## **SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIAL**

**Table S1.** Questions used to calculate the index of people perception toward brown bear reintroduction and population. People under 18 were interviewed after their parents' consent.

Question	Answer options	Number of answers
Age (Age)	7-15 years old	6 (2.5%)
	16-29 years old	44 (18.6%)
	30-39 years old	53 (22.5%)
	40-54 years old	66 (28.0%)
	55-64 years old	42 (17.8%)
	Over 65 years old	25 (10.6%)
	Unanswered	0 (0.0%)
Sex	Female	106 (44.9%)
	Male	126 (53.4%)
(Sex)	Other	1 (0.4%)
	Unanswered	3 (1.3%)
Professional occupation (P.Occupation)	Student	19 (8.1%)
	Retired	8 (3.4%)
	Related to tourism	29 (12.3%)
	Related to environment	19 (8.1%)
	Related to livestock and agriculture	42 (17.8%)
	Related to sevices and trade	20 (8.5%)
	Other	80 (33.9%)
	Unanswered	19 (8.1%)
Do you live in the Pallars Sobira? (Resident)	No	30 (12.7%)
	I live in Pallars Sobirà all year round	167 (70.8%)
	I have a second home	39 (16.5%)
	Alins	14 (5.9%)
Municipality of Residence (Municipality)	Alt Àneu	25 (10.6%)
	Baix Pallars	4 (1.7%)
	Espot	14 (5.9%)
	Esterri d'Àneu	10 (4.2%)
	Esterri de Cardós	7 (3.0%)
	Forani	30 (12.7%)
	La Guingueta d'Àneu	12 (5.1%)
(1.14merpanty)	Lladorre	13 (5.5%)
	Llavorsí	12 (5.1%)
	Rialp	12 (5.1%)
	Soriguera	33 (14.0%)
	Sort	43 (18.2%)
	Tírvia	2 (0.8%)
	Vall de Cardós	5 (2.1%)

Are you related to the livestock activity in the Pallars Sobira? (Livestock.Related)	Yes	116 (49.2%)
	No	117 (49.6%)
	Unanswered	3 (1.3%)
What is the most representative animal of the Pallars Sobirà? (Animal. Rep)	Capreolus capreolus	24 (10.2%)
	Tetrao urogallus	60 (25.4%)
	Rupicapra pyrenaica	82 (34.7%)
	Sus scrofa	25 (10.6%)
	Ursus arctos	23 (9.7%)
	Iberolacerta aurelioi	9 (3.8%)
	Calotriton asper	2 (0.8%)
	Other	11 (4.7%)
	Yes	219 (92.8%)
Are there bears in the Pallars Sobirà?	No	7 (3.0%)
(Bears.PallarsSobira)	Yes, but they don't live there	5 (2.1%)
	I don't know	5 (2.1%)
Have you ever seen a bear? (Sighting)	Yes	28 (11.9%)
	No	208 (88.1%)
	Most of them are introduced	78 (33.1%)
Where do the bears of Pallars Sobirà come from? (Bears.Origin)	They are autochthonous, they have always been here.	11 (4.7%)
	They have come from France	20 (8.5%)
	Most of them were born here	45 (19.1%)
	They are all introduced	78 (33.1%)
	I don't know	3 (1.3%)
	Unanswered	1 (0.4%)
	Yes	57 (24.2%)
	Sometimes	94 (39.8%)
Is the bear dangerous to humans? (Human.Risk)	No	68 (28.8%)
(Fluman, Risk)	I don't know	16 (6.8%)
	Unanswered	1 (0.4%)
	Unanswered Excessive	1 (0.4%)
	Excessive	108 (45.8%)
How many bears there are in Pallars	Excessive Adequate	108 (45.8%) 69 (29.2%)
How many bears there are in Pallars Sobirà? (Bear.Abundance)	Excessive Adequate Low	108 (45.8%) 69 (29.2%) 46 (19.5%) 2 (0.8%)
	Excessive Adequate Low None	108 (45.8%) 69 (29.2%) 46 (19.5%)
	Excessive Adequate Low None Other	108 (45.8%) 69 (29.2%) 46 (19.5%) 2 (0.8%) 2 (0.8%) 7 (3.0%)
	Excessive Adequate Low None Other I don't know	108 (45.8%) 69 (29.2%) 46 (19.5%) 2 (0.8%) 7 (3.0%) 2 (0.8%)
	Excessive Adequate Low None Other I don't know Unanswered It is harmful	108 (45.8%) 69 (29.2%) 46 (19.5%) 2 (0.8%) 7 (3.0%) 2 (0.8%) 35 (14.8%)
	Excessive Adequate Low None Other I don't know Unanswered It is harmful No	108 (45.8%) 69 (29.2%) 46 (19.5%) 2 (0.8%) 7 (3.0%) 2 (0.8%) 35 (14.8%) 72 (30.5%)
Sobirà? (Bear.Abundance)  Does presence of the bear benefit	Excessive Adequate Low None Other I don't know Unanswered It is harmful No A little	108 (45.8%) 69 (29.2%) 46 (19.5%) 2 (0.8%) 7 (3.0%) 2 (0.8%) 35 (14.8%) 72 (30.5%) 60 (25.4%)
Sobirà? (Bear.Abundance)	Excessive Adequate Low None Other I don't know Unanswered It is harmful No A little Yes	108 (45.8%) 69 (29.2%) 46 (19.5%) 2 (0.8%) 7 (3.0%) 2 (0.8%) 35 (14.8%) 72 (30.5%) 60 (25.4%) 53 (22.5%)
Sobirà? (Bear.Abundance)  Does presence of the bear benefit	Excessive Adequate Low None Other I don't know Unanswered It is harmful No A little	108 (45.8%) 69 (29.2%) 46 (19.5%) 2 (0.8%) 7 (3.0%) 2 (0.8%) 35 (14.8%) 72 (30.5%) 60 (25.4%)

**Table S2.** Questions used to calculate the index of people perception toward the actions carried out by administration to compensate for the damages caused by brown bears.

Not at all	Question	Answer options	Score	Number of answers
Are herds sufficiently protected from the presence of bears? (H.Sufficiently. Protected)  A lot	the presence of bears? (H.Sufficiently.	Not at all	1	48 (20.3%)
A lot   A   9 (3.8%)     Protected   A   9 (3.8%)     I don't know		A little	2	122 (51.7%)
Protected   A lot   A   9   (3.8%)     I don't know   NA		Enough	3	50 (21.2%)
Unanswered NA 1 (1.3%)   Yes   1   50 (21.2%)   Are herd proteccion measures adequate? (H.measures.Adequate)   I don't know   0   73 (30.9%)   Unanswered NA   1 (0.4%)   Are herd proteccion measures sufficient? (H.Measures.Sufficient)   I don't know   0   63 (26.7%)   Are herd proteccion measures sufficient? (H.Measures.Sufficient)   I don't know   0   63 (26.7%)   Unanswered NA   1 (0.4%)   Unanswered NA   1 (0.4%)   Unanswered NA   1 (0.4%)   10-20   4   54 (22.9%)   20-30   3   41 (17.4%)   30-40   2   29 (12.3%)   More than 50   1   33 (14.0%)   I don't know NA   1 (0.4%)   Unanswered NA   1 (0.4%)   A little   2   105 (44.5%)   A little   2   105 (44.5%)   Enough   3   60 (25.4%)   Unanswered NA   2 (0.8%)		A lot	4	9 (3.8%)
Yes		I don't know	NA	4 (1.7%)
No		Unanswered	NA	1 (1.3%)
H.measures.Adequate   I don't know   0   73 (30.9%)     Unanswered   NA   1 (0.4%)     Yes   1   38 (16.1%)     Are herd proteccion measures sufficient? (H.Measures.Sufficient)   I don't know   0   63 (26.7%)     Unanswered   NA   1 (0.4%)     Unanswered   NA   1 (0.4%)     Unanswered   NA   1 (0.4%)     10-20   4   54 (22.9%)     20-30   3   41 (17.4%)     30-40   2   29 (12.3%)     More than 50   1   33 (14.0%)     I don't know   NA   11 (4.6%)     Unanswered   NA   1 (0.4%)     Unanswered   NA   1 (0.4%)     A little   2   105 (44.5%)     A little   2   105 (44.5%)     A lot   4   12 (5.1%)     I don't know   NA   20 (8.5%)     Unanswered   NA   2 (0.8%)     Unanswered   NA   1 (0.4%)     I don't know   NA   2 (0.8%)     Unanswered   NA   2 (0.8%)     Unanswered   NA   2 (0.8%)     Unanswered   NA   2 (0.8%)     Unanswered   NA   1 (0.4%)     I don't know   NA   1 (0.4%)     I don't know   NA   2 (0.8%)     Is it easy for farmers to collect   No   -1   176 (74.6%)     I don't know   NA   15 (6.4%)	-	Yes	1	50 (21.2%)
Unanswered   NA   1 (0.4%)		No	-1	112 (47.5%)
Yes		I don't know	0	73 (30.9%)
Are herd proteccion measures sufficient? (H.Measures.Sufficient)         No         -1         134 (56.8%)           (H.Measures.Sufficient)         I don't know         0         63 (26.7%)           Unanswered         NA         1 (0.4%)           D-10         5         67 (28.4%)           10-20         4         54 (22.9%)           20-30         3         41 (17.4%)           30-40         2         29 (12.3%)           More than 50         1         33 (14.0%)           I don't know         NA         11 (4.6%)           Unanswered         NA         1 (0.4%)           Are livestock farmers properly compensated? (Compensations)         Enough         3         60 (25.4%)           A lot         4         12 (5.1%)           I don't know         NA         20 (8.5%)           Unanswered         NA         2 (8.5%) </td <td>Unanswered</td> <td>NA</td> <td>1 (0.4%)</td>		Unanswered	NA	1 (0.4%)
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O-10   5   67 (28.4%)		I don't know	0	63 (26.7%)
10-20		Unanswered	NA	1 (0.4%)
Are livestock farmers properly compensated? (Compensation)   20-30   3   41 (17.4%)		0-10	5	67 (28.4%)
How many brown bear attacks on herds are reported per year? (Num.Attacks)   More than 50		10-20	4	54 (22.9%)
are reported per year? (Num.Attacks)  More than 50  I don't know  NA  11 (4.6%)  Unanswered  NA  1 (0.4%)  Not at all  A little  2 105 (44.5%)  Enough  A lot  I don't know  NA  2 (0.8%)  Unanswered  NA  1 (0.4%)  A lot  I don't know  NA  2 (0.8%)  Ves  I don't know  NA  1 (0.4%)  1 37 (15.7%)  A lot  I don't know  NA  2 (0.8%)  Ves  1 43 (18.2%)  Is it easy for farmers to collect compensation? (Collect.Compensation)  I don't know  NA  1 (0.4%)  1 37 (15.7%)  A lot  4 12 (5.1%)  I don't know  NA  2 (0.8%)  Ves  1 176 (74.6%)  I don't know  NA  1 (0.4%)		20-30	3	41 (17.4%)
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