

STATE OF KNOWLEDGE OF THE BALKAN LYNX IN KOSOVO

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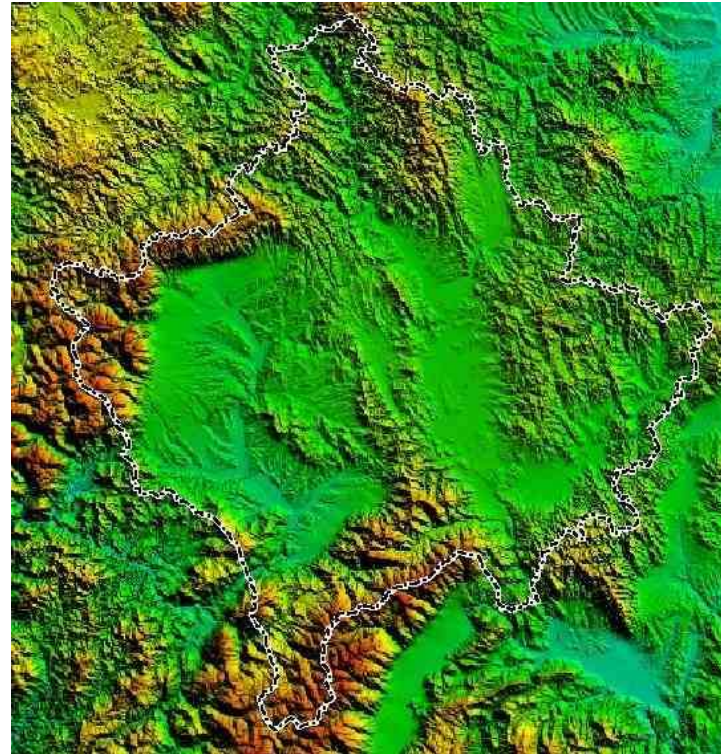
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Balkan Lynx in Kosovo

- Unsystematic and incomplete data
- No conservation efforts
- No monitoring



Balkan Lynx in Kosovo: 1950 – 2000

Areas with Balkan Lynx populations in Kosovo:

- Sharr Mountains
- Bjeshkët e Nemuna
- Koritnik
- Pashtrik



Balkan Lynx in Kosovo: 1950 – 2000

Balkan Lynx in Sharr Mountains

Locality	Habitat	Altitude	Year	Type	Present situation
Luboten			-1976	Traces, Observed	Probably not present
Brezovicë (Qardaqshte)			1965, 1982	Observed	Probably not present
Above Prevallë	Beech forest	1200	1980	Observed	Probably not present
Prevallë, Liqeni i Jazhincës	Forested area		80's, 1992	Observed, Traces	Probably not present
Gornje sello	Forested area	1800	1991, 1998	Observed	Probably present
Rusenicë	Forested area		80's, 90's	Observed, Traces	Probably not present
Dançovë	Beech forest	1200 –	1992	Observed, Traces	Probably not present
Oshlak	Forested area	1400	80's, 1993	Observed, Traces	Probably present
Koxha Ballkan			80's, 1998	Killed, Observed,	Probably present
Jezerc	Beech forest	800 –	80's, 1995	Observed	Probably not present
Above Restelica	Forested area		1998	Observed	Probably present

Balkan Lynx in Kosovo: 1950 – 2000

Balkan Lynx in Bjeshkët e Nemuna

Locality	Habitat	Altitude	Year	Type	Present situation
Above Junik	Forested area		1984	Observed	Probably not present
Abovde Deçan	Forested area		70's, 1985	Observed	Probably not present
Gryka e Rugoves	Forested area		80's	Observed	Probably not present
Milishevc	Forested area		80's	Observed	Probably present
Vrellë e Istogut	Forested area		1996	Observed	Probably not present

Balkan Lynx in Kosovo: 1950 – 2000

Balkan Lynx in Koritnik Mountain

Locality	Habitat	Altitude	Year	Type	Present situation
Viljan	Forested aarea		50's, 60's	Killed, Observed	Probably present
Rapçe	Forested area		70's	Captured	Probably present
Kërstec	Forested area		80's, 1995	Captured, Observed	Probably present
Border line	Forested area		90's, 1997	Killed, Observed	Probably present

Balkan Lynx in Kosovo: 1950 – 2000

Balkan Lynx in Pashtrik Mountain


Locality	Habitat	Altitude	Year	Type	Present situation
Above Zym village	Oak forest		70's,	Observed, Traces	Not present

Legal basis for Lynx protection and monitoring

- **The legal preconditions are scattered between the:**
 - **Law on Environmental Protection**
 - **Law on Nature Conservation**
 - **Decisions and regulations deriving from them**

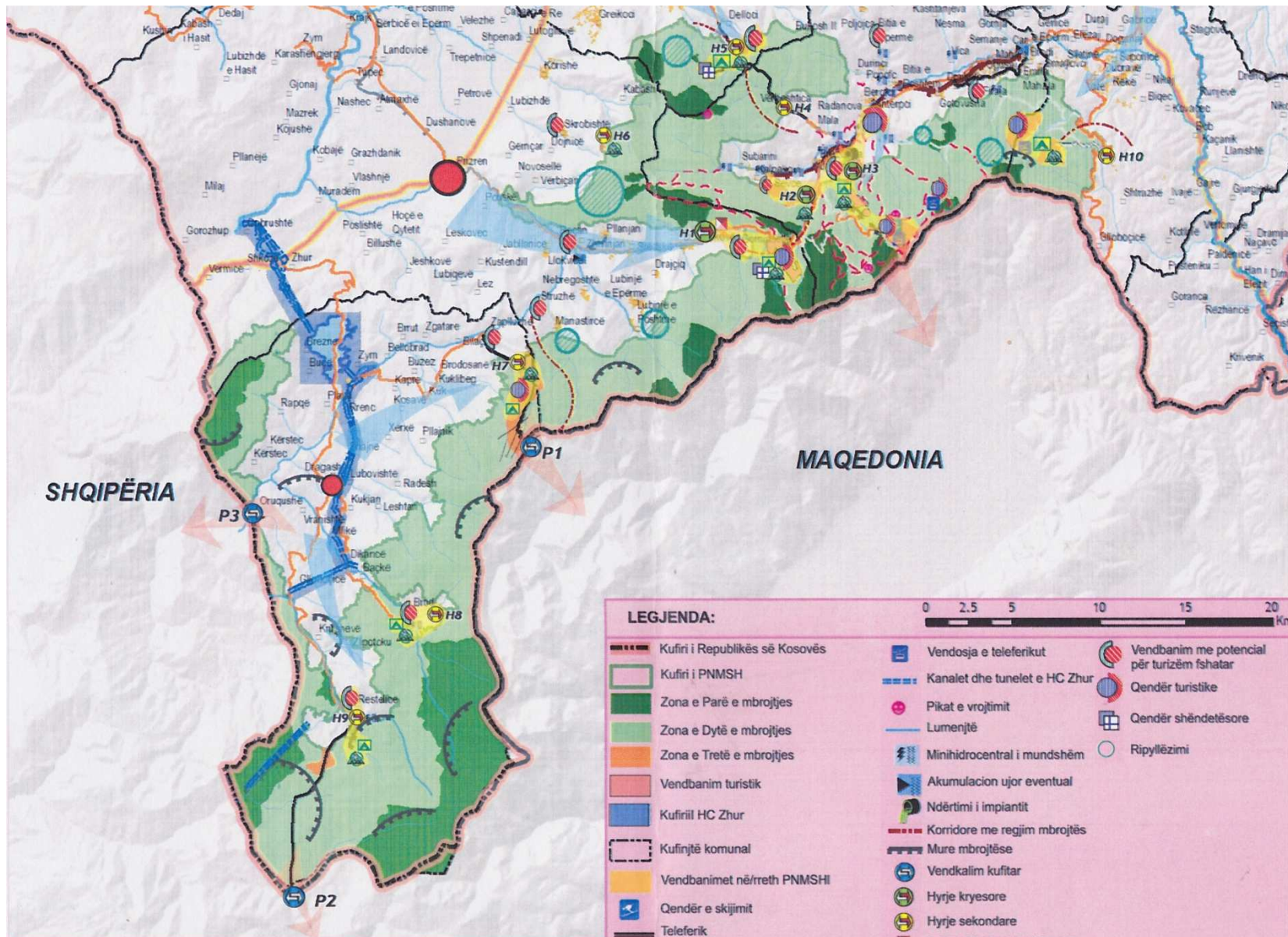
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- According to decision nr.04/03 MESP (23 May 2003) as rarities, rare and threatened mammal species of Kosovo are declared several species:
 - Article 3 *“In particular is banned: every capture, isolation and trade of these species”*
 - Article 5 *“Actions that violate the provisions of this decision will be punished according to the applied provisions”*

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- Protection of threatened fauna species ‘in situ’ is regulated in the way that special areas are declared as nature reservoirs of protected species.
 - In the list of protected areas in Kosovo are two strict nature reserves where two animal species are protected:
 - Rusenica – Suharekë (*Lynx lynx*)
 - Kozhnjar – Deçan (*Rupicapra rupicapra*)
 - Law on Sharr Mountain NP in Sharr Mountains

Some plans for protection and monitoring

- Expansion of Sharr Mountain NP / Dragash
 - Spatial Plan
 - Management Plan
- Bjeshkët e Nemuna National Park



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	Kufiri i Republikës së Kosovës		Vendosja e teleferikut
	Kufiri i PNMSH		Kanalet dhe tunelet e HC Zhur
	Zona e Parë e mbrojtjes		Pikat e vërtimit
	Zona e Dytë e mbrojtjes		Qendër turistike
	Zona e Tretë e mbrojtjes		Qendër shëndetësore
	Vendbanim turistik		Minihidrocentral i mundshëm
	Kufiri i HC Zhur		Akumulacion uhor eventual
	Kufinj të komunal		Ndërtimi i impiantit
	Vendbanimet në rreth PNMSH		Koridore me regjim mbrojtës
	Qendër e skijimit		Mure mbrojtëse
	Teleferik		Vendkalim kufitar
	Rrugë magjistrale		Hyrje kryesore
	Rrugë regionale		Hyrje sekondare
	Rrugët që duhet të ndërtohen		Selia e Drejtorisë së Parkut
	Hekurudhë opcionale e elektrifikuar		Kampingjet
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			Kahjet e zhvillimit
			Bashkëpunimi ndër-kufitar
			Vendbanim me potencial për turizëm fshatar
			Ripyllëzimi

Main threats for Balkan Lynx in Kosovo

- Habitat defragmentation
- Increased human activity
- Enlargement of settlements
- Uncontrolled forest cutting
- Direct hunting
- Hunting of prey species

Emergent actions

- Define status and distribution
- Empowering Agencies involved in monitoring
- Prepare national Action Plan for conservation and monitoring
- Enforce and support transboundary cooperation



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