

Late Pliocene cervids from Węże 2 in southern Poland

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The deer association composed of '*Cervus*' cf. *cusanus*, '*Cervus*' *pardinensis*, *Croizetoceros ramosus*, cf. *Arvenoceros ardei* indicates the late Pliocene age (zone MN 16) of the locality Węże 2. Outside Poland the species are known from France, Spain, Moldavia, and Ukraine. The composition of fauna indicates a woodland character of the habitat, with some open areas and vicinity of a water reservoir. The characters of dentition and wear of the crowns of teeth of the deer from Węże 2 suggest food containing both tree and bush leaves, and grasses.

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