A passage for the bear

The project focuses on the corridors between parks and nature reserves that are essential to fostering the recolonization process of the Marsican brown bear in order to guarantee its survival. The main actions include:

• Identify the signs of presence of bear in suitable areas through various methods of wildlife monitoring (transepts, genetic analysis in agreement with National Parks and Regional Reserves, observations at distance and set of camera traps) and the collection of testimonies from the local population to prevent damage and possible conflicts.

• Securing small farms and apiaries with electric fences.

• Public events to promote and consolidate the best practices of coexistence with the bear.

The bear's honey

This inititive comes from the close relationship between the bear and the bees, not only because the bear loves honey, but most of all because its omnivorours diet mainly depends on fruit dependent on bees in the pollination process. The goals of this projects are to:

• Foster the biodiversity of ecosystems and increase food sources of the Marsican brown bear through the provision of pollinating insects.

• Replace swarms of non-endemic bees with Italian bees (*Apis mellifera ligustica*).

• Build a durable trusting relationship with some beekeepers from the Bear's Lands, so that the bears becomes a quality brand for their territory instead of a competitor.

• Compensate bear damage occurred to non-partner beekeepers with the honey produced by project bee hives that Salviamo l'Orso has donated.

• Secure apiaries with electric fences donated by Salviamo l'Orso.

Caring for the dogs saves the bear

The protection of the relict Marsican brown bear population is inextricably linked to the correct health management of the ecosystems in which it persists. Some of the potentially lethal diseases for bears, such as distemper, parvovirus, leptospirosis, infectious hepatitis, can be transmitted by dogs. To avert this risk, the project includes:

• Vaccination campaigns and registration in the canine registry of stray animals and sheepdogs living in the Marsican brown bear area.

• Actions to spay and neuter stray dogs.

• Initiatives to increase the awareness of the population and institutions on the proper health management of dogs and other domestic animals to protect wild species and public health.

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John Murray

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