

Wild boar hunting in the French Alps: faced with ecological norm and animal right norm



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Societal norms vs hunting norms



- « **Ecological norm** » : wild animal as a species belonging to an ecosystem
 - « **Animal right norm** » : domestic animal as a sentient individual
- ➔ How do hunters face these norms? (discourses and practices)

I. Environmental involvement

II. Domestic involvement

III. « Passion » / wild involvement

Methodology



« Common hunt »
in groups / beats

- 90 interviews with hunters
- Observations in protected area
- Interviews with naturalists, scientists, protected area managers

*The hunters,
first ecologists
of France?*

Les chasseurs,

premiers **écologistes**

de France ?*



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à la sauvegarde de la
biodiversité de nos campagnes.
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à la nature sont estimés
à 360 millions d'euros par an.**

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** 309 actions en faveur des espèces non chassables réalisées par les chasseurs depuis février 2016. (Source : Cyn'Actions Biodiv - www.chasseurdefrance.com/cynactions)

Plus d'infos



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Introduction

Environmental inv.

Domestic inv.

« Passion » inv.

Ccl



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This species is regulated to prevent the transmission of leptospirosis to humans

Cette espèce est régulée pour éviter la transmission à l'homme de la leptospirose**

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** Les apports de la chasse à la nature sont estimés à 360 millions d'euros pour ce qui est de l'aménagement des milieux et la gestion des populations animales et végétales. La régulation des espèces exotiques envahissantes ou porteuses de zoonoses représente 12% de ce chiffre. (Source : Etude BIPE 2 - 2017 - Bureau d'Information et de Prévisions Economiques)

Régulation assurée par plus de 100 000 piégeurs agréés. (Source UNAPF : Union Nationale des Piégeurs agréés de France)

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Ils luttent contre les plantes invasives**

They struggle against invasive plants

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** Plus de la moitié du temps des chasseurs est consacré à s'occuper de la nature, soit l'équivalent de 30 000 ETP (Equivalent Temps Plein).
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Environmental involvement



Chasse gestion

Scale of animal population. Spatially : « Unit management »

The finality of death

Technicization, rationalization : no affective dimension

Hunting : a work that must be productive

Distancing of animal death

Animal as an object

Hunting and hunters as production of dead bodies – hunting statistics

Environmental involvement



- Environmental involvement responds to ecological norm

but :

- Legitimacy of « hunting as management »
vs no legitimacy of « hunting for pleasure »
- Invasive species *vs* charismatic species
- Environmental involvement *vs* passion involvement

Domestic involvement



- Relationship with farmers
- Take care of animals' lives
- Territory : paths, hedges, ...

Humans and animals : neighborhood in a familiar land, that they have built

Take care of the life

Wild / passion involvement



Animal rights norm

Animals as victims
Hunting as a killing
device;
Hunters as killers

*"They come to me:" Do not
shoot us ". Well, say, it's as if
I crossed you and I said "Do
not spit on me! « (a hunter)*

Hunting norm

*" Finally, a [domestic] animal
[...] is bred to be killed, while in
the forest ... he can be hunted, he
can not be hunted, he still has a
bit of luck , while in the breeding,
there is no ambiguity on the fate
that is reserved for him so ...
They have only to go to
slaughterhouses, they will see
how it goes. (a hunter) "*

« Management hunting »

Scale of animal population.
Spatially : « Unit management »

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Animal as an object
Hunting and hunters as a death production device

« Passion hunting »

Scale of individual

The « means » of the hunt (stalking, encounter, killing, eating, etc.)

Agency. Uncertainty

Hunting ethic led by agency :
leave a chance
+ attention to animals' suffering

Death as a step in relation with animals

Hunting : a passion with emotions

Humans and animals as subjects
With uncertainty of meeting and outcomes

Conclusion



- Hunters and animals and their future :
 - objects or elements of a balance;
 - neighbors that build a landscape
 - subjects that meet together here and now, with uncertainty on the future
 - and for the non hunters, victims and killers, with certainty on the future

- Categories:
 - abundant / non abundant
 - familiar / non familiar
 - agentive / non agentive
 - sentient / non sentient
 - ...

Conclusion



- Domestic and Passion involvement
 - Materiality of death, live, suffering animals
- Environmental involvement, ecological norms and animal rights involvements
 - Immateriality of death animals
 - Predestined futures of animals (wild abundant animals; domestic animals)
 - Ways of thinking animals that eliminate other futures