

FINAL RESUME ON THE RESEARCH UNIT:

Comportement et Écologie de la Faune
Sauvage (CEFS)

UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF THE FOLLOWING INSTITUTIONS AND RESEARCH BODIES:

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EVALUATION CAMPAIGN 2019-2020 GROUP A



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In the name of the experts committee²:

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UNIT PRESENTATION

Unit name:	Comportement et Écologie de la Faune Sauvage
Unit acronym:	CEFS
Current label and N°:	UR 035
ID RNSR:	197317920A
Application type:	Renewal
Head of the unit (2019-2020):	Mr Mark HEWISON
Project leader (2021-2025):	Ms Hélène VERHEYDEN
Number of teams and/or themes:	1

EXPERTS COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chair:	Mr David LUSSEAU, University of Aberdeen, Grande-Bretagne
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HISTORY AND GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION OF THE UNIT

From 2004 to 2014 the CEFS was composed of two teams, one working on animal behaviour and another working on evolutionary ecology. Those were merged in 2014. The CEFS currently has nine permanent researchers and 10 technicians at the time of the evaluation organised around six independent research themes primarily anchored in behavioural ecology and linked to the maintenance of two experimental field systems. It is forecasted that the team will lose 3 researchers in the 5 years to come and the team aims to reorganize itself around four new research themes. The CEFS is affiliated to the doctoral school « Sciences Écologiques, vétérinaires, agronomiques et bioingénieries » under the supervision of the Paul Sabatier University.

HCÉRES NOMENCLATURE

THEMATICS

The CEFS takes an individual-centred approach to understand how individual's demographic contributions are shaped by the landscape in which they live. This leads the research unit to develop insight in the way the interaction between individuals and their environment shapes landscape ecology, demography, disease propagation and the provision of ecosystem services. The CEFS uses a mixture of long-term population follow and field manipulations to address these behavioural ecological questions.

CEFS		
Active staff	Number 06/30/2019	Number 01/01/2021
Full professors and similar positions	1	1
Assistant professors and similar positions	0	0
Full time research directors (Directeurs de recherche) and similar positions	1	1
Full time research associates (Chargés de recherche) and similar positions	7	5
Other scientists ("Conservateurs, cadres scientifiques des EPIC, fondations, industries, etc.")	0	0
High school teachers	0	0
Supporting personnel (ITAs, BIATSSs and others, notably of EPICs)	10	11
Permanent staff	19	18
Non-permanent professors and associate professors, including emeritus	0	
Non-permanent full time scientists, including emeritus, post-docs (except PhD students)	0	
PhD Students	5	
Non-permanent supporting personnel	1	
Non-permanent staff	6	
Total	25	18

INRA's research unit « Comportement et Écologie de la Faune Sauvage » (CEFS) has good scientific outputs and a very good reputation. Its strengths lie in a transdisciplinary approach resting on outstanding wild and managed field facilities maintained by an extremely competent and enthusiastic technical team. The facilities focus on roe deer, a socially and economic important species, through which the unit foster good interactions with national and regional actors. The CEFS also has a very good network of collaborators including the participation in key networks of long-term field studies. The unit has an outstanding track record obtaining ANR funding, and some European funding as partners. The unit has developed an excellent fostering framework to receive and supervise doctoral students who tend to complete their theses with very good publication track-records.

The scientific project of the CEFS continues along the same broad lines of investigation of how an individual-centred understanding of populations can help us gain insights in landscape ecology, demography, disease propagation and the provision of ecosystem services.

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