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Abstract:

The Arctic is home to both herding practitioners and endangered populations of large predators (such as wolverine, wolf, bear, lynx, sea eagle, ...). In northern Finland and Scandinavia, the conservation goals for populations of endangered large carnivores can compete with Indigenous and local livelihoods, triggering regional human-wildlife conflicts. Enhancing successful management and ecological monitoring of predator populations in Arctic regions requires a thoughtful incorporation of experience-based forms of local knowledge, alongside scientific knowledge. Involving Indigenous communities, local people and organizations into the much-needed co-generation of knowledge on predators' ecology in the Arctic would foster a more comprehensive and culturally sensitive approach to conservation and management efforts. In this session, we welcome contributions that showcase practical examples of effective management and joint ecological monitoring of predator populations across the Arctic, especially in predator-prey-human co-inhabited areas. We particularly encourage submissions that explore novel methodological approaches for co-generating carnivore ecological knowledge and species monitoring in collaboration with local communities. Additionally, we welcome submissions that highlight the use of interdisciplinary approaches in predator monitoring, management and conservation. Contributions shedding light on the societal relevance, challenges and opportunities of predator-prey-livelihood socio-cultural, ecological and economic interactions are highly appreciated and welcomed.

Presentations:

Session Chair: Clément Massé

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Aivaras Jefanovas - Vytautas Magnus university

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Nate Bickford - Oregon Tech

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Asya Karaseva - University of Tartu, Arctic Studies Centre

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Nuccio Mazzullo - Arctic Centre, University of Lapland

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Stephan Dudeck - University of Tartu