

Memorandum of Understanding
On the
Conservation of the Balkan Lynx
Lynx lynx martinoi

Objective of Memorandum

- ✓ To ensure long term commitment on conservation of the Balkan Lynx, its habitats and prey species in Albania and Macedonia
- ✓ To define nature of cooperation and responsibilities to achieve above mentioned objective
- ✓ To create basis for further common implementation of measures for the conservation of the Balkan Lynx

Who is part of the Memorandum?

✓ Ministry of Environment and Physical Planning, Republic of Macedonia

→ *Office of Environment*

✓ Ministry of Environment, Republic of Albania

→ *General Department of Forestry and Pastures*

✓ NGO Consortium

→ *European Nature Heritage Fund - Euronatur*

→ *KORA Switzerland*

→ *IUCN/SSC Cat Specialist Group*

→ *Protection and Preservation of Natural Environment of Albania - PPNEA*

→ *Macedonian Ecological Society - MES*

Most important points agreed on in MoU

Preparation and implementation of appropriate national legislation in accordance with international standards

→ *Relevant EU legislation – FFH Directive*

→ *Convention on Migratory Species – Bonn Convention*

→ *Convention on Biological Diversity - CBD*

→ *Convention on the Conservation of European Wildlife and Natural Habitats – Bern Convention*

Role of NGO Consortium

Support of

- *Training and education of staff, experts, ...*
- *Monitoring of Balkan Lynx and its habitats*
- *Identification of potential habitats in Macedonia and Albania*
- *Raising awareness among specific targets groups such as shepherds, hunters, farmers, foresters and the general public*
- *Provision of technical expertise*
- *Development, implementation, monitoring and revision of national action and management plans for lynx and its habitats*
- *Applied research*

Role of MoEPP and MoE

- *Implementation of law enforcement activities*
- *Facilitation of lynx conservation by issuing of necessary certificates and permits in accordance with national law*

Further Steps

- ✓ Signature of Memorandum during bilateral meeting of Ministers of Environment from Albania and Macedonia early 2006