**S1 Text. Literature review of studies reporting data on Iberian mesocarnivores’ occupancy.**

To contextualize our results with previously described patterns we reviewed studies reporting data on Iberian mesocarnivores’ occupancy. We performed a literature search of peer-reviewed scientific articles in the ISI Web of Science (<https://apps.webofknowledge.com>) using as search terms - isolated or combined, within article title, abstract and keywords - the words: “carnivores”, “Iberian Peninsula”, “Portugal”, “Spain”, in conjunction with mesocarnivore species’ common and scientific names. From the resulting list of articles (N=18) we selected only studies with a sampling scale similar to ours, to increase comparability between patterns of carnivore occupancy reported. For each of the selected articles (N=8; 9 study areas), we recorded information on: study area, management typology (with or without predator control), sampling design, and species-specific naïve occupancy values (i.e. the fraction of sampling sites where the species was actually detected).

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