

Possible student project:

Using camera trap data to study possible effects of natural and anthropogenic disturbance on central German wildlife populations

The student will analyse camera trap dataset collected from 2015 – 2020 in various central German forest areas to study possible effects of natural and anthropogenic disturbance on wildlife populations (mainly European wildcat, roe deer, red deer, wild boar). Possible disturbances analysed include the 2018 summer drought and subsequent forest loggings, construction of wind turbines, and the Corona pandemic (increase of forest visitors during lockdown). If the student owns a car or can get hold of a car, a limited amount of fieldwork is possible. Knowledge of German is advantageous for fieldwork.

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