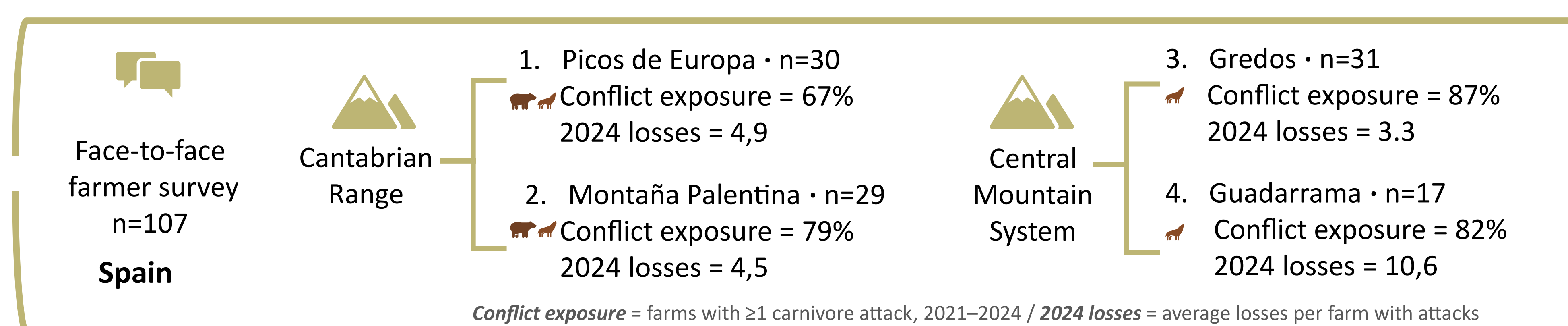


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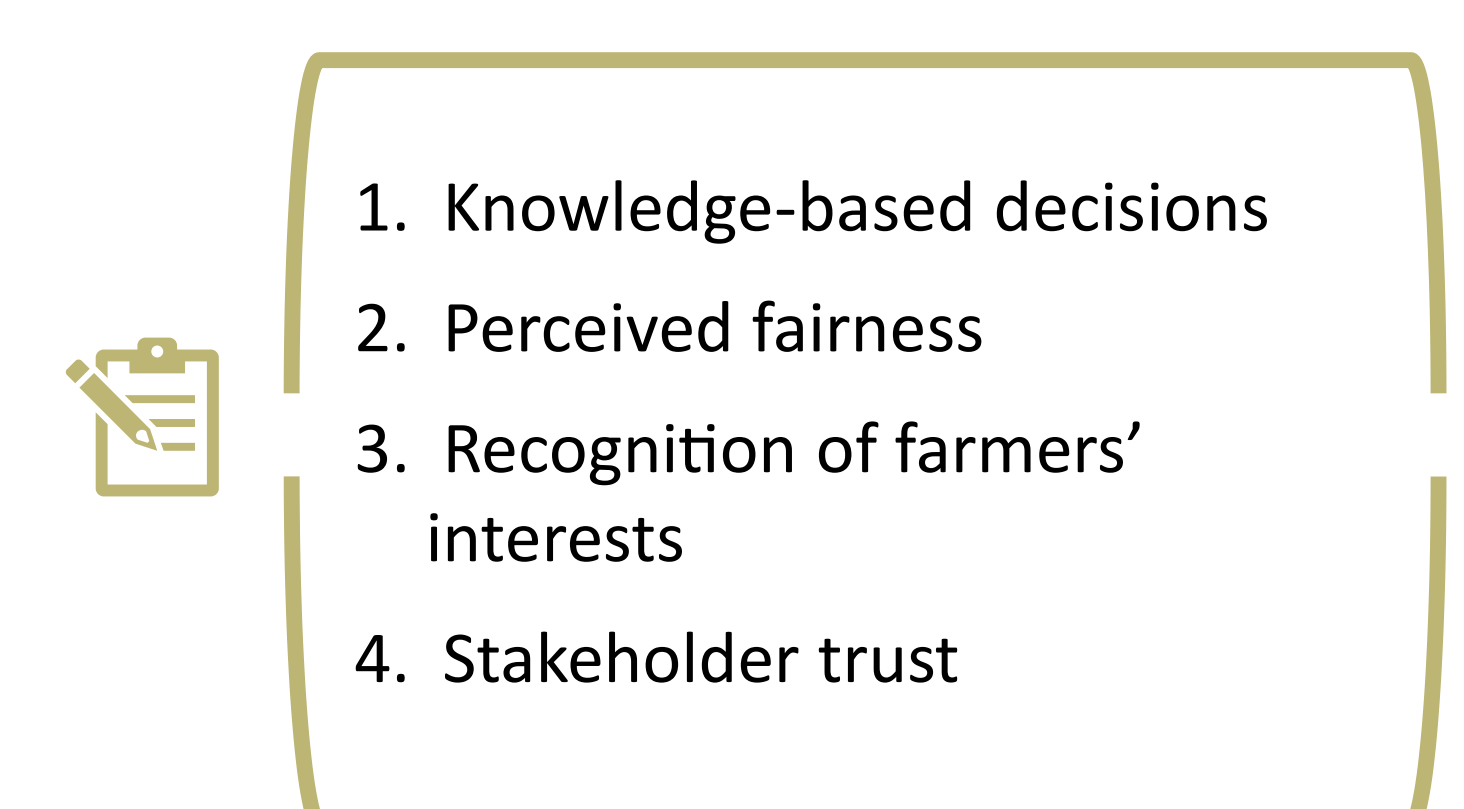
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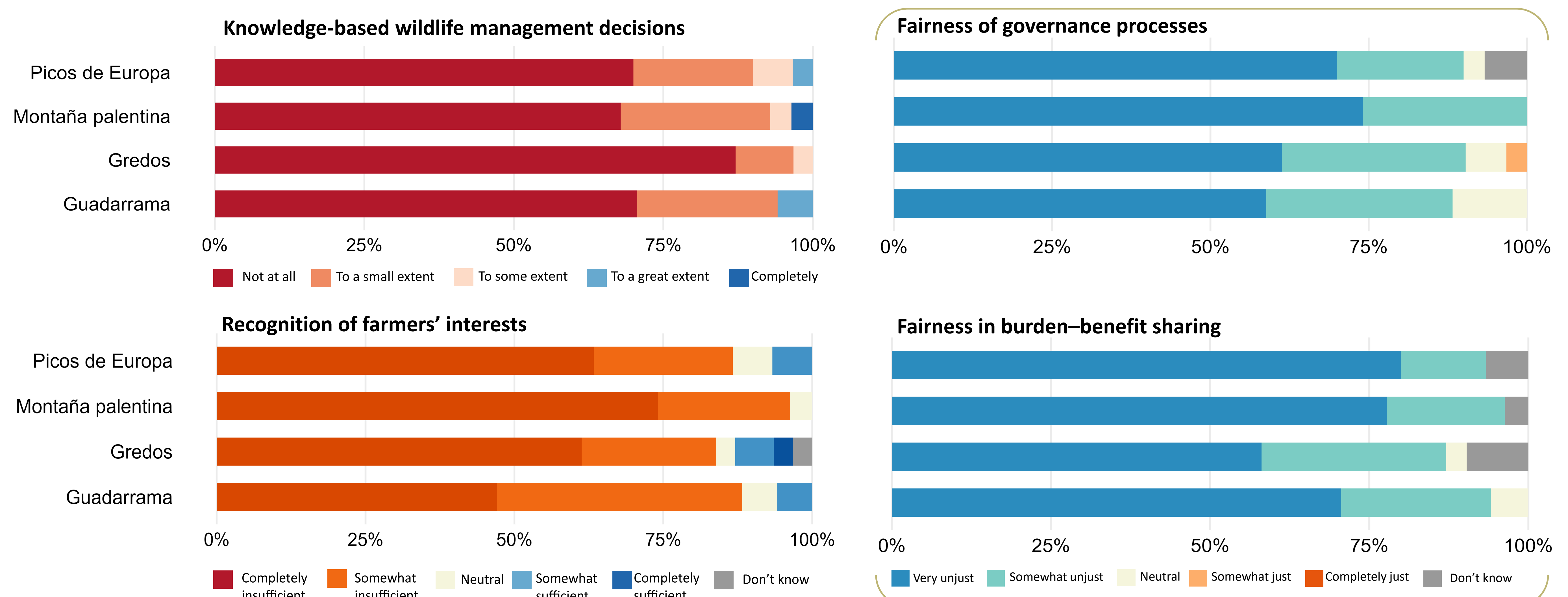
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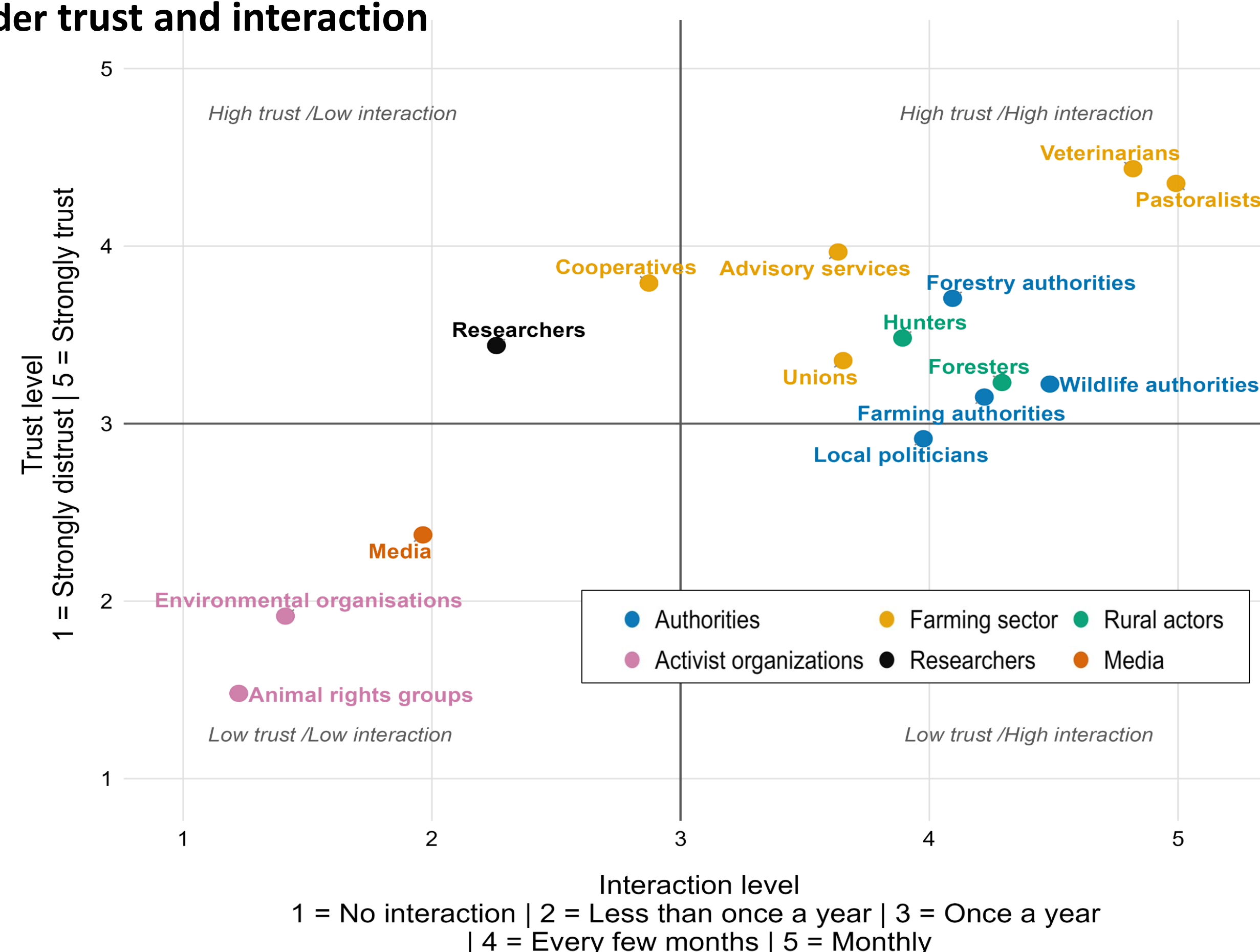
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RESULTS: perceived legitimacy of wildlife–livestock management



Stakeholder trust and interaction



CONCLUSION

Across all study areas:

1. Farmer perceptions were not explained by reported damage levels.
2. Farmers perceived low recognition of their interests, limited fairness and weak legitimacy.
3. Trust was highest for actors closest to farming realities and with whom farmers interacted most frequently.

Technical tools alone are not enough: reducing conflict requires governance that farmers perceive as knowledgeable, fair, trustworthy and legitimate