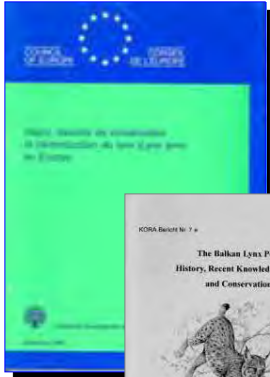


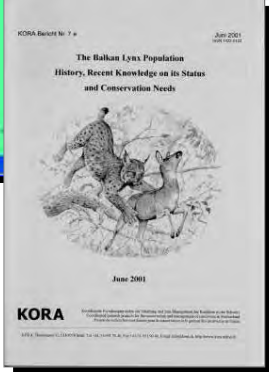


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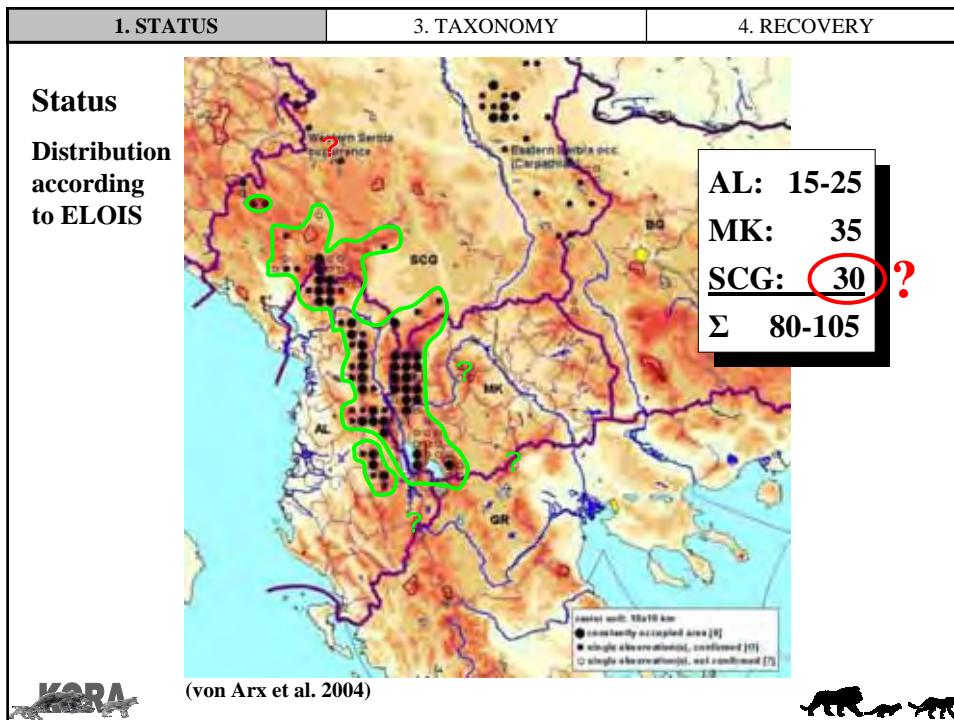
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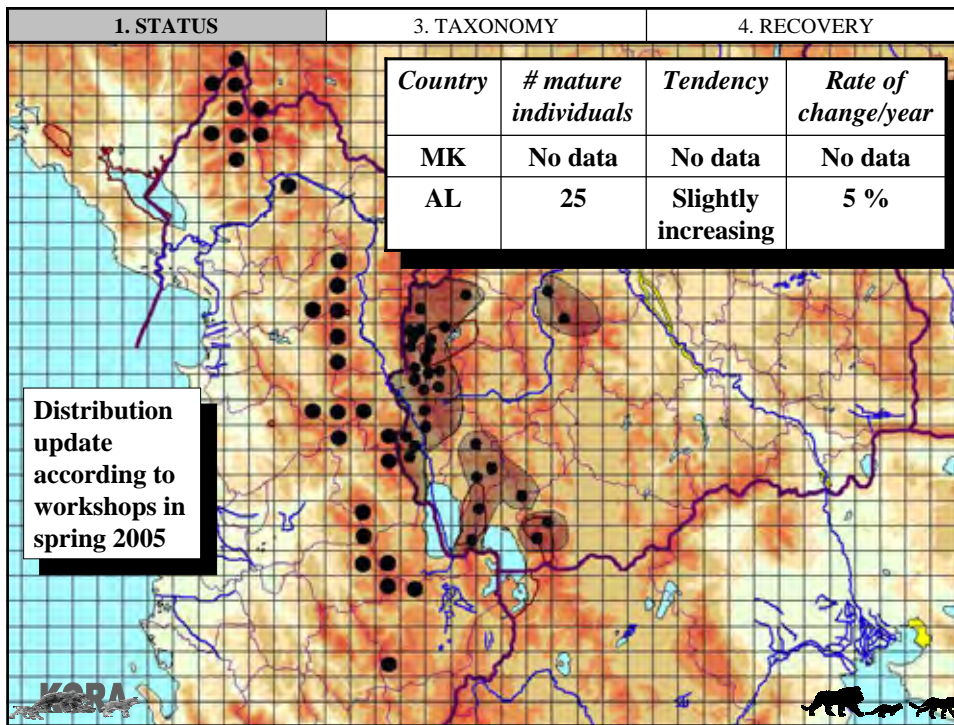


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<h2>Present knowledge and assessments</h2> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: flex-start;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>1990</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>2000</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>2004</p> </div> </div> <div style="margin-top: 20px; text-align: center;">  <p>2001</p> </div> <div style="margin-top: 10px; text-align: right;"> <p>Plitvice meeting 2000 → Special status report 2001</p> </div>		





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<p align="center">Workshop on the Conservation of the Balkan Lynx</p>		
<p>Mavrovo, Macedonia, 21-23 April 2005</p>		<p>Balkan Lynx Compendium → www.catsg.org</p>
<p>Tirana, Albania, 25-26 April 2005</p>		

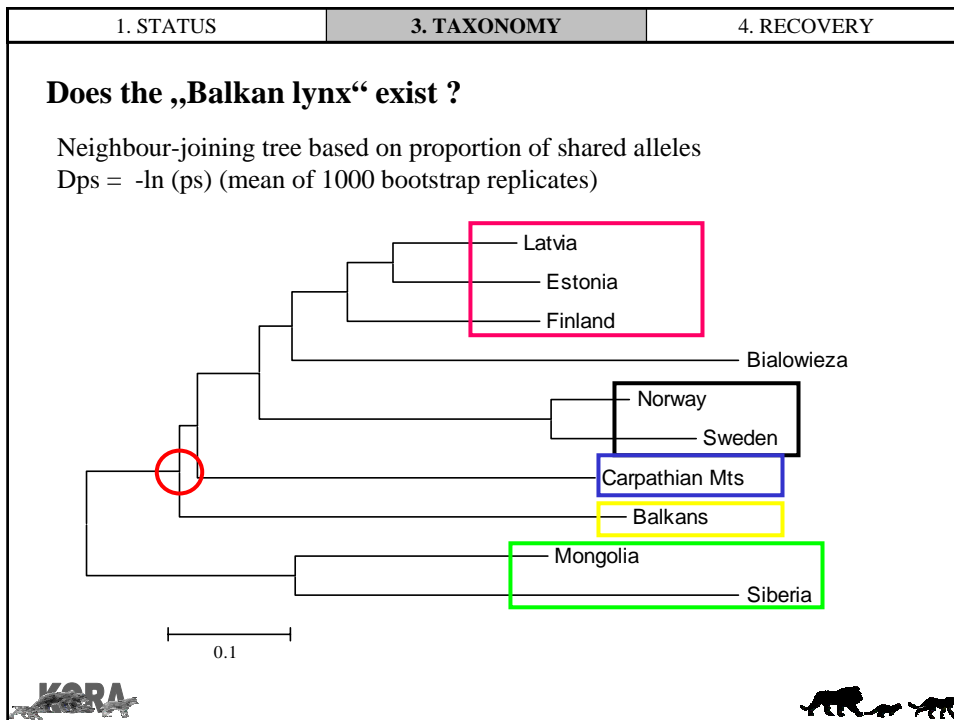


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<p>Does the „Balkan lynx“ exist ?</p> <p>Buresch 1941: <i>Lynx lynx balcanicus</i></p> <p>Miric 1978: <i>Lynx lynx martinoi</i></p> <p>Hemmer 1993: not different from <i>Lynx lynx carpathicus</i></p> <p>No international recognised taxonomy, nor the IUCN Red List or any international treaty (Bern Convention, EU Habitat Directives) recognised the sub-specific status of the Balkan lynx.</p> <p>Bures, I., 1941 Risove v Macedonija [Lynx in Macedonia]. <i>Priroda</i>, 42 (3): 51.52 (in Bulgarian).</p> <p>Hemmer, H., 1993: <i>Felis (Lynx) lynx</i> – Luchs, Nordluchs. S. 1119-1167 in: M. Stubbe & F. Krapp (Hrsg.): <i>Handbuch der Säugetiere Europas, Raubsäuger (Teil II)</i>. Aula-Verlag, Wiesbaden.</p> <p>Mirić, D. 1978. <i>Lynx lynx martinoi</i> ssp. nova (Carnivoa, Mammalia) . Neue Luchsunterart von der Balkanhalbinsel. <i>Bulletin de muséum d'histoire naturelle, Belgrade, Série B, Livre 33</i>, pp. 29.36.</p>		



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<p>Does the „Balkan lynx“ exist ?</p> <p>Genetic Relationship between the lynx populations in Europe (preliminary results):</p>		





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| <p>Towards a recovery strategy for the Balkan lynx</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Recovery strategy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protect and save the remnant population (not viable!) • Recover viable Balkan lynx population in ist historic range 2. Partnership for conservation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • „Lynx alliance“ within the two range countries • Close co-operation between MK and AL (MoU) • International parntership, awareness and funding 3. Practical work 2006-2008 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop recovery strategy and conservation action plan • Baseline survey: lynx, prey, habitat, threats → monitoring • Pilot field project: ecology, training, awareness • Finalise taxonomic assessment | | |

Towards a recovery strategy for the Balkan lynx

Goals for this meeting and the subsequent workshop

1. **Build partnership between Macedonia, Albania and international institutions and agencies**
2. **Basic training in monitoring and field procedures**
3. **Outline a baseline survey and a monitoring for Albania and Macedonia**
4. **Sit together, discuss, have some fun - and save the world...**

Thank you!

