

STATUS OF ALPINE IBEX (*Capra ibex*) COLONY OF TRONCEA AND GERMANASCA VALLEYS (TURIN, ITALY)

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The Alpine ibex (*Capra ibex*) colony of Troncea and Germanasca valleys has been originated from a re-introduction project operated in 1987-88 by Val Troncea Natural Park in collaboration with Gran Paradiso National Park. At present time the population is diffused on the territory and it counts over 200 ibex (data of winter 2003/2004). Actually species has colonized in this alpine range all the mountain ridges with frequently interchanges with colonies of french Queyras area and Monviso/Pellice valley group. In this work we present data of animals distribution and population dynamic from 1987 to 2003. In spring 2004 the colony was affected by an infectious keratoconjunctivitis epidemic diffused in the alpine chamois population of study area from the autumn 2003. The impact of disease is actually objective of study.