

## **Problems associated with the presence of European wild boar in urbanized areas as exemplified by the city of Gdynia**

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### **Summary**

The work defines and describes the phenomenon of synurbization and its causes and effects, focusing on the situation associated with the presence of wild boars in the city of Gdynia. Based on the material collected, the situation over the years and the associated problems were presented, including threats to the human population. The current situation was found to result from the lack of a common and coherent plan to counteract the phenomenon of colonization of urban areas by wild boars. An additional problem is residents' differing views – eco-centric and anthropocentric – regarding the presence of wild boars in the city. The problem could be solved by establishing a Wild Animals Team and taking coordinated actions aimed at developing effective methods for reducing the wild boar population in Gdynia.

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