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Using Citizen Science & Genetics to Provide  
Essential Data for Conservation & Management



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This series aims to stimulate discussion and create opportunities for collaborations. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Genetic monitoring is becoming an essential tool for tracking of many wildlife populations, and often the only reliable way to estimate abundance and sex structure. For brown bears in Slovenia, over the last two decades, it has grown from a small pilot study into a cost-effective, routine, landscape-scale program. Thousands of volunteers — hunters, foresters, other nature enthusiasts — collect samples, ensuring broad acceptance and engagement. This collaborative model, paired with continually refined laboratory methods and transparent communication, delivers high-quality data essential for conservation and management. The success in Slovenia shows how genetic monitoring can move from a niche scientific tool to the practical backbone of wildlife stewardship. Now, this approach is being expanded to other countries in the Dinaric-Pindos brown bear population, one of Europe's largest remaining indigenous populations of this species. By combining science, public involvement, and long-term commitment, it offers a powerful framework for conservation and management of species across entire transboundary landscapes.

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