

A frame-analytical perspective on conflict between people and an expanding wolf *Canis lupus* population in central Italy

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SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIAL 1 This guide was designed as a flexible tool for the purpose of ensuring that all main topics I intended to investigate were touched upon. It should be interpreted as a list of possible prompts to stimulate discussion rather than as a structure to be followed. In a number of interviews, particularly with rural dwellers, the topics emerged spontaneously without the need for probing and I was able to set the guide aside and allow the interview to flow spontaneously.

A. Introductory questions for urban and rural dwellers (2006 interviews only, with the exception of Q2)

1. When you think of the wolf, what is the first thing that comes to mind?
2. How do you see the wolf in Italy today? (2006 and 2010 interviews)
3. Tell me about any experience you have had of wolves.
4. Please tell me what you know about wolves from other sources.
5. Tell me about any wolf-human contacts you have heard about.

B. All respondents: attitudes to wolf conservation (2006 and 2010 interviews)

1. What is the situation of the wolf in Italy at present?
2. How important is it to conserve wolf populations?
3. What do you believe public attitudes are regarding wolf conservation efforts?
4. What is being done to conserve the wolf population in Italy?
5. What factors should be taken into consideration when making decisions about wolf conservation?

C. All respondents: Impact of wolf conservation (2006 and 2010 interviews)

1. What do you think the effects of wolf recovery in Italy are/will be?
2. How do you think the presence of wolves affects local communities?
3. Tell me about those who lose out from/gain from the presence of wolves.
4. How do you think wolf recovery could be made more attractive to those who oppose it?
OR
What arguments would you bring to bear to encourage people to desist from supporting wolf recovery?

D. Questions for policy makers, regional and national level administrators and researchers (2010 interviews only)

1. What are the main aims of wolf management in Italy?
2. How has the wolf's status in Italy changed in recent decades?
3. By what process is policy regarding the wolf drafted? *Question aimed at exploring discrepancies between official policy lines and actual creation of policy*

4. What is the role of your institution/organization in the drafting of policy regarding the wolf?
5. What level of influence, if any, do stakeholders have in the drafting of policy regarding the wolf?