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A group of huemul deer from a Chilean population was sampled for trace mineral analysis. Here we show that most huemul plasma Se values were severely deficient (64%) or deficient (9%), with a minority of the values marginal (18%) or adequate (9%). The role of Se deficiency thus merits further consideration in explaining huemul declines and in conservation efforts, especially given that soils in huemul habitat are Se deficient.

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