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## CONSERVATION THREATS FROM ROADKILL IN THE GLOBAL ROAD NETWORK

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## **BIOSKETCH**

Clara Grilo is particularly interested in applied ecological questions to provide scientific underpinnings for the preservation, management, or restoration of wildlife and landscapes. Over the last years, much of her research focused on the effects of road network on birds and mammals such as behaviour, relative abundance, genetic structure, risk of mortality and population viability. The research interests of this team include road ecology, macroecology, macroevolution, extinction risk and global change biology. The shared interests in these fields were combined to advance our understanding of the impact of roadkill on wildlife populations.

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**ABSTRACT**

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6 **Aim** – The road network is increasing globally but the consequences of roadkill on the viability of wildlife  
7 populations are largely unknown. We provide a framework that allows us to estimate how risk of extinction of  
8 local populations increases due to roadkill and to generate a global assessment that identifies which  
9 mammalian species are most vulnerable to roadkill and the areas where they occur.

10 **Location** - Global

11 **Time period** – 1995 -2015

12 **Major taxa studied** – Terrestrial mammals

13 **Methods** – We introduce a framework to quantify the effect of roadkill on terrestrial mammals worldwide that  
14 includes three steps: 1) compilation of roadkill rates to estimate the fraction of a local population killed on the  
15 roads, 2) prediction of population risk of extinction based on observed roadkill rates (for a target group of  
16 species of conservation concern and non-threatened species with high roadkill rates), and 3) global  
17 assessment of vulnerability to roadkill for 4,677 terrestrial mammalian species estimated using phylogenetic  
18 regression models that link extinction risk to demographic parameters.

19 **Results** – We identified four populations among the 70 species in the target group which could become extinct  
20 in 50 years if observed roadkill levels persist in the study areas: maned wolf *Chrysocyon brachyurus* (Brazil),  
21 little spotted cat *Leopardus tigrinus* (Brazil), brown hyena *Hyaena brunnea* (Southern Africa) and leopard  
22 *Panthera pardus* (North India). The global assessment revealed roadkill as an added risk for 2.7% (n=124)  
23 terrestrial mammals, including 83 species Threatened or Near Threatened. We identified regions of concern  
24 that concentrate species vulnerable to roadkill and high road densities in areas of South Africa, central and  
25 Southeast Asia, and the Andes.

26 **Main conclusions** – Our framework revealed populations of threatened species that require special  
27 attention and can be incorporated into management and planning strategies informing road managers and  
28 conservation agencies.

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30 **Keywords:** Mammals; roadkill; life-history; risk of extinction; road mitigation; road network;

31 **Main text**

32 **1. INTRODUCTION**

33 There are at least 36 million kilometres of roads in the world currently (CIA, 2020). Roads dominate the  
34 landscape in some regions, e.g., 83% of land in the USA (Riitters & Wickham, 2003) and 50% in Europe  
35 (Torres et al., 2016) are within 1 and 1.5 km of the nearest road, respectively. An additional 25 million  
36 kilometres of roads are expected by 2050, mostly from expanding the road networks of developing countries  
37 that contain exceptional biological diversity and highly conserved ecosystems (Laurance, 2018; Meijer et al.,  
38 2018; Alamjir et al., 2019). Given the potential for roads to negatively affect biodiversity, evaluating the  
39 current and future impacts of the global road network on wildlife is critical (van der Ree et al., 2015). Wildlife  
40 mortality through collisions with vehicles (hereafter roadkill) is often considered one of the most serious  
41 impacts of roads, being a significant source of anthropogenic mortality for some species (Loss et al., 2015;  
42 Hill et al., 2019; Morelli et al., 2020). Roadkill impacts have been well documented for a wide range of  
43 vertebrates and regions, with estimates of millions of individuals dying annually in roads across Europe (e.g.  
44 Erritzoe et al., 2003; Wembridge et al., 2016; Grilo et al., 2020), the Americas (e.g. Loss et al., 2014; Baxter-  
45 Gilbert et al., 2015; González-Suaréz et al., 2018) and Australia (Ehmann & Cogger, 1985), and roadkill  
46 being identified as a problem also in Africa (Collinson et al., 2019; Gandiwa et al., 2020) and Asia (Seo et al.,  
47 2015; Silva et al., 2020). While numbers killed are high, the actual impact of that added mortality at the  
48 population level is poorly understood, but at least for some species it can be high (Benítez-López et al.,  
49 2010). For instance, roadkill is responsible for 35% of annual deaths in Florida panthers *Puma concolor coryi*  
50 (Taylor et al., 2002) and 49% in badgers *Meles meles* in Britain (Harris et al., 1992, Harris et al., 1995). Also,  
51 roadkill annually removes 10% of the Iberian lynx *Lynx pardinus* population (Simón et al., 2012), 10% of  
52 black bears *Ursus americanus* in Ocala National Forest (FFWCC, 2012) and may have reduced the density  
53 of hedgehogs *Erinaceus europaeus* in the Netherlands by 30% (Huijser & Bergers, 2000). Overall, it is likely  
54 that roadkill can increase the risk of local extinction by reducing effective population size and genetic  
55 diversity, and by limiting demographic and genetic rescue (Jackson & Fahrig, 2011). There is, therefore, a  
56 critical need to identify the species and regions that are most vulnerable to the rapid expansion of roads and  
57 traffic worldwide (Laurance et al., 2014). A challenge to achieve this goal is that wildlife populations do not  
58 respond equally to additional mortality, which makes evaluation of roadkill effects on population persistence  
59 challenging (Gibbs & Shriver, 2005; Row et al., 2007; Diniz & Brito, 2013, Ceia-Hasse et al., 2017). These  
60 effects may vary depending not only on the proportion of the population killed on roads each year (Jaeger et  
61 al., 2005; Jacobson et al., 2016) but also on demographic processes (e.g., density dependent fecundity or

62 immigration) that affect the ability of the population to offset increased mortality (Purvis et al., 2000; Pearson  
63 et al., 2014). Species characteristics can help us predict these variable effects. For example, species with  
64 high adult survival and low fecundity, typically have low population growth rates, and are more likely to  
65 experience declines with added anthropogenic mortality (Sparkman et al., 2011). The link between species  
66 demographic variables and risk of extinction due to additional mortality has been established for some  
67 sources of human impacts (Owens & Bennet, 2000; Crooks et al., 2017) but not for roadkill (but see Grilo et  
68 al., 2020 that estimated the incidence of roadkill based on species trait-models and estimated population  
69 vulnerability in Europe).

70 In this study, we present a framework that allows us to generate the first global assessment of vulnerability to  
71 roadkill in mammals (Figure 1). Within this framework we first analysed a unique global dataset of observed  
72 roadkill rates using spatially implicit population models to estimate the increase in risk of extinction due to  
73 roadkill in multiple local populations. We then use trait data and phylogenetic predictive regressions to identify  
74 mammalian species most vulnerable to roadkill and the areas where they occur. Our findings offer insights into  
75 the risks that roads pose to wildlife currently and identifies areas where roadkill can lead to loss of mammalian  
76 biodiversity. This information can provide initial guidance to prioritize conservation and mitigation efforts to  
77 meet sustainable development goals in countries with high biodiversity. More generally, the proposed  
78 framework could be integrated into existing risk assessment protocols and expanded to other taxonomic  
79 groups.

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## 81 **2. MATERIAL AND METHODS**

82 Our framework includes three steps which we explain in detail below. In summary, the first step generated  
83 estimates of the fraction of a local population killed in vehicle-wildlife collisions; the second step predicted the  
84 risk of extinction from that added mortality for target populations; and the third step used identified relationships  
85 in the target group to predict vulnerability to roadkill for 4,677 terrestrial mammals.

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### 87 **Step 1: Roadkill rates and estimated fraction of the population roadkilled per year**

88 To estimate roadkill rates, we conducted a systematic literature search and located unpublished data to  
89 compile roadkill counts for mammals collected between 1995 and 2015 in any areas of the world (Figure 1).  
90 Peer-reviewed and grey literature were located searching the Web of Knowledge, Science Direct and Google  
91 Scholar using combinations of the following search terms: “mammal\*” and all related taxonomic orders



92 combined with “roadkill\* or “road-kill” or “road mortality” in five languages (Chinese, English, Portuguese,  
93 Russian and Spanish). We only compiled roadkill counts from surveys completed before the end of 2015 that  
94 surveyed more than 3 km of road for a minimum period of one month (SM1). For each species and study we  
95 used these counts (reported number of roadkilled individuals) to calculate annual roadkill rates (roadkilled  
96 individuals per km of road surveyed per survey effort in days) using two different approaches to account for  
97 the lower detectability and persistence in roads of small sized carcasses (small carcasses do not persist in  
98 the road as long as larger ones, Santos et al., 2016). For species with average body size <1 kg, we  
99 calculated annual roadkill rates as: (count/km of road sampled /number of surveys)\*365 days, where the  
100 number of surveys is the total number of days in which surveys were completed. For species with average  
101 body size > 1kg we calculated annual roadkill rates as: (count/km of road sampled /total survey period)\*365  
102 days, where total survey period is the number of days between the first and the last survey day. This  
103 assumes that larger mammals killed during the survey period would always be detected, but that some small  
104 species could be missed as they could disappear between survey intervals. The two methods are equivalent  
105 for daily surveys.

106 For a target group of species for which roadkill rates were available we then estimated the fraction of the  
107 population roadkilled in the study areas, selecting estimates from the site with the highest observed roadkill  
108 rate if multiple estimates were available. The target group included all mammalian species of conservation  
109 concern (i.e., Near Threatened, Vulnerable, Endangered, or Critically Endangered species classified by  
110 IUCN Red List 2016) and those species with high roadkill rates: the three small-sized (<1kg) and the three  
111 large-sized (>1kg) mammals with the highest roadkill rates in each continent [North America (Canada, USA  
112 and Mexico), Central/South America, Europe, Africa, Asia and Oceania]. For each species, we assumed  
113 observed roadkill rates were representative of all paved roads (excluding urban areas) in the *study site*,  
114 which was defined by using a buffer around the centroid of the actual surveyed road. The buffer was defined  
115 to potential encompass a local population considering species area requirements vary with body size (Jetz et  
116 al. 2004). We considered a 5km radius buffer for species with body mass <1kg, and a 50km radius for mass  
117 >1kg.

118 The fraction of a population lost to roadkill was calculated as  $F_{\text{Roadkill}} = N_{\text{roadkilled}}/N_{\text{pop}}$ , where  $N_{\text{roadkilled}}$  is the  
119 estimated total number of roadkilled individuals of the species in the *study site* (ind/km), calculated by  
120 multiplying the observed roadkill rate by the total length of paved roads in the study site. Road length was  
121 estimated using Google Earth (Digital Globe 2016. <http://www.earth.google.com> [2015-2016]).  $N_{\text{pop}}$  is an  
122 estimate of the total population of the species in the *study site* calculated by multiplying observed population

123 density (ind/km<sup>2</sup>) by study site area (km<sup>2</sup>). Population density estimates were obtained from within or near  
124 the *study site* when possible; otherwise we used published species-level estimates (see SM2 for  
125 references). Although we had a single observed roadkill rate for each species in each study site, we often  
126 found multiple estimates of population density from different sources. We used the minimum and maximum  
127 estimates of population densities to calculate several  $F_{\text{Roadkill}}$  values and reflect uncertainty.

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## 129 **Step 2 Risk of extinction from roadkill for the target species**

130 We used a spatially implicit age-structured stochastic population model based on Borda-de-Água et al. (2014)  
131 to estimate the increased probability of extinction in 50 years (based on 600 simulations) for each selected  
132 species in its study site under simulated scenarios of  $F_{\text{Roadkill}}$  values ranging from 0.01 to 0.9 at 0.01  
133 increments (methodological details and code in SM3; Figure 1). Without roadkill all species had stable  
134 populations with no risk of extinction within 50 years. These simulations allowed us to estimate the increased  
135 probability of extinction given the observed  $F_{\text{Roadkill}}$  for each selected species. For species with multiple  $F_{\text{Roadkill}}$   
136 we reported the range based on the minimum and maximum fractions. In addition, we defined a threshold  
137 value,  $F_{\text{RiskExt10}}$ , to represent the proportion of the population that if roadkilled would result in an increase in the  
138 probability of extinction of 0.1.  $F_{\text{RiskExt10}}$  could be higher or lower than the observed  $F_{\text{Roadkill}}$ . We propose  
139  $F_{\text{RiskExt10}}$  as an indicator of vulnerability to roadkill, with species in which loss of small fractions of a population  
140 can result in increased risk of extinction (small  $F_{\text{RiskExt10}}$ ) being more vulnerable and more likely to be  
141 threatened by roadkill.

142 The Borda-de-Água et al. (2014) model assumes that population growth is determined by age at first birth,  
143 interval between births, litter size, period of recruitment (the average interval in months between two births by  
144 an adult female), number of litters per year, natural survival rates for nine variables: newborns/youngest  
145 individuals, juveniles, and adults (categories reflect those in the study from which survival data were obtained,  
146 see below), and maximum longevity. Estimates for these variables were obtained from available compilations  
147 (Jones et al., 2009; Myhrvold et al., 2015; Myers et al., 2016; WildScreen Arkive, 2016; IUCN, 2016) and  
148 dedicated literature searches (SM2). For survival rates we used any available data, and in some cases we  
149 applied the single estimate available to all age-stages. When data were not available for a species we used  
150 the median from all available estimates from closely related taxa/species or from the most closely related  
151 species (same genus). A total of 68 cases out of 710 ((population density + nine variables) \* 71 populations)  
152 were missing data being the majority on survival rates (details in SM2). We used empirical estimates of  
153 variance for all variables when available; otherwise we used a 10% variance.

154 The Borda-de-Água et al. (2014) model incorporates density dependence using the Beverton-Holt  
155 relationship between the number of births and juveniles (Beverton & Holt, 1957). By applying this model we  
156 assumed that: roadkill rates were constant over time in each study site, the available data reflected  
157 dynamics reasonably well even if obtained from other regions, and the population in the study site was not  
158 part of a metapopulation.

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### 160 **Step 3. Global assessment of mammalian vulnerability to roadkill**

161 The population models described above were computationally intensive and to estimate  $F_{\text{RiskExt10}}$  for all  
162 terrestrial mammals ( $n=4,677$ ) worldwide we used a phylogenetic predictive model fitted for the target group  
163 (see SM4 for further details). First, we identified the demographic variables that best explain  $F_{\text{RiskExt10}}$  for the  
164 target group species (step 1 –  $n=71$ ) fitting both (non-phylogenetic) generalized least squares regression  
165 (GLS) and phylogenetic GLS (PGLS) models (see SM4 for further details). We then applied the phylogenetic  
166 imputation method using the demographic variables that better explained  $F_{\text{RiskExt10}}$  to predict the missing  
167 values of  $F_{\text{RiskExt10}}$  for the remaining mammals (see Stearns 1983; Guénard et al. 2011) (SM4). To identify  
168 regions of concern, we mapped the overlap between the species most vulnerable to roadkill ( $F_{\text{RiskExt10}} < 0.2$ )  
169 and the global road network using a 100-km x 100-km grid cells with a Cylindrical Equal Area projection.  
170 Species presence was determined using current native distribution data (IUCN, 2019) selecting polygons  
171 classified as presence: Extant, Probably Extant and Possibly Extant; origin: Native, and Reintroduced; and  
172 seasonality: Resident, Breeding Season, and Non-breeding Season. To quantify the kilometres of roads in  
173 each grid we used data from Meijer et al. (2018) selecting all roads classified as highways and primary  
174 roads, and all roads with road surface classified as paved.

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### 176 **Validation**

177 Step 2 generated estimates of risk of extinction from roadkill (anthropogenic mortality) for local populations.  
178 Ideally, those estimates could be compared with population trends in those locations for validation, but those  
179 data are simply not available. Instead, we conducted a qualitative validation searching the literature for  
180 independent evidence from population viability analyses or other modelling approaches showing the effects  
181 of anthropogenic mortality on risk of extinction. We considered mortality from roadkill and other human-  
182 driven sources, as analyses of roadkill impacts are very limited. The comparison focused on evidence from  
183 those species identified as most vulnerable in our assessment ( $F_{\text{RiskExt10}} < 0.20$ ,  $n=9$ ) and those identified as  
184 least vulnerable ( $F_{\text{RiskExt10}} > 0.90$ ,  $n=15$ ). For step 3, we validated model estimates of  $F_{\text{RiskExt10}}$  using leave-

185 one-out cross-validation (LOO-CV) (Bruggeman, 2009) as well as 2-fold and 5-fold cross-validation blocked  
186 by phylogenetic distance (Roberts et al., 2017) (see SM4 for further details).

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### 188 3. RESULTS

#### 189 3.1 Roadkill rates and population responses to roadkill

190 We compiled a total of 1,310 roadkill rate records for 392 different mammalian species representing 184  
191 references and personal communications (SM1). We found high inter- and intra-specific variability in roadkill  
192 rates (SM1). Roadkill rates varied from fewer than 0.005 ind/km/year (n=16 species) to more than 10  
193 ind/km/year (n=10 species). The large mammal with the highest number of records (moose (*Alces alces*);  
194 n=45) had roadkill rates ranging between 0.00015 and 1.17 ind/km/year (SM1), while the small mammal with  
195 the highest number of records (guinea pig (*Cavia aperea*); n=9) had roadkill rates ranging between 0.004  
196 and 12.82 ind/km/year.

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198 Average roadkill rates were lower for species of conservation concern (0.09 ind/km/year) than for least  
199 concern species (0.44 ind/km/year). We obtained roadkill estimates for 61 species of conservation concern  
200 (four species in North America, 14 in Central/South America, eight in Europe, six in Africa, 23 in Asia, and six  
201 in Oceania; SM1). Thirty-six species were identified as top-roadkilled in the six continents resulting in a  
202 selected subset of 97 species. We obtained population density estimates for 70 of these species (SM2).  
203 Since we obtained roadkill records of leopard *Panthera pardus* in Africa and Asia, we analysed 71  
204 populations of 70 species (SM2).

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206 Our population models suggest populations of four species in the target group may be at risk of extinction if  
207 observed roadkill levels persist on the study sites including the maned wolf *Chrysocyon brachyurus* in  
208 Uberlândia-Uberada (Brazil), little spotted cat *Leopardus tigrinus* in western Santa Catarina (Brazil), brown  
209 hyena *Hyaena brunnea* in Mapungubwe Transfrontier conservation area (Southern Africa), and leopard  
210 *Panthera pardus* in Rajaji National Park and the Hariwar Conservation area (North India) (Figure 2; details in  
211 SM5 and SM6). Among the 71 populations analysed, we classified 10 as most vulnerable to roadkill ( $F_{\text{RiskExt10}} < 0.2$ ),  
212 31 had intermediate vulnerability ( $0.2 < F_{\text{RiskExt10}} < 0.5$ ), 15 had low vulnerability ( $0.5 < F_{\text{RiskExt10}} < 0.9$ ), and  
213 15 had very low vulnerability ( $F_{\text{RiskExt10}} > 0.9$ ) (Figure 2, SM6).

214 Results from the qualitative validation largely supported our assessment: while 60% of the nine most  
215 vulnerable species ( $F_{\text{RiskExt10}} < 0.20$ ) had published studies showing non-natural mortality can increase risk of

216 extinction for those species, only 13% of the 15 species with very low risk ( $F_{\text{RiskExt10}} > 0.90$ ) had published  
217 studies showing non-natural mortality can pose a threat (SM7).

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### 219 **3.2 Terrestrial mammals potentially threatened by roadkill**

220 Phylogenetic predictive model showed that high reproductive rates, represented by low age of maturity, high  
221 numbers of litters per year and large litter sizes, were key predictors of high  $F_{\text{RiskExt10}}$  (details in SM8). The use  
222 of the proposed phylogenetic predictive models was supported during validation, with a strong correlation  
223 ( $R^2=0.69$ ) between observed and imputed  $F_{\text{RiskExt10}}$  risk (SM). Predicted  $F_{\text{RiskExt10}}$  identified 2.7% of mammals  
224 (124 species out of 4,677) as most vulnerable to roadkill ( $F_{\text{RiskExt10}} < 0.2$ ) including 83 species Threatened or  
225 Near Threatened by other human activities, but also 18 Least Concern species (23 species were not evaluated)  
226 (see SM9 for complete list of species vulnerability). Surprisingly, IUCN only considered roadkill as a threat to  
227 only 10 out of 5940 mammalian species which, according to our estimates are not among those most  
228 vulnerable to roadkill ( $F_{\text{RiskExt10}} < 0.20$ ). Particularly vulnerable species ( $F_{\text{RiskExt10}} < 0.10$ ) included: wild yak *Bos*  
229 *mutus* (listed as Vulnerable by the IUCN), Bohor reedbuck *Redunca redunca* (Least Concern), Amur tiger  
230 *Panthera tigris altaica* (Endangered), African elephant *Loxodonta africana* (Vulnerable), sun bear *Helarctos*  
231 *malayanus* (Vulnerable), African buffalo *Syncerus caffer* (Near Threatened), Asian elephant *Elephas maximus*  
232 (Endangered) and Sumatran rhinoceros *Dicerorhinus sumatrensis* (Critically Endangered) (SM8).

233 Mapping richness of species identified as most vulnerable to roadkill and existing road densities together  
234 revealed several areas of concern where high numbers of most vulnerable species coincide with high road  
235 densities, including parts of South Africa, Ghana, central and Southeast Asia, the Malay archipelago and the  
236 Andean region (Figure 3). Parts of Sub-Saharan Africa, Amazon, Mongolian plateau, and the Palearctic tundra  
237 concentrate vulnerable species but currently have low densities of paved roads (“future risk zones”). Europe,  
238 North America and many areas of central and South America and coastal Australia represent human-  
239 dominated areas with high road density but low numbers of species particularly vulnerable to roadkill. Finally,  
240 deserts and the Arctic appear as “untouched” areas with no species particularly vulnerable to roadkill and few  
241 paved roads.

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## 243 **DISCUSSION**

244 Preventing the impact of roadkill on wildlife requires identifying which species could have increased risk of  
245 extinction from the added risk of road mortality. Here, we proposed a framework that produces two key  
246 outputs: local evaluations of extinction risk associated with observed roadkill, and a global assessment of  
247 vulnerability to roadkill. This framework goes beyond quantifying numbers of roadkill individuals and moves  
248 the field of road ecology towards a more comprehensive understanding of the long-term consequences of  
249 observed road mortality for multiple species. We show that local high roadkill rates do not necessarily mean  
250 that a high fraction of the population will be lost, and that, even with relatively high roadkill rates, populations  
251 may be able to persist into the future (Cardillo et al., 2004; Borda-de-Água et al., 2014). However, road  
252 projects can pose an additional threat to species of conservation concern that are particularly vulnerable to  
253 traffic due to their characteristics and behaviour towards roads (Jacobson et al., 2016; González-Suaréz et  
254 al., 2018). Our analyses identified populations of several species of conservation concern (IUCN, 2018) that  
255 could become extinct if observed roadkill rates persist in their respective study areas, including the maned  
256 wolf and little spotted cat in South America, brown hyena in Africa, and leopard in Asia.

257 Global assessments such as the one presented here provide the opportunity to identify unstudied or  
258 undetected species potentially vulnerable to road mortality impacts and generate a priority map that reveal  
259 areas where mammalian biodiversity could be negatively affected by existing and future roads. Applying our  
260 framework at a global scale, we identified more than 100 mammals as very vulnerable to roadkill and  
261 revealed several areas where mammalian biodiversity may be lost due to the impact of existing road  
262 infrastructure. While our results emphasize global findings, the proposed framework can inform conservation  
263 prioritization and mitigation efforts both at regional and broad scales as it produces output at local scales  
264 already and step 3 could be easily adapted to different spatial and taxonomic scales.

265 We found that variation among species in their vulnerability to roadkill was in part associated with  
266 reproductive traits. Traits associated with faster, more frequent reproduction predicted population resilience  
267 to additional mortality, with less impact for species that mature early and have multiple large litters per year  
268 (see also Rytwinsky & Fahrig, 2012). Our model predicts these species will have increased risk of extinction  
269 only if there is a very high proportion of individual loss ( $>0.90$ ), a pattern also suggested by previous studies  
270 focused on other sources of non-natural mortality (e.g. Garcia et al., 2008, Hurchings et al., 2012; Wang et  
271 al., 2018). This is consistent with the hypothesis that faster life histories can protect species from increased  
272 mortality risk, suggesting species with slow reproductive rates, and regions where these species are found,  
273 should receive more attention when considering roadkill mitigation strategies (e.g. Ceia-Hasse et al., 2017;  
274 Pinto et al., 2018). Combining species vulnerabilities with existing road maps, we identified areas where road

275 infrastructure can result in important loss of biodiversity. In particular, Sub-Saharan Africa and south-eastern  
276 Asia are areas of concern, where many species vulnerable to roadkill co-occur. These regions also have a  
277 high number of threatened mammalian species with declining population (Ceballos et al., 2017) and are  
278 already impacted by widespread deforestation (Kleinschroth et al., 2019), commercial poaching (Steinmetz  
279 et al., 2006) and mineral exploitation (Laurance et al., 2015). The added impact of mortality due to roads for  
280 many mammalian species reveals the need to include the effect of roadkill on cumulative road impact  
281 assessments to biodiversity conservation (e.g. Alamgir et al., 2019; Kleinschroth et al., 2019).

282 Our study presents a new framework for identifying, ranking and predicting species and areas vulnerable to  
283 roadkill impacts. This can be a powerful tool to understand risk but there are data and modelling limitations  
284 that need to be considered. First, the majority of road surveys only indicated the number of carcasses recorded  
285 overall. These estimates can be biased by low carcass detectability and high removal rates (e.g. Santos et al.,  
286 2016). Several studies have proposed correction indexes for specific taxa based on the time interval between  
287 surveys, the taxonomic group and the species body mass (e.g., Santos et al., 2011; Teixeira et al., 2013).  
288 However, it is not clear whether these regional corrections can be extrapolated for mammals worldwide.  
289 Second, the modelling approach applies the highest observed roadkill rate for a specific surveyed area (one  
290 or several roads) to the entire paved road network in our defined study area, which for large body mass  
291 mammals could cover over 7,854 km<sup>2</sup>. Currently, there is no scientific consensus regarding how different types  
292 of paved roads and associated traffic influence roadkill risk (see Seiler, 2003; Bissonette & Kassar, 2008, Grilo  
293 et al, 2015; Sadleir & Linklater, 2016). Further research is needed to determine how varying traffic volume,  
294 road widths and types of roadside vegetation influence roadkill rates for a wide range of species. Third, our  
295 modelling approach does not consider that roadkill may impact some groups of individuals within a species  
296 more than others. Given the same fraction of a population removed by roadkill, population persistence would  
297 be different if those removed are primarily reproductive adults vs. older animals. For some species there is a  
298 high incidence of mortality of juveniles and sub adults while for other species no distinct vulnerability was found  
299 among individuals (Grilo et al., 2009). Fourth, for many mammalian species, non-natural mortality includes  
300 sources other than road mortality such as legal hunting and poaching (Hill et al., 2019), but our model only  
301 considers road mortality. To better understand overall extinction risk for particular populations and species we  
302 need to understand all sources of mortality and explore whether non-natural mortality sources may be  
303 compensated. Finally, our approach relied on trait data that was largely obtained from global datasets that do  
304 not reflect regional and local variation. One example is population density, which was critical to estimate the  
305 fraction of the population roadkilled at the regional level. While we cannot overcome this limitation, our

306 approach explicitly included this uncertainty by considering both the minimum and maximum densities  
307 observed, which allowed us to estimate a range of fractions of the population roadkilled and, therefore, a broad-  
308 spectrum of extinction risks.

309 Detailed local data are rarely available, but we do acknowledge that population density variation can be  
310 important to understand dynamics and extinction risk (González-Suárez & Revilla, 2013; González-Suárez et  
311 al., 2015) with the exploration of scenarios for those species we identified as most vulnerable to roadkill  
312 impacts. While compiling improved datasets for all species will not be possible, our study offers some guidance  
313 for prioritization of data collection: fundamental research for reliable estimation of the size or density of animal  
314 populations and survival rates are critical to improve the accuracy of the population model outputs.

## 315 **CONCLUSIONS**

316 Results of this study have implications for mammalian conservation and road mitigation worldwide. Our  
317 analyses bring attention to Sub-Saharan Africa and south-eastern Asia as regions where roads can lead to  
318 loss of mammalian biodiversity and thus, areas where future road development and road mitigation need to  
319 be carefully considered. The positive news is that these areas (as well as Latin America) have been  
320 identified as threat refugia for vertebrates where conservation actions are likely to succeed (Allan et al.,  
321 2019).

322 The local scale output from our framework provides a first step to highlight populations which might be  
323 currently under risk of extirpation and areas where local studies are needed to ultimately make site-specific  
324 recommendations for road mitigation. This local scale analysis could be directly used in environmental  
325 impact studies applied to target areas and species to provide estimates of risk of extinction and potential  
326 scenarios given data uncertainty and alternative management plans (Alamgir et al., 2017; Ceballos et al.,  
327 2017). "Since IUCN Red List assessments describe ongoing and future threats to each species, our study  
328 can directly inform these descriptions by providing information about which species are affected by roadkill  
329 and about the severity of that threat. Combining our approach with information on planned infrastructures  
330 could additionally identify and quantify the severity of future threats. In addition, the global scale output of our  
331 proposed framework could be part of strategic environmental, social and economic assessments by national  
332 infrastructure planning agencies, environmental governance agencies, global financing institutions,  
333 international NGOs. Projecting risk of extinction across broader areas and taxonomic groups could support  
334 decisions towards infrastructure that remains more sustainable throughout its life cycle. Our approach could  
335 be directly integrated into existing assessment frameworks, adding a relatively unstudied dimension. For



336 example, the World Bank is the largest source of financing for development and has recently updated its  
337 Environmental and Social framework (ESA) to minimize the negative impacts of the projects it finances  
338 (Morley et al., 2020). Frameworks such as the ESA could incorporate our approach as an additional module  
339 to identify vulnerable areas and species and guide strategies to minimize long-term impacts of proposed  
340 road projects. In addition, we generate output for mammals that can be valuable. The global list of mammals  
341 vulnerable to roadkill generated here may be used by road managers and conservation agencies in the  
342 design of surveys, monitoring, and mitigation measures. The global map identifies regions that deserve  
343 special attention and can be particularly relevant for large-scale projects, such as the Belt and Road  
344 Initiative, providing information to facilitate addressing all impacts before projects begin (Ascensão et al.,  
345 2018).

346 Predictions and management implications of our framework can be refined once additional roadkill, population  
347 density data and demographic become available. The development of tools for global spatial prioritization and  
348 strategic road planning, such as the framework presented here for the impact of mortality, are critical to ensure  
349 wildlife protection and achieve sustainable transport infrastructure development and should complement other  
350 negative road effects on wildlife.

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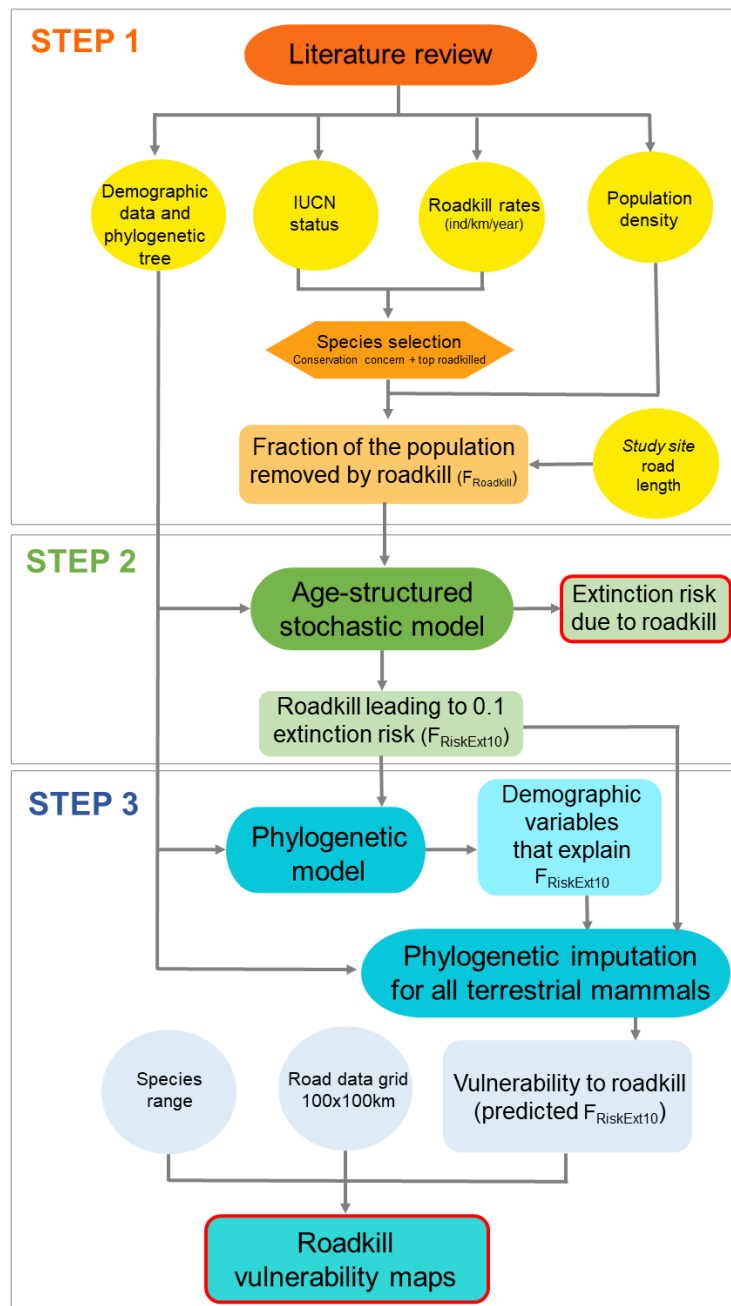
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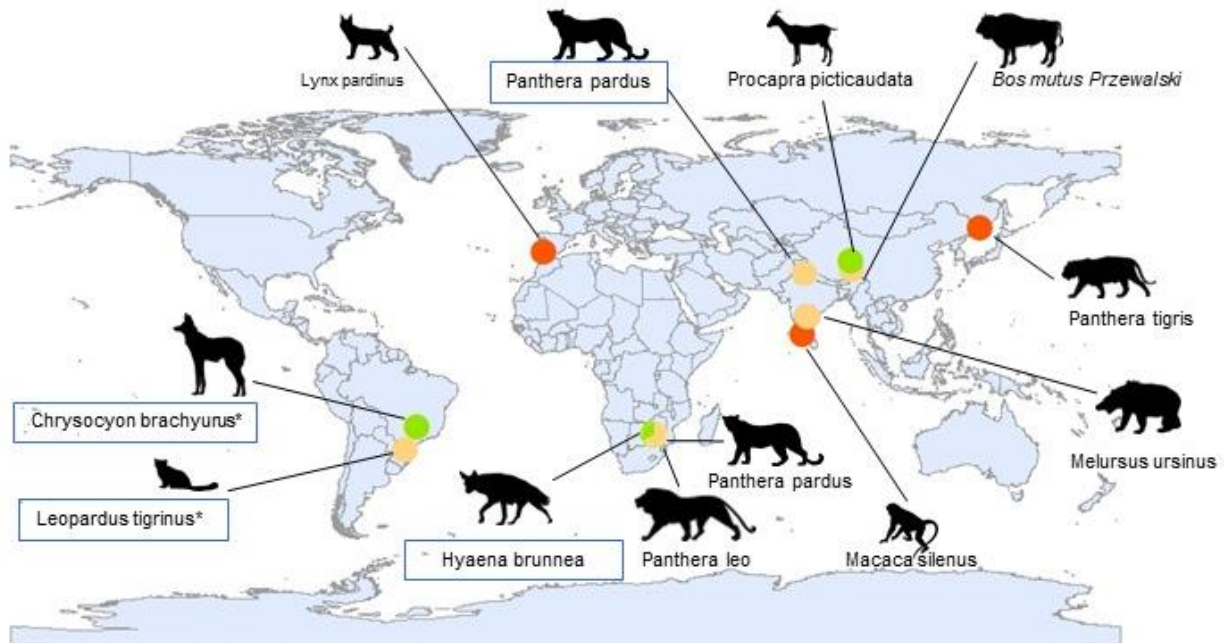
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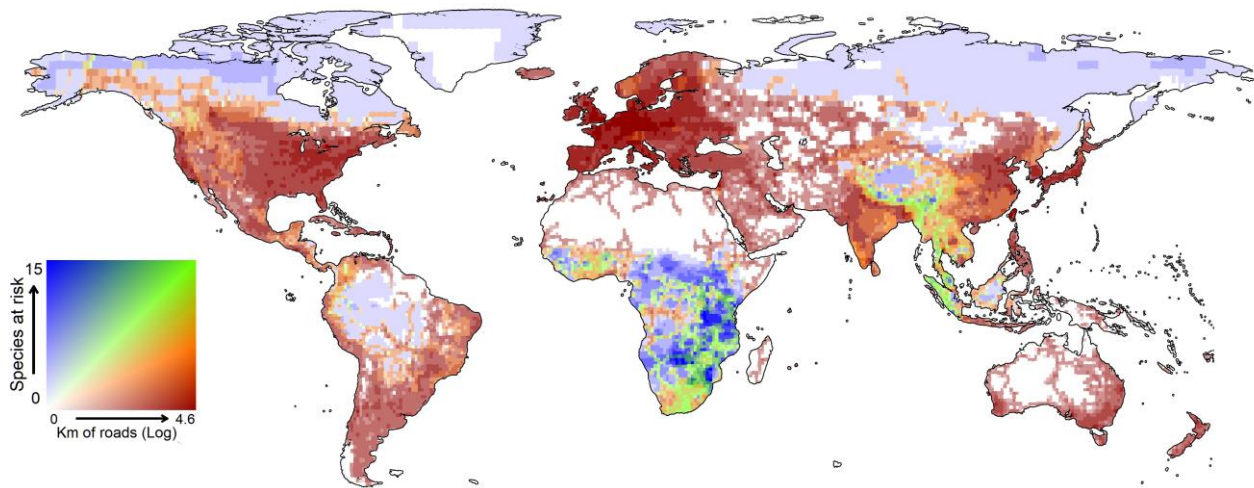
## FIGURES



**Figure 1** – Our proposed framework to quantify roadkill impacts on mammals worldwide. The framework includes three steps: step 1 - roadkill rates and estimated fraction of the population roadkilled per year; step 2 – risk of extinction from roadkill for the selected species, and step 3 -global assessment of mammal species vulnerability to roadkill. The two boxes framed in red are the main outputs.



**Figure 2** – Location of the species most vulnerable to roadkill ( $F_{RiskExt10} < 0.2$ ). The scientific names framed in blue are those for which observed roadkill are estimated to lead to higher risk of extinction in 50 years if the observed roadkill persist in the region. Coloured dots are the IUCN status (Endangered – orange; Vulnerable – yellow, Near Threatened – green; Asterisks indicate species with intermediate vulnerability to roadkill ( $0.2 < F_{RiskExt10} < 0.5$ ) (SM1 and SM6). Mammal species silhouettes from PhyloPic (<http://phylopic.org>).



**Figure 3** – Global distribution of the overlap between vulnerable species (mammal species for which roadkill of <20% of their population can lead to an additional 0.1 probability of extinction) and current paved road density (as  $\log_{10}$  kilometres of road per 100-km x100-km grid cell). Green areas indicate “hot spots” of risk and exposure, blue areas represent “opportunities” for conservation with species at risk but current low road densities, brown areas are “humanized” with high road densities and few species at risk, light purple areas have both low road densities and no vulnerable species. White colour indicate no threatened species and no roads.



**Data accessibility**

The full database of roadkill and biological traits, age structured model R scripts and outputs are available as supporting information.

**A short title for each numbered item in the supplementary material:**

**SM1** - List of species with roadkill and references

**SM2** - Biological traits for the selected species and references

**SM3** - Spatial implicit age-structured stochastic models

**SM4** - Identifying species potentially threatened by roadkill

**SM5** - Risk of extinction when the fraction of the population is removed due to observed roadkill for four species' populations

**SM6** - Results from the spatially implicit age-structured stochastic models

**SM7** - Qualitative validation of results from the spatially-implicit age-structured stochastic models for species predicted to be most ( $F_{\text{RiskExt10}} < 0.20$ ) and least vulnerable ( $F_{\text{RiskExt10}} > 0.90$ )

**SM8** - Relative importance of each variable from GLS and PGLS model sets and averaged model coefficients with confidence intervals for each variable

**SM9** - Vulnerable species to roadkill

## Appendix S9

### Vulnerable species to roadkill Data, results of imputation and validation

**Table S9.1 - 124 species in ascending order from  $F_{\text{RiskExt10}} < 0.20$**

<b>Species</b>	<b><math>F_{\text{RiskExt10}}</math></b>
<i>Bos mutus</i>	0.070
<i>Redunca redunca</i>	0.072
<i>Loxodonta africana</i>	0.075
<i>Loxodonta cyclotis</i>	0.075
<i>Panthera tigris</i>	0.080
<i>Bos grunniens</i>	0.086
<i>Elephas maximus</i>	0.086
<i>Helarctos malayanus</i>	0.087
<i>Syncerus caffer</i>	0.088
<i>Dicerorhinus sumatrensis</i>	0.089
<i>Rhinoceros unicornis</i>	0.105
<i>Pan troglodytes</i>	0.106
<i>Pan paniscus</i>	0.110
<i>Giraffa camelopardalis</i>	0.117
<i>Homo sapiens</i>	0.118
<i>Ceratotherium simum</i>	0.119
<i>Hexaprotodon liberiensis</i>	0.123
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<i>Hylobates klossii</i>	0.147
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<i>Cebus olivaceus</i>	0.190
<i>Lynx pardinus</i>	0.190
<i>Procapra picticaudata</i>	0.190
<i>Kobus megaceros</i>	0.190
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<i>Rangifer tarandus</i>	0.197
<i>Ovis canadensis</i>	0.199
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## Imputation LOOCVdata.csv

Complete list of species vulnerability (Imputation LOOCVresults.csv)

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Data and results of the imputation of  $F_{\text{RiskExt10}}$  (mean, lower confidence interval and upper confidence interval for age of maturity, litter size and litter per year and  $F_{\text{RiskExt10}}$  for all 4677 species).

## Validation LOOCVresults.csv

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Validation of phylogenetic imputation using Leave-One-Out Cross-Validation (LOO-CV)

### Validation of phylogenetic imputation using Cross-Validation

Leave-one-out cross-validation (LOO-CV) was performed in Rphylopars using the methods described by Bruggeman (2009). Briefly, the Rphylopars trait evolutionary model was used to impute  $F_{\text{RiskExt10}}$  risk for all species on the phylogeny in which this  $F_{\text{RiskExt10}}$  was not "observed" (i.e.  $F_{\text{RiskExt10}}$  estimates were unavailable). For LOO-CV, each observed  $F_{\text{RiskExt10}}$  value was iteratively dropped from the model individually, and the original model parameters were used to impute each suppressed observation. Results from LOO-CV revealed a strong correlation ( $R^2=0.69$ ) between observed  $F_{\text{RiskExt10}}$  risk and imputed, suggesting phylogeny-wide extrapolation of  $F_{\text{RiskExt10}}$  risk provides reliable results (Figure S8.1). Average bias (the difference between estimated and observed values) was -0.01%, and the root mean squared error (RMSE) was 15.5%.

To obtain species-level (and clade-level) estimates of expected error and bias, observed model errors and biases were phylogenetically reconstructed in Rphylopars and themselves subjected to LOO-CV. Results suggest species- and clade-level estimates of bias and error are also quite reliable ( $R^2=0.73$  and  $R^2=0.86$ , respectively) (Figure S8.2 and S8.3). The final estimates of bias and error are presented in columns  $F_{\text{RiskExt10}}$  bias (adjusted) and  $F_{\text{RiskExt10}}$  bias (adjusted) (SM10LOOCVresults.csv their slopes and intercepts are corrected based on the relationship between observed and predicted bias and error) from LOO-CV results (raw results and intermediate calculations can be found in SM10LOOCVdata.csv). The species contained within each clade are listed in columns species\_in\_clade (and species\_continued\_1 and species\_continued\_2 when Excel cell length was exceeded).

LOO-CV may potentially underestimate error in the presence of structured data, so we performed 2-fold and 5-fold cross-validation blocked by phylogenetic distance to further validate our results (Roberts et al. 2017). Results were consistent with LOO-CV, with 2-fold and 5-fold cross-validations resulting in mean biases of 1.9% and 0.8% respectively (vs -0.01% for LOO-CV), and RMSE of 15.5% and 14.7% respectively (vs 15.5% for LOO-CV).

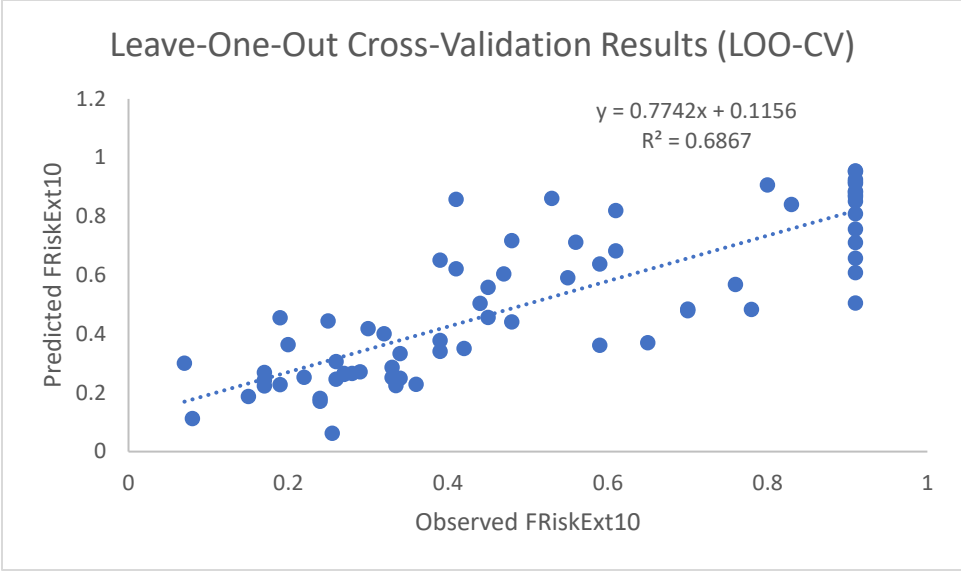


Figure S9.1 – Correlation between predicted and observed  $F_{RiskExt10}$ .

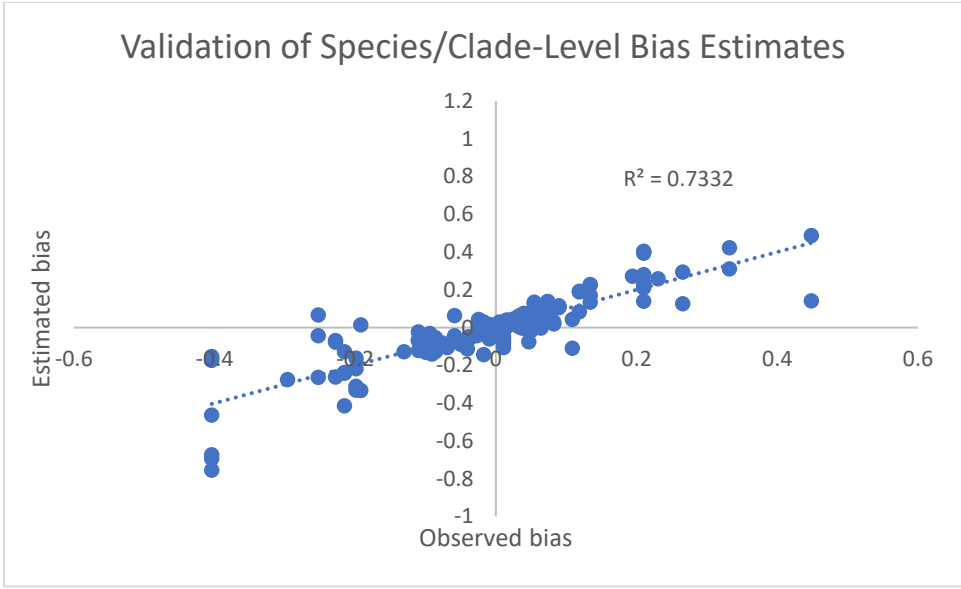


Figure S9.2 - Correlation between estimated and observed bias.

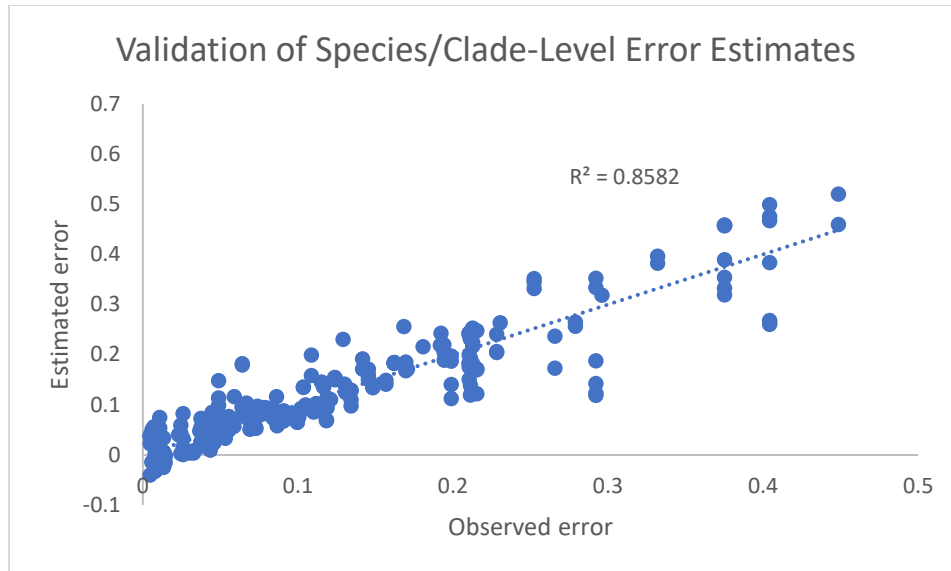


Figure S9.3 - Correlation between estimated and observed error.

### Files used to prepare Figure 3

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#### SHAPEFILES

**LandoutlineCEA2** – Outline of the world map

**GridCEALand** - shapefile with one polygon for each of the terrestrial grids used in the analyses. The unique identified for each cell grid (to match with other files) is PageNumber

**GridMammalsCEA** - shapefile with data for each of the terrestrial mammals overlapping each terrestrial grid described in GridCEALand. This file was used to calculate grid statistics presented below.

#### CSV FILES

**RoadlengthGrid.csv** – sum of all paved roads in each cell grid. The unique identified for each cell grid (to match with other files) is PageNumber.

**GridStats.csv** - summary statistics for each grid cell described in GridCEALand shapefile.

Metadata – description of all steps to prepare Figure 3.

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## Appendix S8

Relative importance of each variable from GLS and PGLS model sets and averaged model coefficients with confidence intervals for each variable

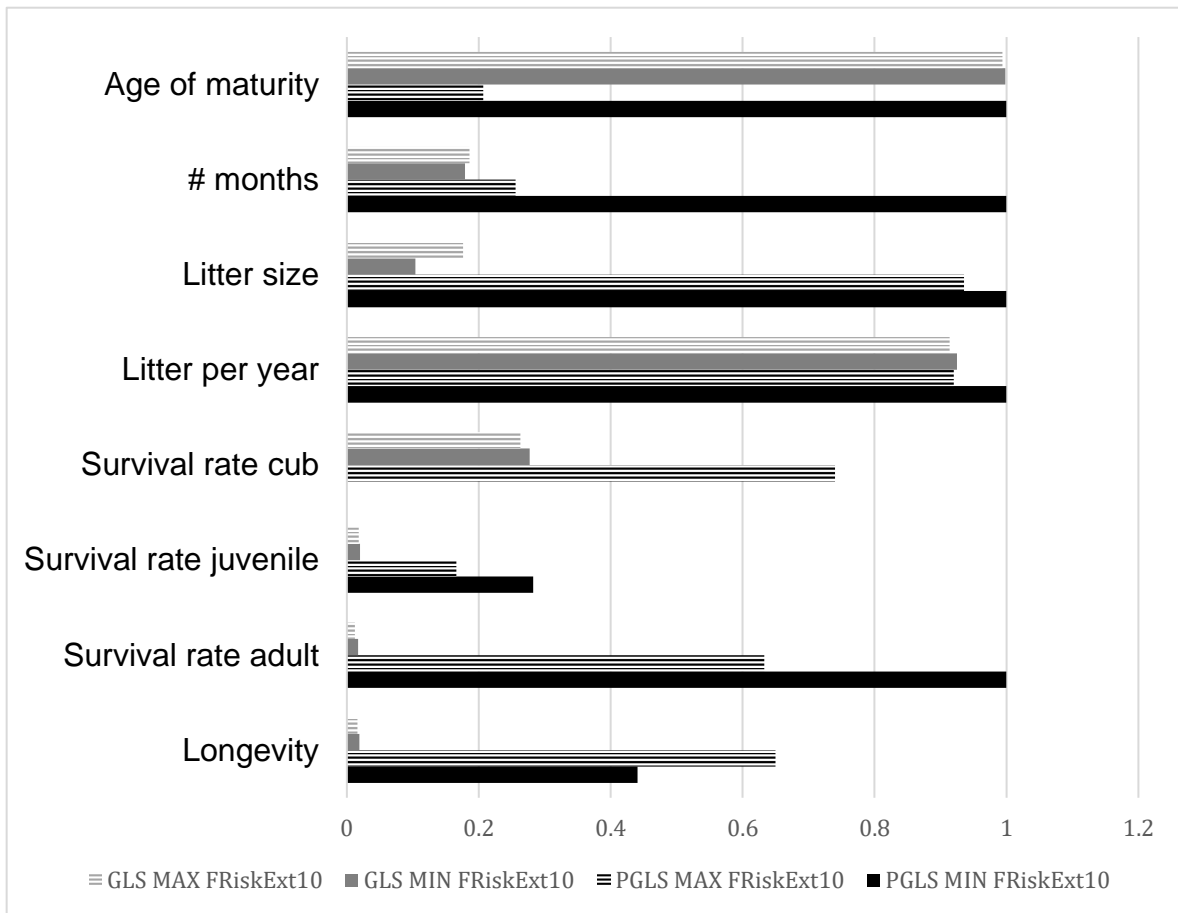
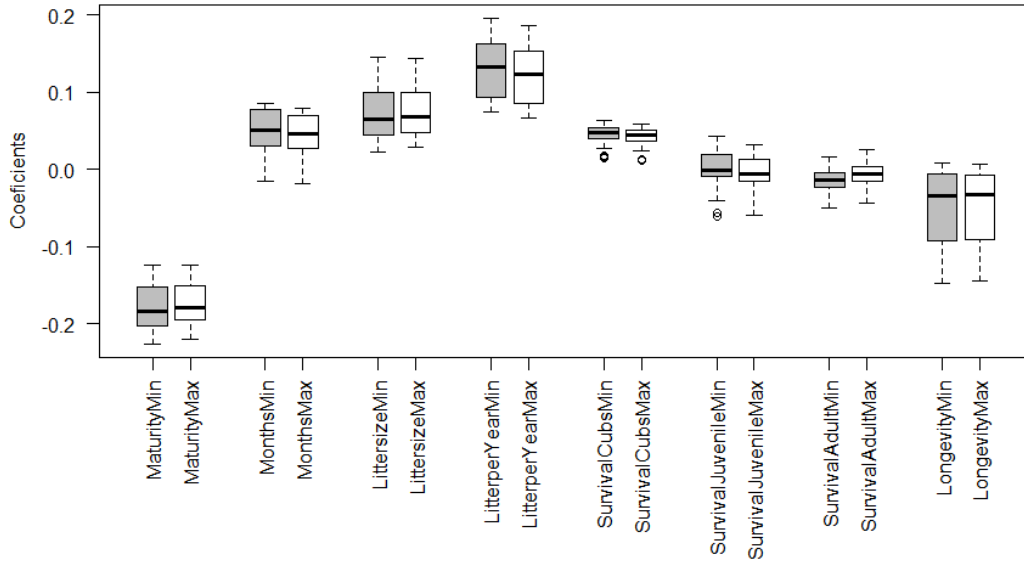


Figure S8.1 – Relative importance of each variable (age of maturity, # months - number of months of recruitment, litter size, number of litters per year, survival rates for cubs, juveniles and adults and longevity) calculated as the sum of Akaike weights for GLS and PGLS model sets using the Maximum and Minimum  $F_{RiskExt10}$  (GLS MAX  $F_{RiskExt10}$ , GLS MIN  $F_{RiskExt10}$ , PGLS MAX  $F_{RiskExt10}$  and PGLS MIN  $F_{RiskExt10}$ ).



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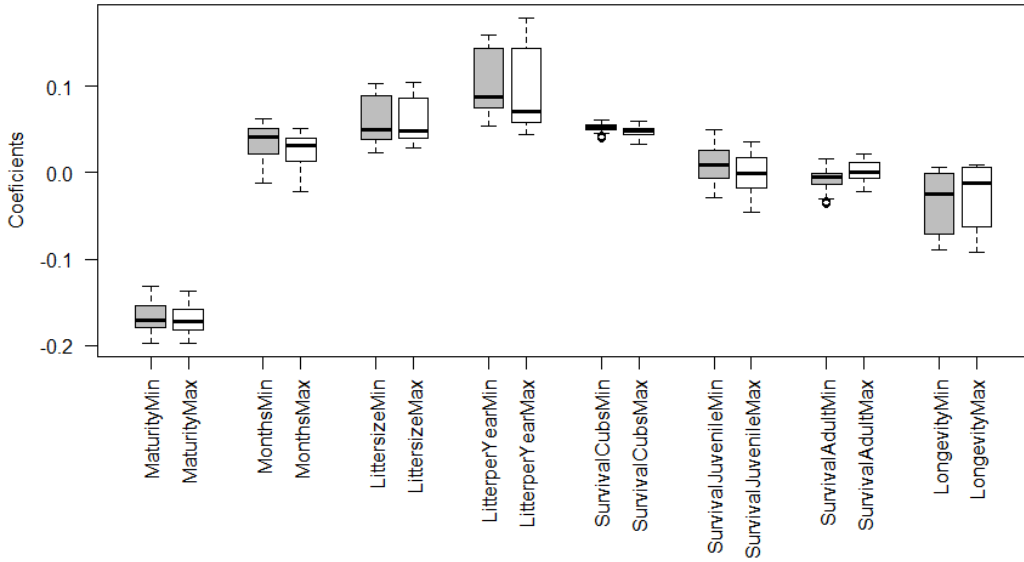


Figure S8.2 - Averaged model coefficients with confidence intervals of each variable for GLS and PGLS model sets with Minimum and Maximum  $F_{RiskExt10}$  (example: MaturityMin, MaturityMax, respectively).

## APPENDIX S7

**Table S7.1 - Qualitative validation of results from the spatially-implicit age-structured stochastic models for species predicted to be most ( $F_{\text{RiskExt10}} < 0.20$ ) and least vulnerable ( $F_{\text{RiskExt10}} > 0.90$ ). We searched the literature to identify studies that showed increased risk of extinction from anthropogenic mortality (roadkill or another source). Data includes: species (scientific name),  $F_{\text{RiskExt10}}$ , reference for those species for which we identified evidence of vulnerability towards roadkill or other human-induced mortality.**

Species	$F_{\text{RiskExt10}}$	Reference
<b>Most vulnerable</b>		
<i>Panthera pardus</i>	0.03-0.18	Ceia-Hasse et al. 2017
<i>Panthera tigris altaica</i>	0.06-0.12	Tian et al. 2011
<i>Bos mutus Przewalski</i>	0.10-0.11	
<i>Lynx pardinus</i>	0.11-0.46	Ceia-Hasse et al. 2017; Ferreras et al 2001
<i>Melursus ursinus</i>	0.14-0.16	Ceia-Hasse et al. 2017
<i>Panthera leo</i>	0.15-0.25	Snyman et al. 2015
<i>Hyaena brunnea</i>	0.15-0.26	
<i>Macaca silenus</i>	0.17	
<i>Procapra picticaudata</i>	0.19-0.20	
<b>Least vulnerable</b>		
<i>Apodemus sylvaticus</i>	>0.90	
<i>Atelerix albiventris</i>	>0.90	
<i>Cavia aperea</i>	>0.90	
<i>Didelphis virginiana</i>	>0.90	
<i>Microtus mexicanus</i>	>0.90	
<i>Myodes rufocanus</i>	>0.90	
<i>Neofiber alleni</i>	>0.90	
<i>Ondatra zibethicus</i>	>0.90	
<i>Oryctolagus cuniculus</i>	>0.90	
<i>Otomys irroratus</i>	>0.90	
<i>Perameles gunnii</i>	>0.90	Todd et al. 2001*
<i>Perameles nasuta</i>	>0.90	
<i>Sylvilagus bachmani</i>	>0.90	
<i>Vulpes vulpes</i>	>0.90	Ceia-Hasse et al. 2017
<i>Xerus inauris</i>	>0.90	

\*not actual mortality but removal for translocations

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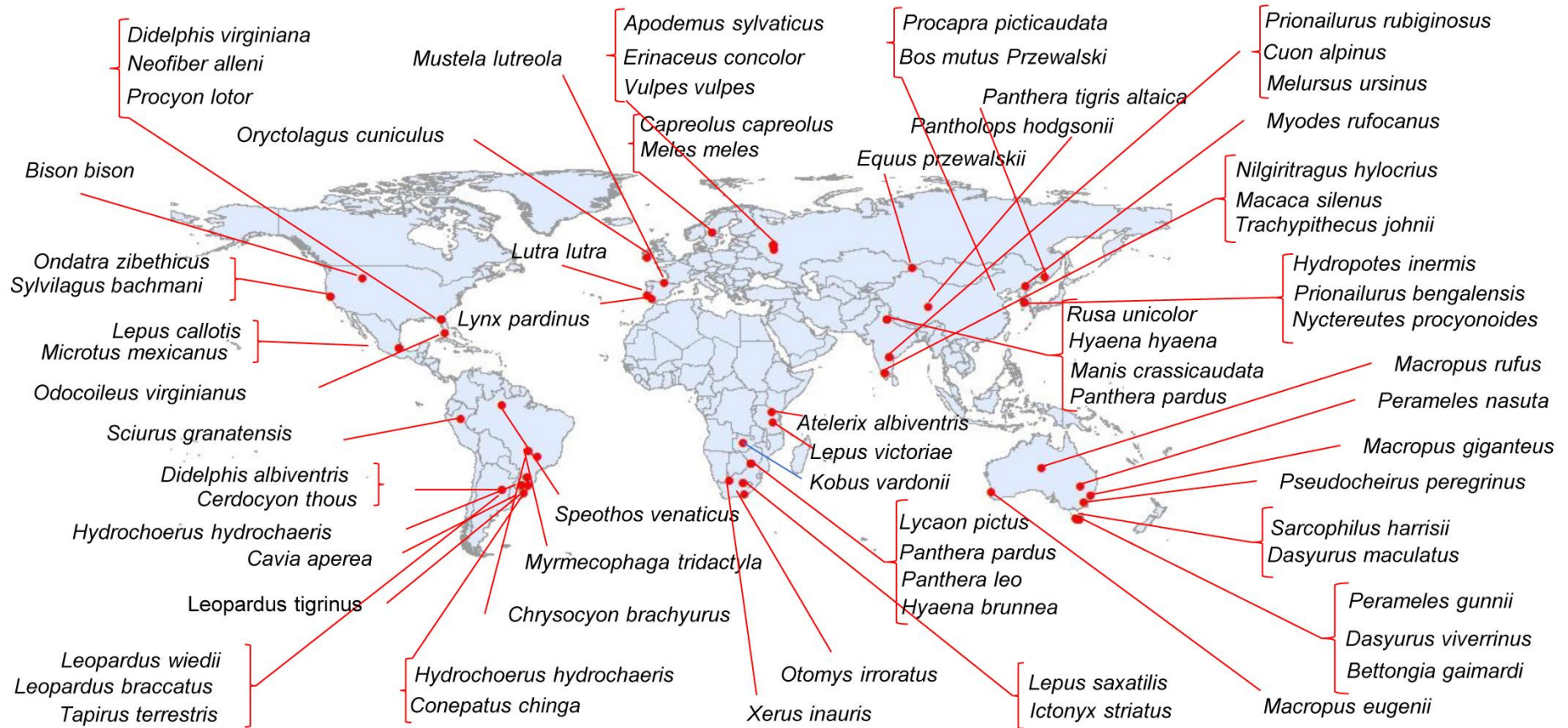
## Appendix S6

**Table S6.1 Results from the spatially implicit age-structured stochastic models - species, IUCN (IUCN status)  $F_{roadkill}$  (fraction of the population roadkilled), reduction (population reduction - %), probability of extinction (%), Time to extinction (years),  $F_{RiskExt10}$  (fraction of the population roadkilled that leads to an increase in 10% of risk of extinction - minimum and maximum found for the 12 carrying capacities).**

Species	IUCN	$F_{roadkill}$	Reduction (%)	Probability of extinction (%)	Time to extinction (years)	$F_{RiskExt10}$
<b>North America</b>						
<i>Microtus mexicanus</i>	VU	0.00002	<1	0	-	>0.90
<i>Bison bison</i>	NT	0.004	<20	0	-	0.25-0.26
<i>Lepus callotis</i>	NT	0.007	4	0	-	0.60-0.63
<i>Procyon lotor</i>	LC	0.01-0.05	4-19	0	-	0.69-0.70
<i>Ondatra zibethicus</i>	LC	0.26	25	0	-	>0.90
<i>Neofiber alleni</i>	LC	0.006	<2	0	-	>0.90
<i>Sylvilagus bachmani</i>	LC	0.09	12	0	-	>0.90
<i>Odocoileus virginianus</i>	LC	0.14	77	0	-	0.29-0.31
<i>Didelphis virginiana</i>	LC	0.234	24	0	-	>0.90
<b>South America</b>						
<i>Leopardus tigrinus</i>	VU	0.20-0.37	66-98	0-75	0-36	0.32-0.33
<i>Myrmecophaga tridactyla</i>	VU	0.023-0.24	22-94	0	-	0.27-0.28
<i>Tapirus terrestris</i>	VU	0.003-0.015	<23	0	-	0.26-0.28
<i>Chrysocyon brachyurus</i>	NT	0.364	94	34	30	0.28-0.29
<i>Leopardus wiedii</i>	NT	0.04-0.19	21-70	0	-	0.36-0.39
<i>Speothos venaticus</i>	NT	0.0115	4	0	-	0.67-0.71
<i>Leopardus braccatus</i>	NT	0.01-0.08	3-25	0	-	0.38-0.39
<i>Cavia aperea</i>	LC	<0.001	<1	0	-	>0.90
<i>Didelphis albiventris</i>	LC	0.25	82	0	-	0.40-0.42
<i>Sciurus granatensis</i>	LC	0.01	3	0	-	0.81-0.85
<i>Hydrochoerus hydrochaeris</i>	LC	0.001-0.005	<1	0	-	0.47-0.48
<i>Cerdocyon thous</i>	LC	0.09	44	0	-	0.4-0.42
<i>Conepatus chinga</i>	LC	0.04	14	0	-	0.59-0.62
<b>Europe</b>						
<i>Mustela lutreola</i>	CR	0.007	<4	0	-	0.43-0.49
<i>Lynx pardinus</i>	EN	0.12	49	0	-	0.11-0.46
<i>Oryctolagus cuniculus</i>	NT	0.0008	5	0	-	>0.90
<i>Lutra lutra</i>	NT	0.09	32	0	-	0.39-0.40
<i>Meles meles</i>	LC	0.09	52	0	-	0.44-0.45
<i>Erinaceus concolor</i>	LC	0.18-0.34	62-87	0	-	0.52-0.53
<i>Apodemus sylvaticus</i>	LC	0.27	27	0	-	>0.90
<i>Vulpes vulpes</i>	LC	0.09	19	0	-	>0.90
<i>Capreolus capreolus</i>	LC	0.16	72	0	-	0.41-0.43
<b>Africa</b>						
<i>Lycaon pictus</i>	EN	0.01	7	0	-	0.33-0.34
<i>Panthera pardus</i>	VU	0.001-0.002	<10	0	-	0.03-0.18
<i>Panthera leo</i>	VU	0.004-0.009	<15	0	-	0.15-0.25
<i>Kobus vardonii</i>	NT	0.00007	<8	0	-	0.26-0.29
<i>Hyaena brunnea</i>	NT	0.06-0.43	40-100	3-100	0-21	0.15-0.26
<i>Lepus saxatilis</i>	LC	0.01	4	0	-	0.69-0.71
<i>Lepus victoriae</i>	LC	0.0009	<0.5	0	-	0.89-0.90

Species	IUCN	F <sub>roadkill</sub>	Reduction (%)	Probability of extinction (%)	Time to extinction (years)	F <sub>RiskExt10</sub>
<i>Atelerix albiventris</i>	LC	0.03	10	0	-	>0.90
<i>Ictonyx striatus</i>	LC	0.07	38	0	-	0.48
<i>Xerus inauris</i>	LC	0.0001	<3	0	-	>0.90
<i>Otomys irroratus</i>	LC	0.28	29	0	-	>0.90
<b>Asia</b>						
<i>Panthera tigris altaica</i>	EN	0.004	<15	0	-	0.06-0.12
<i>Nilgiritragus hylocrius</i>	EN	0.0003	0.4	0	-	0.26-0.27
<i>Cuon alpinus</i>	EN	0.0003	<14	0	-	0.20-0.21
<i>Manis crassicaudata</i>	EN	0.001	<5	0	-	0.27-0.28
<i>Macaca silenus</i>	EN	0.001	<8	0	-	0.17
<i>Panholops hodgsonii</i>	EN	0.0007	<7.6	0	-	0.28-0.29
<i>Equus przewalskii</i>	EN	0.05	27	0	-	0.21-0.23
<i>Trachypithecus johnii</i>	VU	0.00004	<13	0	-	0.33-0.34
<i>Prionailurus rubiginosus</i>	VU	0.0002	<2	0	-	0.65-0.66
<i>Melursus ursinus</i>	VU	0.001	<11	0	-	0.14-0.16
<i>Hydropotes inermis</i>	VU	0.07	<31	0	-	0.54-0.56
<i>Bos mutus Przewalski</i>	VU	0.0007	<14	0	-	0.10-0.11
<i>Rusa unicolor</i>	VU	0.0014	<8	0	-	0.33-0.34
<i>Panthera pardus</i>	VU	0.194	99	83	33	0.03-0.18
<i>Hyaena hyaena</i>	NT	0.008	6.7	0	-	0.36
<i>Procapra picticaudata</i>	NT	0.006	<0.001	0	-	0.19-0.2
<i>Myodes rufocanus</i>	LC	0.001	<0.9	0	-	>0.90
<i>Prionailurus bengalensis</i>	LC	0.07	33	0	-	0.51-0.52
<i>Nyctereutes procyonoides</i>	LC	0.006	<2	0	-	0.54-0.57
<b>Oceania</b>						
<i>Sarcophilus harrisii</i>	EN	0.0022	<7	0	-	0.29-0.34
<i>Perameles gunnii</i>	NT	0.0001	<2.4	0	-	>0.90
<i>Bettongia gaimardi</i>	NT	0.035	4	0	-	0.76-0.77
<i>Dasyurus viverrinus</i>	NT	0.0003	<3	0	-	0.73-0.75
<i>Dasyurus maculatus</i>	NT	0.0001	9.7	0	-	0.36-0.40
<i>Macropus eugenii</i>	LC	0.23	77	0	-	0.43-0.46
<i>Macropus giganteus</i>	LC	0.014	19	0	-	0.25-0.26
<i>Macropus rufus</i>	LC	0.07	13	0	-	0.59-0.60
<i>Perameles nasuta</i>	LC	0.005	<1	0	-	>0.90
<i>Pseudocheirus peregrinus</i>	LC	0.04	17	0	-	0.59-0.60

**Figure S6.1** Location of the populations analysed with spatially implicit age-structured stochastic models.



## Appendix S5

### Risk of extinction when the fraction of the population is removed due to observed roadkill for four species' populations (maned wolf, little spotted cat, brown hyena and leopard).

**Maned wolf** with an estimated roadkill rate of 0.08 ind./km/year (Carvalho 2014) and a population density of 0.038 ind./km/year has a 34% of risk of extinction.

**Little spotted cat** with a road roadkill rate of 0.09 ind./km/year (Marocco et al. 2012) and a population density that can vary between 0.07 and 0.13 ind./km<sup>2</sup> has a probability of extinction that ranges from 0% to 75%.

The risk of extinction of **brown hyena** with a roadkill rate of 0.03 ind./km/year (Collinson et al. 2015) and an observed population density that varies between 0.005 and 0.04 ind./km<sup>2</sup> (Boast et al 2011; Welch et al 2015) is between 3 and 100%.

**Leopard** with a roadkill rate of 0.052 ind./km/year (Joshi 2012) and a population density of 0.042 (Borah et al. 2014) has an 83% risk of extinction.

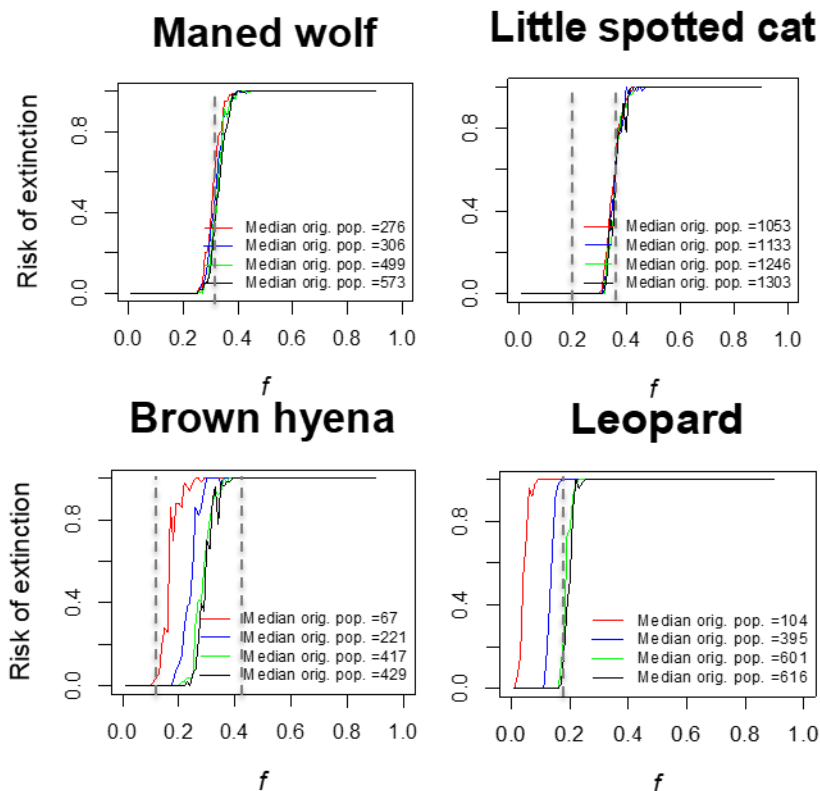


Figure S5.1 – Risk of extinction when a fraction  $f$  of the population is removed for four species populations (maned wolf, little spotted cat, brown hyena and leopard) under threat with the observed roadkill rates. Dashed lines in grey are the observed fractions of the population. The different colours correspond to simulations of different median sizes of the population before application of road mortality.

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## Appendix S4

### Identifying species potentially threatened by roadkill

We considered mammalian species potentially threatened by roadkill (those species where removal of <20% of their population may lead to an additional 10% risk of extinction).

We performed this task in four steps:

#### **1 - Relationship between $F_{RiskExt10}$ and the demographic parameters**

We used two approaches to analyse the relationship between  $F_{RiskExt10}$  (population needed to be roadkilled to increase in 10% the risk extinction) and the demographic parameters:

- 1) non-phylogenetic least square regression (GLS) which assumes all species values are independent;
- 2) phylogenetic GLS (PGLS) which controls for lack of independence due to evolutionary relationships among species.

$F_{RiskExt10}$  (SM7) was the variable response and the predictor variables were: age of maturity (Myhrvold et al. 2015), number of months of recruitment, litter size, number of litters per year, survival rates in cubs, juveniles and adults, and longevity (SM4). We ran four models with the minimum and maximum values of  $F_{RiskExt10}$  for GLS and PGLS analysis (MIN  $F_{RiskExt10}$  and MAX  $F_{RiskExt10}$  for GLS and PGLS) (SM6).

Firstly, we investigated correlations among demographic parameters ( $r > 0.7$ ; Zuur et al. 2009) and variable inflation factors (VIF) for all parameters ( $VIF > 3$ ; Zuur et al. 2009). Parameters were standardized and fitted to a global GLS model. We ran all possible combinations of demographic parameters. We also fitted a global PGLS and ran all combinations with the same demographic parameters to account for interdependence between species resulting from common evolutionary history. We used a phylogenetic tree of the mammal species obtained from the time tree (<http://www.timetree.org>). We measured the strength of phylogenetic signal in each variable by estimating the phylogenetic correlation between species based on Pagel's  $\lambda$  (Pagel 1999). Values of  $\lambda$  can vary continuously from 0 (indicating demographic parameters are independent of phylogeny) to 1 (indicating demographic parameters of species evolved under the Brownian motion model). We found that values  $\lambda$  for the parameters ranged from 0.41 to 0.80, thus indicating accounting for phylogeny is warranted (Revell 2010). We therefore controlled for the degree of phylogenetic non-independence in our analysis. We analysed the relative importance of each variable calculated as the sum of Akaike weights for GLS and PGLS models. All analysis were performed with R 3.4 (R development Core team 2014-2016). Phylogenetic analysis was conducted with the *ape*, *phytools* (Revell 2012) and *geiger* (Harmon et al. 2008) R packages. For six species not included in the phylogenetic tree (*Didelphis albiventris*, *Kobus vardonii*, *Lepus microtis*, *Manis crassicaudata*, *Nilgiritragus hylocrius* and *Procapra picticaudata*) we substituted other species of the same genus (*Didelphis imperfecta*, *Kobus kob*, *Lepus europaeus*, *Manis javanica*, *Hemitragus jayakari* and *Procapra przewalskii*), respectively.

#### **2 - Key demographic parameters that explain $F_{RiskExt10}$**

We selected the key demographic variables that provided a very high contribution to explain the  $F_{RiskExt10}$  for both GLS and PGLS models and for minimum and maximum  $F_{RiskExt10}$  and were also well documented in the life traits database for 4664 mammal species (Myhrvold et al. 2015) to impute the fraction of the population removed due to roadkill needed to lead to 10% risk of local extinction for mammal species worldwide.

#### **3 – Imputation of the $F_{RiskExt10}$ for mammal species worldwide using the key demographic parameters**

We used age of maturity and number of litters per year (both variables were concordant for GLS and PGLS analysis) plus litter size (important variable in PGLS analysis) to impute the  $F_{RiskExt10}$  (SM6). In the life traits database 40% of species had age of maturity data, 71% had litter size and 43% had

litter per year. We imputed 4664 unique species that matched traits (Myhrvold et al. 2015), phylogeny (Fritz et al. 2009) and IUCN species range maps (SM9).

We used the phylogenetic tree for the world mammal species (Fritz et al. 2009) for which the number of species matched to IUCN species range maps (downloaded from the IUCN Red List web site (<http://www.iucnredlist.org/>) and the *Rphylopars* R package (Goosbly et al. 2017) to estimate maximum likelihood trait covariance in light of phylogenetic relatedness assuming a Brownian motion model of trait evolution. The selected demographic parameters were log-transformed and  $F_{\text{RiskExt10}}$  was logit-transformed prior to analyses. Branches for eight taxa (*Bos mutus*, *Equus przewalskii*, *Hydrochoerus hydrochaeris*, *Kobus vardonii*, *Panthera tigris altaica*, *Nilgiritragus hylocrius*, and *Lepus microtis*) were manually added as sister taxa to the most closely represented members of the phylogeny. Using the maximum likelihood trait covariance and expected species covariance due to shared ancestry, missing values for all variables were phylogenetically imputed, and the resulting imputations and 95% confidence intervals were de-transformed back to their original scale (SM8).

#### 4 – Validation of phylogenetic imputation using Leave-One-Out Cross-Validation (LOO-CV)

Leave-one-out cross-validation (LOO-CV) as well as 2-fold and 5-fold cross-validation blocked by phylogenetic distance was performed to evaluate the reliability of  $F_{\text{RiskExt10}}$  imputation results (Bruggeman 2009; Roberts et al. 2017). For LOO-CV, average bias was -0.01% and the root mean squared error (RMSE) was 15.5%. In other words, for any given imputation, we can expect our estimates to be off, on average, about +/- 15.5%, and our estimates appear to be unbiased (see SM10 for further details). We recovered similar results using 2-fold and 5-fold phylogenetically blocked cross-validation yielding mean bias of 1.9% and 0.8% and RMSE of 15.5% and 14.7%, respectively. See SM9 for further details.

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## Appendix S3

### Spatially implicit age-structured stochastic models

We modelled each of the selected species and *study site* with a spatially implicit age-structured stochastic model based on Borda-de-Água et al. (2014) in order to calculate the probability of local extinction risk in a period of 50 years given the fraction of the individuals removed from the population due to road mortality. This model considers age at maturity, interval between births, litter size, period of recruitment, number of litters per year and mortality rates (Borda-de-Água et al. 2014). Mortality,  $Z_a$ , consists of natural mortality,  $M_a$ , and road mortality,  $C_a$ ; that is,  $Z_a = M_a + C_a$ . The subscript  $a$  was included to indicate that both forms of mortality can be age specific. A population is divided into  $n$  age classes (starting at 0, corresponding to animals in their first year, up to  $n-1$ , the last year a cohort survives). Each age class is further divided into 12 months. Thus, a population has  $n \times 12$  cohorts whose information is kept in a matrix with 12 columns and  $n$  rows. An iteration corresponds to a month, and in each iteration the number of individuals in the population is updated according to the mortality rate of its age group. Thus, if the cohort of age  $a$  at month  $m$  has  $N_{a,m}$  individuals at time  $t_1$ , at time  $t_2 = t_1 + 1$  the number of individuals is calculated as

$$N_{a,m}(t_2) = N_{a,m}(t_1)e^{-Z_a},$$

assuming that mortality has time units of “month”.

For those cohorts that are mature, in some months of the year and with a given periodicity, females can give birth. The number of females that give birth is determined according to the input parameters, as well as the number of offspring per female. The total number of recruits,  $R$ , that enter the population is related to the total number of animals born,  $B$ , through the Beverton-Holt relationship,

$$R = \frac{\alpha B}{\beta + B},$$

where  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are parameters to be estimated. The recruits enter the population then at position  $N_{0,1}$  and will start involving as the remaining of the population in the next iteration. Notice that it is the Beverton-Holt relationship that introduces density dependence in the model. For simplicity, we have assumed  $\alpha = \beta$ . In order to determine the parameter  $\alpha$  we use an iterative process until the population attains the expected average number of individuals without road mortality. We used empirical estimates of variance for demographic parameters if available or assumed a 10% variance when no estimates were provided. We run the model using 600 simulations for each species: (50 replicates \* 12 carrying capacities).

After the model is initiated with an arbitrary starting population size there is a period of transient dynamics. We found population size converged very rapidly (usually < 50 years, 600 iterations) to a dynamic equilibrium state. We run this equilibrium state for 170 years (8500 iterations) to generate baseline dynamics without road mortality ( $Z_a = M_a$ ). Finally, we ran the model for another 50 years with added roadkill mortality ( $Z_a = M_a + C_a$ ). We calculated the probability of extinction as the proportion of computer runs relative to their total number in which the population went extinct at the end of those 50 years.

This approach assumes that (i) roadkill rates would be constant over the time in the defined area; (ii) the demographic parameters obtained from populations from other regions are appropriate; and (iii) the population is not distributed in a source-sink or metapopulation configuration.

The present code allows modelling populations with a wide range of parameters, and with further small changes new features can be introduced in order to introduce more realism. The main limitation of the model is that it is space implicit. The development of such code is outside the scope of the present work and will be the object of future work (the code with an example at 10.6084/m9.figshare.12993470 - *the DOI becomes active upon publication*).

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## Appendix S2

### Table S2.1 - Biological traits for the selected species and references

	IUCN	Population density Ind./km2	Age of first birth (days)	Month of recruitment	Interval between births (days)	Litter size	Litter per year	Maximum longevity (m)	Survival rate of cubs	Survival rate of juveniles	Survival rate of adults
<b>NORTH AMERICA</b>											
<i>Bison bison</i>	NT	0.28	1095	March-June	399	0.98	1	396	0.467	0.50	0.99
		Jones et al. 2009	Jones et al. 2009	Myers et al. 2016	Jones et al. 2009	Jones et al. 2009	Jones et al. 2009	Jones et al. 2009	Fuller et al. 2007	Meagher 1973	
<i>Lepus callotis</i>	NT	3.83	365	June-October	42	2.48	3	89	0.5	F(0.1) M(0.41)	0.43
		Jones et al. 2009	Jones et al. 2009 for L. americanus	Best & Henry 1993	Estimated from Myers et al. 2016 and Jones et al. 2009	Jones et al. 2009	Jones et al. 2009	Median from <i>Lepus</i> Jones et al. 2009	Rioja et al. 2011 for L. flavigularis	Farias 2004 for L. flavigularis	
<i>Microtus mexicanus</i>	VU	1483.67	45	Oct-Feb	30	2.33	4.5	18	0.823	0.823	0.823
		Jones et al. 2009	<a href="http://www.nsrllt.u.edu/tmot1/micromexi.htm">http://www.nsrllt.u.edu/tmot1/micromexi.htm</a>	Hilton 1992	Arizona Game and Fish Department 2003	Jones et al. 2009	Estimated from <a href="http://www.nsrllt.u.edu">www.nsrllt.u.edu</a>	Atanasov 2012	Conley 1976		
<i>Procyon lotor</i>	LC	55.6-250	427	March-Nov	365	3.06	1	252	0.585	0.93	0.681
		Smith & Engeman (2003); Twichel and Dill (1949)	Johnson 1970	Troyer et al. 2014	Jones et al. 2009	Jones et al. 2009	Jones et al. 2009	Jones et al. 2009	Gehrt & Fritzell 1999		
<i>Ondatra zibethicus</i>	LC	75.85	365	March-May	30	6.55	2.45	120	0.750	0.12	0.38
		Messier et al 1990 Twichel and Dill (1949)	Jones et al. 2009	Errington 1943	Jones et al. 2009	Jones et al. 2009	Jones et al. 2009	Jones et al. 2009	Virgl & Messier 1997	Ahlers et al 2010	Virgl & Messier 2000
<i>Neofiber alleni</i>	LC	14516	95	All year	42.5	2.33	4.5	120	0.195	0.195	0.195
		Jones et al. 2009	Birkenholz 1963	Myers et al. 2016	Birkenholz 1963	Jones et al. 2009	Jones et al. 2009	= <i>Ondatra zibethicus</i>	=juvenile	Lefebvre 1982	=juvenile
<i>Sylvilagus bachmani</i>	LC	568	154	Jan-June	29.5	3.35	4.5	72	0.825	0.825	0.2
		Jones et al. 2009	Myers et al. 2016	Myers et al. 2016	Jones et al. 2009	Jones et al. 2009	Jones et al. 2009	Lord 1961	= juvenil	Williams et al 2008	Bond et al 2001
<i>Odocoileus virginianus</i>	LC	50	463	May-July	304	1.57	1	276	0.47**	0.75***	0.72*#
		Lankester & Peterson 1996	Jones et al. 2009	Myers et al. 2016	Jones et al. 2009	Jones et al. 2009	Myers et al. 2016	Jones et al. 2009	Carstensen et al. 2009	Grovenburg et al 2012	F Grovenburg et al 2011/M Mcdonald et al 2011
<i>Didelphis virginiana</i>	LC	8.52	186	Feb- Sept	136.87	8.62	2	60	0.76	0.23	0.28
		Beatty et al. 2016	Jones et al. 2009	Myers et al. 2016	Jones et al. 2009	Jones et al. 2009	Jones et al. 2009	Jones et al. 2009	*Julien-Laferriere & Atramentowicz 1990	O'Connell 1989 for <i>D. marsupialis</i>	
<b>SOUTH AMERICA</b>											
<i>Chrysocyon brachyurus</i>	NT	0.031	730	Oct-Dec	365	2	1	180	0.4	0.8	0.9
		Trolle et al. 2007	Paula et al. 2008	Myers et al. 2016	Myers et al. 2016	Jones et al. 2009	Eol 2016	Jones et al. 2009	Paula et al. 2008		
<i>Leopardus wiedii</i>	NT	0.05-0.25	730	All year	365	1	1	156	0.68	0.87	F(0.825);M(0.75)
		Oliveira et al. 2010 Oliveira 2011	Green 1991; Leyhausen 1990	Myers et al. 2016	Myers et al. 2016 similar to other cats	Oliveira 1998	Myers et al. 2016 similar to other cats	Myers et al. 2016	Haines2006 for <i>L. pardalis</i>		
<i>Speothos venaticus</i>	NT	0.01	364	2 months/year	240	4	1.5	123	0.2	0.2	0.38
		DeMatteo & Loiselle 2008	Myers et al. 2016	DeMatteo et al. 2006	Jones et al. 2009	<a href="http://genomics.senescence.info/">http://genomics.senescence.info/</a>	Meyers et al. 2016	Myers et al. 2016	= <i>Vulpes Vulpes</i>		
<i>Leopardus braccatus/colocolo</i>	NT	0.1-0.78	780	April-July	365	2	1	108	0.68	0.87	F(0.825);M(0.75)
		Oliveira et al. 2010; Gardner et al. 2010	Nowell and Jackson 1996	Myers et al. 2016	Myers et al. 2016	Nowell and Jackson 1996	Myers et al. 2016	Nowell & Jackson 1996	Haines2006 for <i>L. pardalis</i>		

	IUCN	Population density Ind./km2	Age of first birth (days)	Month of recruitment	Interval between births (days)	Litter size	Litter per year	Maximum longevity (m)	Survival rate of cubs	Survival rate of juveniles	Survival rate of adults
<i>Myrmecophaga tridactyla</i>	VU	0.21-2.2	1095	All year	270	1	1	312	0.5	0.9	0.9**
		Fonseca et al. 1994; Miranda 2004	Miranda 2004	Myers et al. 2016	Myers et al. 2016	Jones et al. 2009	Miranda 2004	Jones et al. 2009	Miranda 2004		
<i>Tapirus terrestris</i>	VU	0.13-0.58	1287	All year	365	1	1	420	0.9	0.85	0.92
		Desbiez 2010; Trolle et al. 2008	Myers et al. 2016	Myers et al. 2016	Myers et al. 2016	Jones et al. 2009	Myers et al. 2016	Jones et al. 2009	Gatti et al 2011		
<i>Leopardus tigrinus</i>	VU	0.07-0.13	790	Nov-Feb	365	1.2	1	144	0.68	0.87	F(0.825);M(0.75)
		Oliveira-Santos 2012	Myers et al. 2016	Myers et al. 2016	Myers et al. 2016	Oliveira & Cassaró 2005	Myers et al. 2016	Myers et al. 2016	Haines2006 for <i>L. pardalis</i>		
<i>Cavia aperea</i>	LC	1806	97	Nov-Jun	60	2	4	36	0.58	0.8	0.8
		Jones et al. 2009	Myers et al. 2016	Myers et al. 2016	Myers et al. 2016	Myers et al. 2016	Myers et al. 2016	Myers et al. 2016	Asher et al. 2004		
<i>Didelphis albiventris</i>	LC	4	378	July - March	180	7	2	20	0.191	0.52	0.962
		Streilein 1982	Myers et al. 2016	D' Andrea et al.1999	Myers et al. 2016	D' Andrea et al. 1999	Myers et al. 2016	Myers et al. 2016	Ferreira et al. 2013 for <i>D.aurita</i>		
<i>Sciurus granatensis</i>	LC	79	455	Feb-Dec	150	1.9	2.5	84	0.745	0.745	0.745
		Jones et al. 2009	Myers et al. 2016	Myers et al. 2016	Myers et al. 2016	Jones et al. 2009	Jones et al. 2009	Myers et al. 2016	Wauters et al. 1994 for <i>S. vulgaris</i>		
<i>Hydrochoerus hydrochaeris</i>	LC	170-700	690	All year	365	4	1	144	0.32	0.597	0.618
		Garcias & Bager 2009	Myers et al. 2016	Myers et al. 2016	Myers et al. 2016	Alvarez et al. 2006	Mones & Ojasti 1986	Jones et al. 2009	Moreira et al 2013		
<i>Cerdocyon thous</i>	LC	3.54	330	Jan-Feb/ Oct-Nov	243	4	2	138	0.42	0.93	0.93
		Ginsberg & Macdonald 1990	Myers et al. 2016	Myers et al. 2016	Jones et al. 2009	Jones et al. 2009	Myers et al. 2016	Jones et al. 2009	Sillero-Zubiri et al. 2004 for <i>Lycalopex fulvipes</i>		
<i>Conepatus chinga</i>	LC	5	330	April-May	365	3.5	1	72	0.42	0.42	0.42
		IUCN/Cofré and Marquet 1999	Myers et al. 2016	Myers et al. 2016	Myers et al. 2016	Myers et al. 2016	Reis et al.2006	Myers et al. 2016	Gehrt 2005 for <i>M. mephitis</i>		
<b>EUROPE</b>											
<i>Mustela lutreola</i>	CR	0.044	323	April-May	365	4.5	1	60	0.33**+0.35***	0.33**+0.52***	0.33**+0.50***
		Palazon et al 2002	Myers et al. 2016	Myers et al. 2016	Jones et al. 2009	Jones et al. 2009	Jones et al. 2009	Mañas et al 2016	Bonesi et al. 2006 for <i>Neovison vison</i> Maran 2003 for released minks		
<i>Lynx pardinus</i>	EN	0.12	365	March/April	365	3	0.8	156	0.475	0.4	0.8
		Simon et al. 2012	Myers et al. 2016	Myers et al. 2016	Myers et al. 2016	Myers et al. 2016	Myers et al. 2016	Myers et al. 2016	Ferrerias et al 2001		
<i>Oryctolagus cuniculus</i>	NT	357	121.66	Jan-June	29	5.24	4.5	216	0.32	0.59	0.89
		Jones et al. 2009	Jones et al. 2009	Myers et al. 2016	Jones et al. 2009	Jones et al. 2009	Jones et al. 2009	Jones et al. 2009	Tablado et al. 2012		
<i>Lutra lutra</i>	NT	0.125	960	Jan-March	365	3	1	144	0.6	0.4	0.3
		Quaglietta et al. 2015	Myers et al. 2016	Beja 1996	Jones et al. 2009	Beja 1996	Jones et al. 2009	Ruiz-Olmo1988	Ruiz-Olmo1998		
<i>Meles meles</i>	LC	0.66	730	Feb-May Aug-Oct	365	2.5	1.	120	0.4	0.76	0.75
		Seiler et al 2005 (pop)	Seiler et al 2004 (1992)	Myers et al. 2016	Jones et al. 2009	Seiler et al 2004 (1992)	Myers et al. 2016	Seiler et al 2004 (1992)	Seiler et al 2004 (1992)		
<i>Erinaceus concolor</i>	LC	32(median)-60 (max)	293	Jun-Nov	180	5.23	1.5	72	0.34	0.34	0.47
		Savarin 2009	Myers et al. 2016 <i>E. europaeus</i>	Myers et al. 2016 <i>E. europaeus</i>	Myers et al. 2016 <i>E. europaeus</i>	Jones et al. 2009	Jones et al. 2009	Myers et al. 2016 <i>E. europaeus</i>	Kristiansson 1990 for <i>E. europaeus</i>		
<i>Apodemus sylvaticus</i>	LC	550	85	March-Dec	41.28	5.16	3.75	52.8	0.60	0.60	0.60
		Unnsteinsdóttir 2014	Jones et al. 2009	Myers et al. 2016	Jones et al. 2009	Jones et al. 2009	Jones et al. 2009	Jones et al. 2009	Unnsteinsdóttir 2014		
<i>Vulpes vulpes</i>	LC	1.1	354	April-May	365	4.59	1	180	0.8	0.7	0.5
		Jones et al. 2009	Myers et al. 2016	<a href="http://www.nfws.org.uk">http://www.nfws.org.uk</a>	Jones et al. 2009	Jones et al. 2009	Myers et al. 2016	Jones et al. 2009	Sillero-Zubiri et al. 2004		

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<i>Capreolus capreolus</i>	LC	1.11	730	April-July	365	1.79	1	204	0.62 M (±0.074); 0.69 F (±0.077)	0.90 M (± 0.06); 0.89 F (±0.066)	0.90 M (±0.058); 0.97 F (0.029)	
		Madsen et al 2002	Jones et al. 2009	Myers et al. 2016	Jones et al. 2009	Jones et al. 2009	Myers et al. 2016	Jones et al. 2009	Cobben et al 2009			
<b>AFRICA</b>												
<i>Lycaon pictus</i>	EN	0.015	927	March-Jul	355.7	1.6**	1	132	0.71*	0.691	0.725	
		Creel & Creel 1996	Jones et al. 2009	Myers et al. 2016	Jones et al. 2009	Jones et al. 2009	Jones et al. 2009	Jones et al. 2009	Woodroffe 2011			
<i>Hyaena brunnea</i>	NT	0.005-0.04	1095	Aug-Nov	532.29	2.3	0.4	204	0.86	0.62	0.47	
		Boast et al. 2011; Welch et al 2015	Jones et al. 2009	Myers et al. 2016	Jones et al. 2009	Jones et al. 2009	Myers et al. 2016	Jones et al. 2009	Mills 1981	Wagner 2006	Wagner 2006	
<i>Panthera pardus</i>	VU	0.05-0.09	1147	All year-round	476.37	2.14	1	276	0.39	0.86	0.88	
		Rosenblatt et al. 2016	Jones et al. 2009	Myers et al. 2016	Jones et al. 2009	Jones et al. 2009	Jones et al. 2009	Jones et al. 2009	Swanepoel et al. 2015			
<i>Panthera leo</i>	VU	0.04-0.10	1047	All year-round	730	2.75	2	360	0.66	0.83	0.89	
		Rosenblatt et al. 2014	Jones et al. 2009	Myers et al. 2016	Jones et al. 2009	Jones et al. 2009	Jones et al. 2009	Jones et al. 2009	Dolrenry 2013			
<i>Kobus vardonii</i>	NT	12.91	630	All year-round	365	1	1	204	0.67*	0.67	0.9(m); 0.95(f)	
		Rduch 2013	Myers et al. 2016	Myers et al. 2016	Jones et al. 2009	Jones et al. 2009	Myers et al. 2016	Myers et al. 2016	Martin 2004			
<i>Lepus saxatilis</i>	LC	18.6	407	All Year-round	90	1.52	5.35	30	0.375	0.375	0.37	
		Munoz 2013	Myers et al. 2016	Myers et al. 2016	Myers et al. 2016	Jones et al. 2009	Jones et al. 2009	Myers et al. 2016	Misirowska & Wasilewski 2012 for released L.europaeus			
<i>Lepus victoriae</i>	LC	95	277	All year-round	91	1.56	4	144	0.375	0.37	0.37	
		Jones et al. 2009	Myers et al. 2016	Myers et al. 2016	Myers et al. 2016	Jones et al. 2009	Myers et al. 2016	<a href="http://www.awf.org/wildlife-conservation/africa-n-hare">http://www.awf.org/wildlife-conservation/africa-n-hare</a>	Misirowska & Wasilewski 2012			
<i>Atelerix albiventris</i>	LC	31.8	119	Oct-March	182	3.98	1	136.8	0.7	0.7	0.8	
		Smilar to E. erinaceus Jackson 2006	Myers et al. 2016	Myers et al. 2016	Myers et al. 2016	Jones et al. 2009	Jones et al. 2009	Myers et al. 2016	<a href="http://hedgehogvalley.com/hogbreeding.html">http://hedgehogvalley.com/hogbreeding.html</a>	Similar to cubs	Warwick et al 2006 for E. erinaceus	
<i>Ictonyx striatus</i>	LC	0.5	304	Sept-Dec	365	2.3	1	160	0.68	0.68	0.49	
		Hendrichs 1972	Jones et al. 2009	Myers et al. 2016	Jones et al. 2009	Jones et al. 2009	Jones et al. 2009	Jones et al. 2009	Kristiansen et al. 2007 for Mustela putorius			
<i>Xerus inauris</i>	LC	0.5	345.5	All year-round	100	2.06	1	156	0.745	0.745	0.745	
		Jakobson 2006	Myers et al. 2016	Myers et al. 2016	Myers et al. 2016	Jones et al. 2009	Jones et al. 2009	Jones et al. 2009	=Sciurus vulgaris			
<i>Otomys irroratus</i>	LC	3004	103	All year-round	73	1.65	3.75	36	0.59	0.13	0.13	
		Jones et al. 2009	Myers et al. 2016	Myers et al. 2016	Myers et al. 2016	Jones et al. 2009	Jones et al. 2009	Myers et al. 2016	Davis 1973			
<b>ASIA</b>												
<i>Panthera tigris altaica</i>	EN	0.03	1460	all year except 3 months	642	1.4	0.3	108	0.5	0.4	0.7	
		Jones et al. 2009	Kerley et al. 2003				Myers et al. 2016	Myers et al. 2016	Kerley et al. 2003	Goodrich et al 2008		
<i>Nilgiritragus hylocrius</i>	EN	4.23	879	All year	180	1.5	2	42	0.48	0.34	0.2	
		Rice et al 1988	Myers et al. 2016	Myers et al. 2016	Myers et al. 2016	Myers et al. 2016	Myers et al. 2016	<a href="http://nilgiritahinfo.info/introduction.htm">http://nilgiritahinfo.info/introduction.htm</a>	Rice et al 1988			
<i>Cuon alpinus</i>	EN	0.55	426	Nov-March	365	0.82**	1	192	0.18	0.37	0.37	
		Jones et al. 2009	Myers et al. 2016	Myers et al. 2016	Myers et al. 2016	Myers et al. 2016	<a href="http://genomics.senescence.info">http://genomics.senescence.info</a>	Myers et al. 2016	=Nyctereutes procyonoides			

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<i>Manis crassicaudata</i>	EN	1.15	790	All year except May June	365	1	1	162	0.667	0.167	0.125
		Irshad et al. 2015	Dickman 1984	Pattnaik 2008	Jones et al. 2009	Jones et al. 2009	Jones et al. 2009	Jones et al. 2009	Mohapatra & Panda 2014		
<i>Macaca silenus</i>	EN	1.01	1825	All year, except June	365	0.35	1	240	0.87	0.861	0.503
		Jones et al. 2009	Myers et al. 2016	Singh 2006	Myers et al. 2016	Singh 2006	Myers et al. 2016	Myers et al. 2016	Singh 2006	= Cercopithecus mitis Bronikowski et al 2016	
<i>Pantholops hodgsonii</i>	EN	0.33	738	Jun-Jul	365	1	1	96	0.50	0.33	0.98
		Liu 2009	Myers et al. 2016	Myers et al. 2016	Jones et al. 2009	Jones et al. 2009	Myers et al. 2016	Myers et al. 2016	Schaller 2006		
<i>Equus przewalskii</i>	EN	0.01	1460	April-May	365	1	1	240	0.75	0.75	0.69
		Wang, 2014	<a href="http://library.sandiegozoo.org">http://library.sandiegozoo.org</a>	Myers et al. 2016	Myers et al. 2016	Myers et al. 2016	Myers et al. 2016	Boyd & Hopt 1994	Chen et al. 2008, Meng et al 2009		
<i>Trachypithecus johnii</i>	VU	71	1690	All year	365	1	1	348	0.48	0.34	0.2
		Jones et al. 2009	Myers et al. 2016	Myers et al. 2016	Myers et al. 2016	Myers et al. 2016	Myers et al. 2016	Myers et al. 2016	=Nilgiritragus hylocrius		
<i>Prionailurus rubiginosus</i>	VU	0.66	365	All year	165	2.2	1	48	0.5	0.5	0.725
		Myers et al. 2016 for Prionailurus bengalensis	Myers et al. 2016	Myers et al. 2016	Similar to Leopard cat	Jones et al. 2009	Myers et al. 2016	=Prionailurus bengalensis	=Prionailurus bengalensis		
<i>Melursus ursinus</i>	VU	0.13	1293	Nov-Jan	1095	1.5	1.5	480*	0.75	0.75	0.75
		Jones et al. 2009	Myers et al. 2016	Yoganand 2005	Jones et al. 2009	Myers et al. 2016	Myers et al. 2016	Myers et al. 2016	Joshi 2011		
<i>Hydropotes inermis</i>	VU	6.93	363	May-June	365	3	1	144	0.73*?	0.73	0.73*?
		Kim et al 2011	Myers et al. 2016	Myers et al. 2016	Myers et al. 2016	Jones et al. 2009	Myers et al. 2016	Myers et al. 2016	Chen et al 2015		
<i>Bos mutus Przewalski</i>	VU	0.03	2825	June	730	1	1	300	0.48	0.34	0.205
		Schaller 1996	Myers et al. 2016	Leslie & Schaller 2009	Myers et al. 2016	Myers et al. 2016	Myers et al. 2016	Myers et al. 2016	= Nilgiritragus hylocrius		
<i>Rusa unicorn</i>	VU	4.89	788	Sept-Jan	365	1.5	1	317	0.49	0.79	0.845
		Jones et al. 2009	Jones et al. 2009	Myers et al. 2016	Myers et al. 2016	Myers et al. 2016	Myers et al. 2016	Jones et al. 2009	Leslie et al. 2010		
<i>Panthera pardus</i>	NT	0.042	1034	Year-round	600	2	1	102	0.39±0.1	0.80±0.12(M);0.93±0.07 (F)	0.94±0.04(M);0.86±0.05 (F)
		Borah et al. 2014	Myers et al. 2016	Myers et al. 2016	Myers et al. 2016	Myers et al. 2016	Myers et al. 2016	Myers et al. 2016	Swanepoel et al. 2015		
<i>Hyaena hyaena</i>	NT	0.152	890	All year	455	2.44	1	288	0.96	0.89	0.545
		Gupta et al 2009	Myers et al. 2016	<a href="http://www.hyaenidae.org/">http://www.hyaenidae.org/</a>	Myers et al. 2016	Jones et al. 2009	Myers et al. 2016	Jones et al. 2009	Bothma & Walker 1999	Wagner 2006	
<i>Procapra picticaudata</i>	NT	0.08	1520	June-July	365	1	1	96	0.48	0.34	0.205
		Bhatnagar et al. 2007	Myers et al. 2016	Myers et al. 2016	Myers et al. 2016	Myers et al. 2016	Myers et al. 2016	Myers et al. 2016	= Nilgiritragus hylocrius		
<i>Myodes rufocanus</i>	LC	465.17	110	All year	32.6	5.01	3	24	0.52	0.42	0.53
		Boonstra & Krebs 2012	Jones et al. 2009	Eol 2016	Jones et al. 2009	Jones et al. 2009	Jones et al. 2009	Myers et al. 2016 for M. rutilus	average estimated for all cricetidae		
<i>Prionailurus bengalensis</i>	LC	9.6	612	All year	165	2.5	1	48	0.5	0.5	0.725
		Mohamed et al. 2013	Myers et al. 2016	Myers et al. 2016	Jones et al. 2009	Myers et al. 2016	Myers et al. 2016	Myers et al. 2016	Haines et al 2004		
<i>Nyctereutes procyonoides</i>	LC	86	361	March-May	365	6.33	1	90	0.18	0.37	0.37
		Myers et al. 2016/ Kauhala, et al. 1993	Myers et al. 2016	Myers et al. 2016	Myers et al. 2016	Myers et al. 2016	Myers et al. 2016	Myers et al. 2016	Kowalczyk et al 2009		
<b>OCEANIA</b>											
<i>Sarcophilus harrisii</i>	EN	5.9	730	April	365	2.88	1	72	0.45*	0.45	0.55
		Jones et al. 2009	Jackson 2007	Jackson 2007	Jones et al. 2009	Jones et al. 2009	Jones et al. 2009	Jones et al 2008	Lachish et al 2007		

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<i>Perameles gunnii</i>	NT	35	107.64	January (all)	65	2.31	3.8	66	0.53	0.74	0.76
		Mallick et al. 2000	Jones et al. 2009	Mallick et al. 2000	Jones et al. 2009	Jones et al. 2009	Jones et al. 2009	Jones et al. 2009	Todd et al. 2002		
<i>Bettongia gaimardi</i>	NT	19	272	All year round	106.5	1	3	141.6	0.6	0.6	0.6
		Jones et al. 2009	Jones et al. 2009	Jackson 2007	Jones et al. 2009	Jones et al. 2009	Rose 1987	Jones et al. 2009	Wayne et al. 2016		
<i>Dasyurus viverrinus</i>	NT	19	355	May	365	4.7	1	81.6	0.6**	0.6	0.4
		Jones et al. 2009	Myers et al. 2016	Jackson 2007	Jones et al. 2009	Jones et al. 2009	Jones et al. 2009	Jones et al. 2009	Glen and Dickman 2013		
<i>Dasyurus maculatus</i>	NT	0.3	720	June	365	4.47	1	60	0.6	0.6	0.4
		Glen 2008	van Dyck & Strahan 2008	Jackson 2007	Jones et al. 2009	Jones et al. 2009	Jones et al. 2009	Jones et al. 2009	Glen and Dickman 2013		
<i>Macropus eugenii</i>	LC	73.86	319	January-March	365	1.01	1	168	0.65 <sup>†</sup>	0.65	0.74
		Jones et al. 2009	Jones et al. 2009	Tyndale-Biscoe & Renfree 1987	Jones et al. 2009	Jones et al. 2009	Jones et al. 2009	Jones et al. 2009	Chambers & Bencini 2008		
<i>Macropus giganteus</i>	LC	41.95	813	Oct-Jan	362.79	1	1	288	0.27	0.54	0.95
		Jones et al. 2009	Jones et al. 2009	Myers et al. 2016	Jones et al. 2009	Jones et al. 2009	Jones et al. 2009	Jones et al. 2009	Arnold 1991	Coulson et al 2004	Arnold 1991
<i>Macropus rufus</i>	LC	3.14	547.5	All year	238.5	1	1.5	360	0.27	0.54	0.95
		Jones et al. 2009	Jones et al. 2009	Myers et al. 2016	Jones et al. 2009	Jones et al. 2009	Myers et al. 2016	Jones et al. 2009	Coulson et al 2014		
<i>Perameles nasuta</i>	LC	89.99	121.66	All year	53	2.43	2	24	0.53	0.74	0.76
		Jones et al. 2009	Jones et al. 2009	Scott et al 1999 Jackson 2007	Jones et al. 2009	Jones et al. 2009	Jackson 2007	Jackson 2007	Todd et al. 2002		
<i>Pseudocheirus peregrinus</i>	LC	654.82	365	May-Jan	251.6	1.89	1.5	96	0.357	0.357	0.501
		Jones et al. 2009	Jones et al. 2009	Munks 1995/ Myers et al. 2016	Jones et al. 2009	Jones et al. 2009	Jones et al. 2009	Jones et al. 2009	Pahl 1987		

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# Appendix S1

## Roadkill data.csv

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List of species with roadkill and references: Region/Continent, Order, Family, Species (scientific name), IUCN (conservation status: NE – Not Evaluated, DD – Data Deficient, LC – Least Concern, NT – Near Threatened, VU – Vulnerable, EN – Endangered, CR – Critically Endangered), No roadkill (number of individuals roadkilled, No surveys (number of surveys), No kms (number of kms surveyed), survey period (days), roadkill rate\_survey (ind./km/days of survey\*365), roadkill rate\_survey period (ind./km/ number of days of the survey period\*365), Country, Reference, Select (1 – selected species and records for the age-structured models).

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