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Hi

FYI, Badgers in Germany

1) during the 70th of the last century badgers were killed on a large scale when foxes were gassed in the rabies eradication programmes

2) There hasn't been an overspill of TB into the badger population as Germany has managed to deal with TB in cattle rather early while badger numbers were low
Increase of badger numbers and no TB in cattle : no problem, at least with TB. Damage to buildings and crops is a different story

But : we have to monitor carefully as there are incidents of TB in red deer (Bavaria) where cattle have been infected when grazing in the Alps (M. Caprae, not M. bovis) and there have been cases of TB in wild boar. Depending on susceptibility (different spoligotypes in Germany) infection of badgers is a possibility but whether they will become a maintenance host I don't know.

Badgers can be shot in Germany from August, 1st to October, 31st.

and you can find the numbers of badgers shot here

http://www.jagdverband.de/sites/default/files/4843_A4_15_dachse.pdf

If you have any questions, get in touch

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