

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 (Sex)	Female	106 (44.9%)
	Male	126 (53.4%)
	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 services and trade	20 (8.5%)
	Other	80 (33.9%)
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%)
Municipality of Residence (Municipality)	Alins	14 (5.9%)
	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%)
	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)	<i>Capreolus capreolus</i>	24 (10.2%)
	<i>Tetrao urogallus</i>	60 (25.4%)
	<i>Rupicapra pyrenaica</i>	82 (34.7%)
	<i>Sus scrofa</i>	25 (10.6%)
	<i>Ursus arctos</i>	23 (9.7%)
	<i>Iberolacerta aurelioi</i>	9 (3.8%)
	<i>Calotriton asper</i>	2 (0.8%)
	Other	11 (4.7%)
Are there bears in the Pallars Sobirà? (Bears.PallarsSobira)	Yes	219 (92.8%)
	No	7 (3.0%)
	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%)
Where do the bears of Pallars Sobirà come from? (Bears.Origin)	Most of them are introduced	78 (33.1%)
	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%)
Is the bear dangerous to humans? (Human.Risk)	Yes	57 (24.2%)
	Sometimes	94 (39.8%)
	No	68 (28.8%)
	I don't know	16 (6.8%)
	Unanswered	1 (0.4%)
How many bears there are in Pallars Sobirà? (Bear.Abundance)	Excessive	108 (45.8%)
	Adequate	69 (29.2%)
	Low	46 (19.5%)
	None	2 (0.8%)
	Other	2 (0.8%)
	I don't know	7 (3.0%)
	Unanswered	2 (0.8%)
Does presence of the bear benefit tourism? (Bear.Tourism)	It is harmful	35 (14.8%)
	No	72 (30.5%)
	A little	60 (25.4%)
	Yes	53 (22.5%)
	I don't know	7 (3.0%)
	Other	8 (3.4%)
	Unanswered	1 (0.4%)

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.

Question	Answer options	Score	Number of answers
Are herds sufficiently protected from the presence of bears? (H.Sufficiently.Protected)	Not at all	1	48 (20.3%)
	A little	2	122 (51.7%)
	Enough	3	50 (21.2%)
	A lot	4	9 (3.8%)
	I don't know	NA	4 (1.7%)
	Unanswered	NA	1 (1.3%)
Are herd protection measures adequate? (H.measures.Adequate)	Yes	1	50 (21.2%)
	No	-1	112 (47.5%)
	I don't know	0	73 (30.9%)
	Unanswered	NA	1 (0.4%)
Are herd protection measures sufficient? (H.Measures.Sufficient)	Yes	1	38 (16.1%)
	No	-1	134 (56.8%)
	I don't know	0	63 (26.7%)
	Unanswered	NA	1 (0.4%)
How many brown bear attacks on herds are reported per year? (Num.Attacks)	0-10	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)	Not at all	1
A little		2	105 (44.5%)
Enough		3	60 (25.4%)
A lot		4	12 (5.1%)
I don't know		NA	20 (8.5%)
Unanswered		NA	2 (0.8%)
Is it easy for farmers to collect compensation? (Collect.Compensation)	Yes	1	43 (18.2%)
	No	-1	176 (74.6%)
	I don't know	NA	15 (6.4%)
	Unanswered	NA	2 (0.8%)