

The Sardinian deer

The Sardinian deer (*Cervus elaphus corsicanus*) is a subspecies of the cervidae family that lives in both Sardinia and Corsica. It was near to extinction, especially in Corsica, but with a repopulation from neighbouring Sardinia this possibility was avoided; it is now a WWF protected species. In size, it is smaller than the European red deer and reaches a length of 2.50 metres.



We can appreciate the difference with the European deer **from this stamp depicting it** in which the difference in size can be clearly seen.

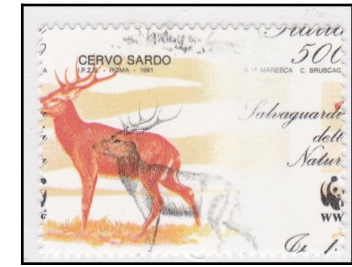
It is believed to have arrived in Sardinia since prehistoric times. In fact, among the artefacts of the ancient Nuragic civilisation **were miniature ships that had a deer head on the front.**



They live in wooded areas with little slope. Some live at the **foot of Monte Linas, near the village of Villacidro.**



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Side-stamp with deer in red colour by mistake during printing. Only 50 examples are known.



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