



Cover image: Pictured is Cecil, a lion from Zimbabwe that became a symbol for the plight of African lions after it was killed by a hunter in July 2015. Based on repeated lion population surveys dating from 1990, Hans Bauer et al. estimated that West Central Africa is likely to lose at least half of its lion population over the next two decades. The authors also report a significant likelihood of similar decline in East Africa, but found that lion populations appear to be stable or increasing in southern Africa, where many lions live in fenced reserves. The results suggest that well-funded, intensely managed reserves are crucial for maintaining future lion populations. See the article by Bauer et al. on pages 14894–14899. Image courtesy of Andrew J. Loveridge (University of Oxford, Oxford).

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