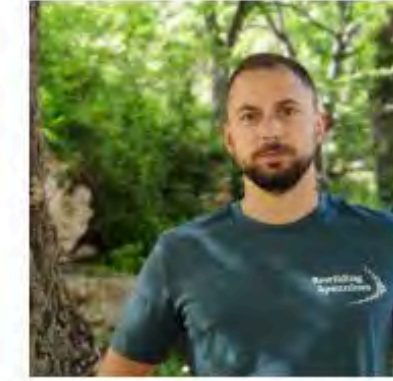
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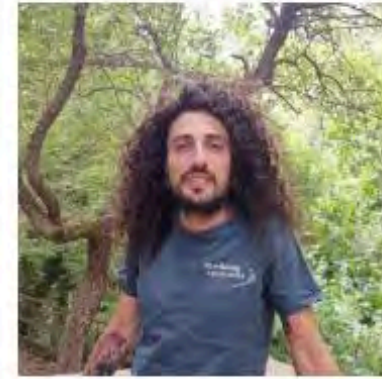**Pietrantonio Costrini**

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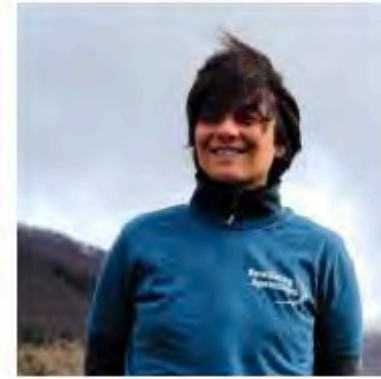**Giulia Pace**

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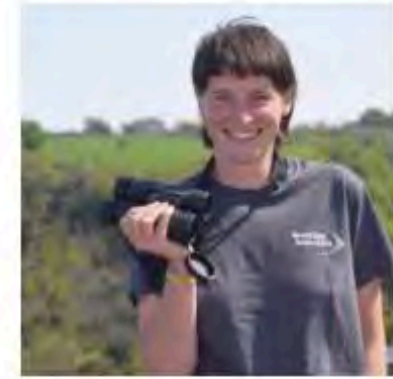
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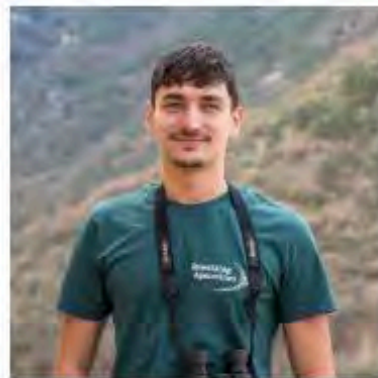
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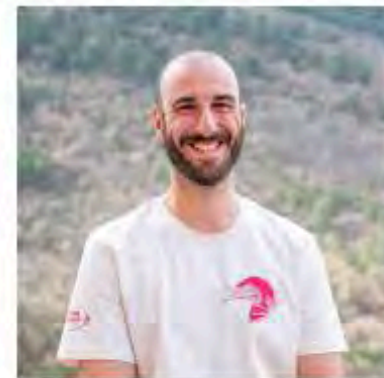Field Officer

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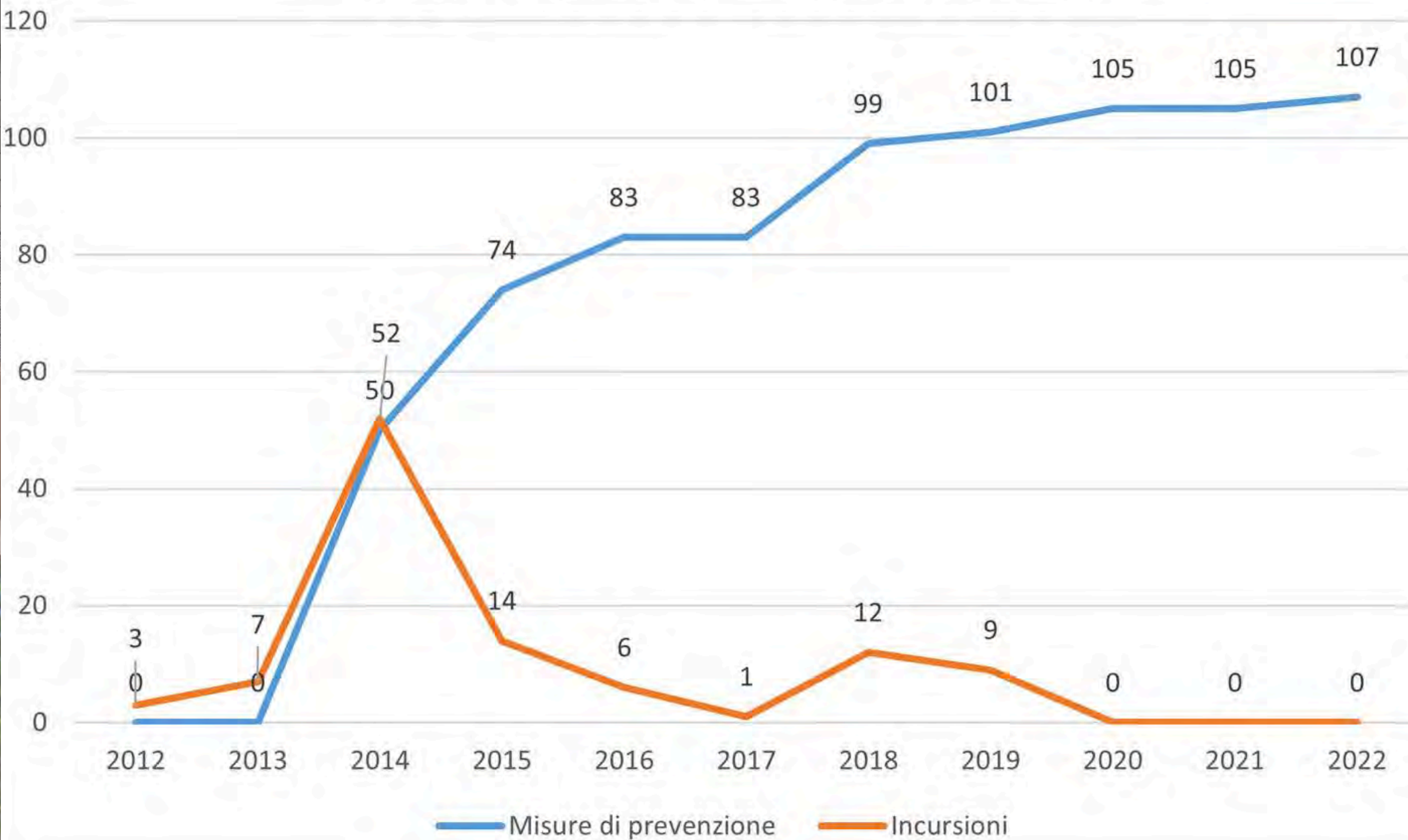**Luca Chiaverini**

GIS Analyst

+ all-year long volunteers!

Setting up predator-proof electric fences (beehives, farms, fruit orchards)

Misure di prevenzione e incursioni orso 2012-2022

Helping local people collect ripe fruits and vegetables (that attract bears)

while leaving the wild/abandoned trees with fruit + planting

Installation of bear-proof bins

to reduce attractants to villages

Other activities

- Barbed wire removal
- Cleanups
- Closing old wells
- Anti-poison sweeps
- Public events
- Monitoring & research

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