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'Do red deer avoid inbreeding?'

We often assume that animals avoid inbreeding, but there is not so much detailed evidence for this in the literature. In this talk I will report on three analyses looking at the evidence that red deer on the Scottish island of Rum avoid inbreeding. First I will talk about selection on the act of inbreeding. Then I will discuss whether there is selection on male effective dispersal distance. Finally I will report on a detailed study of female movements during the mating season.

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