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(1) Country: **Belgium.**

(2) How many Lucanidae species are present in the country? List them and provide a reference if available: **4 species present: *Sinodendron cylindricum*, *Platycerus caraboides*, *Dorcus parallelepipedus*, *Lucanus cervus*.**

Janssens, A. (1960). *Faune de Belgique: Insectes, Coléoptères, Lamellicornes*. Institut Royal des Sciences Naturelles de Belgique. 411 pp.

(3) Which is the threat status of those species; are they redlisted in your country? Provide a reference (red data book or similar) if available: **No red list is available, but most Lucanid species occur in low numbers, populations are thought to be scarce.**

The following questions refer to *Lucanus cervus*. Feel free to provide answers also for any other Lucanidae species in your country.

(4) Species: *Lucanus cervus*

(5) Can you send us a distribution map (provide a reference if available)?: **No distribution map is available of this species.**

(6) Abundance (indicate numbers, population density or rank in a common-rare continuum, whatever that is known) or distribution (indicate number of 10 x 10 km squares occupied, number of known localities or other estimates): **Number of known localities: 51 (most before 1950), see Janssens A (1960).**

(7) Is this species protected in your country? (provide a reference if available -red data book, law, other reports-): ***Lucanus cervus* is protected by law, no species can be caught without permission or outside scientific research.**

(8) Threat category (IUCN category if available, otherwise explain the meaning of the category):

(9) Is any population trend available? (provide a reference if available): **The population number of *Lucanus cervus* has probably decreased the last decades.**

(10) Which are the known or supposed sources of threat? (make it clear whether sources of threat are known or supposed): **The most common threat is the lack of dead wood, the forest fragmentation and forest disturbance. In Belgium large forests are rare and most of these large forests are used for harvesting trees (economic reasons!!). On top of that most forests are young especially in the northern part of the country (Flanders), *Lucanus cervus* can not longer be found there, his distribution is nowadays supposed to be limited to the central and southern part of Belgium.**

(11) Representation in natural preserves (number of reserves, % of population in reserves): **Not known, probably it will be a low %.**

(12) Current or planned projects for recovery of the species: **No real projects are started to recover the species. Globally, more projects to study the saproxylic fauna in general are started and the importance of dead wood is stressed out.**

Note added by GTLI: We have found a distribution map for *Lucanus cervus* in Belgium in Illies, J. (1983). Changing concepts in biogeography. *Annual Review of Entomology* 28: 391-406. We reproduce that map below. Asterisks indicate collection before 1950; filled circles, after 1950.

