

**Table S1. Records in different periods**

<i>Resource</i>	<i>1950s</i>	<i>1960s</i>	<i>1970s</i>	<i>1980s</i>	<i>1990s</i>	<i>2000-2014</i>
Fauna	114	114	101	74		
Papers	8	8	4			
Nature reserve scientific surveys				2	1	2
New gazetteers	294	269	232	124	17	
Kill records	2*	2*	2	1		
Attack human records			1*		1	
Prey remains and claw traces					3	4
Excreta					1	
Footprints					7	7
Photographs						6
Witness	2*				10	2(1*)
Exclude records (repeat records)	111	115	98	69	1	4
Total	305	278	242	132	38	17

*“\*” means that such records came from new gazetteers; one witness record in the 2000s came from new gazetteers*