

BiodivERsA Policy Brief #4 – CONSERVATION OF SMALL MAMMALS AND ASSOCIATED ECOSYSTEMS: the importance of European policies and actions
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Knowledge and methodology used

1. Knowledge, skills and people consulted

The Policy Brief “Conservation of small mammals and associated ecosystems: the importance of European policies and actions” is based on the scientific results of the [EcoCycles project](#) funded by the BiodivERsA network. The Brief extracts and summarizes the key results of the project and provides a list of relevant policy recommendations linked to current EU policy processes.

The project results were provided to the policy brief production team by the PI (project leader) Xavier Lambin. The policy recommendations were identified following consultations involving the PI and his team and selected experts (names and methodology explained more in detail below). The BiodivERsA Policy Briefs Group, composed by representatives of BiodivERsA partners, checked and commented on the brief before publication.

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2. Methodology used

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