

Strategic Planning for the Conservation of the Balkan Lynx

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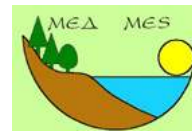
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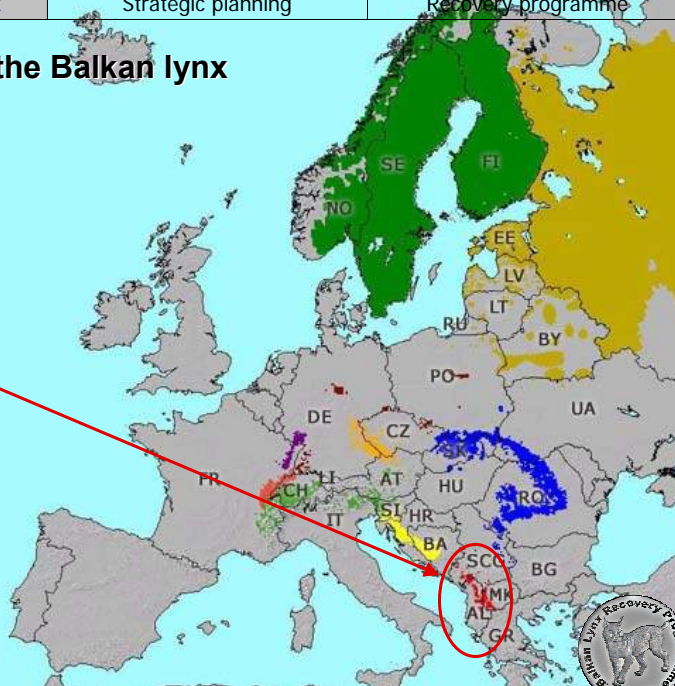

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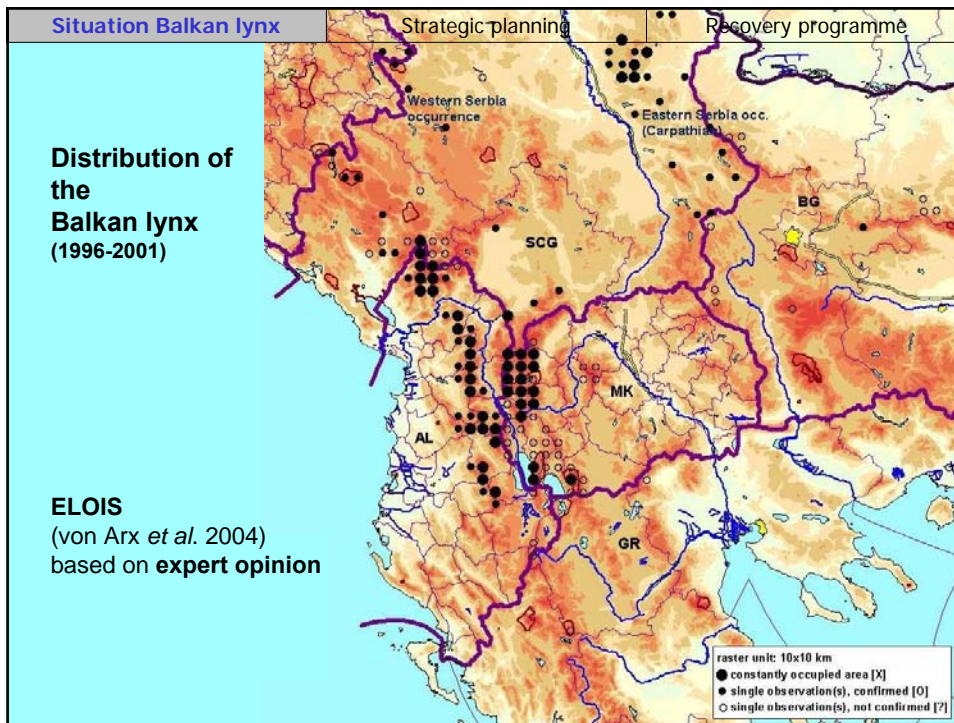
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- 1 – Situation of the Balkan Lynx
 - 2 – Strategic Planning in Species Conservation
 - 3 – The Balkan Lynx Recovery Programme



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<h1>1 – Situation of the Balkan lynx</h1> 		<div> <p>99</p> <p>PfC LIXX LIXX</p>  </div> <p>Eurasian lynx in Skopje Zoo</p> 

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<h1>1 – Situation of the Balkan lynx</h1> <p>Distribution of Eurasian Lynx in Europe</p> <div style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 5px;"> <p>Most endangered autochthonous population</p> </div> 		

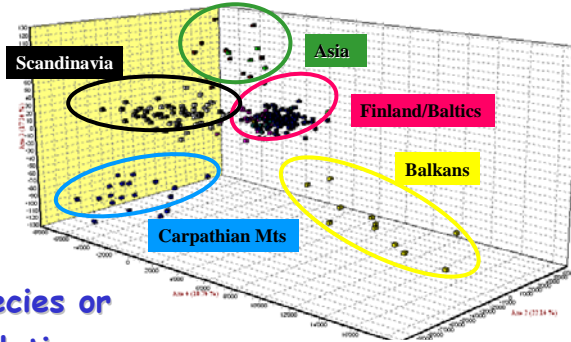


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<p>What is the „Balkan lynx“?</p> <p>Buresch 1941: <i>Lynx lynx balcanicus</i></p> <p>Mirić 1978: <i>Lynx lynx martinoi</i></p> <div> <p>2005 Albania Puka Region</p> </div> <p>Bures, I. 1941. Risove v Macedonija [Lynx in Macedonia]. <i>Priroda</i>, 42 (3): 51.52 (in Bulgarian).</p> <p>Mirić, D. 1978. <i>Lynx lynx martinoi</i> ssp. nova (Carnivora, Mammalia) . Neue Luchsunterart von der Balkanhalbinsel. Bulletin de muséum d'histoire naturelle, Belgrade, Série B, Livre 33, pp. 29.36.</p> <div> </div>		

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Whether as subspecies or regional metapopulation -
Critically Endangered
according to IUCN Red List criteria



2 – Strategic planning for species conservation

Three questions in conservation planning:

1. Where are we now? → Assessment of Status
2. Where do we want to go? → Definition of Goals
3. How can we get there? → Agreement on Actions



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Where do we want to go?

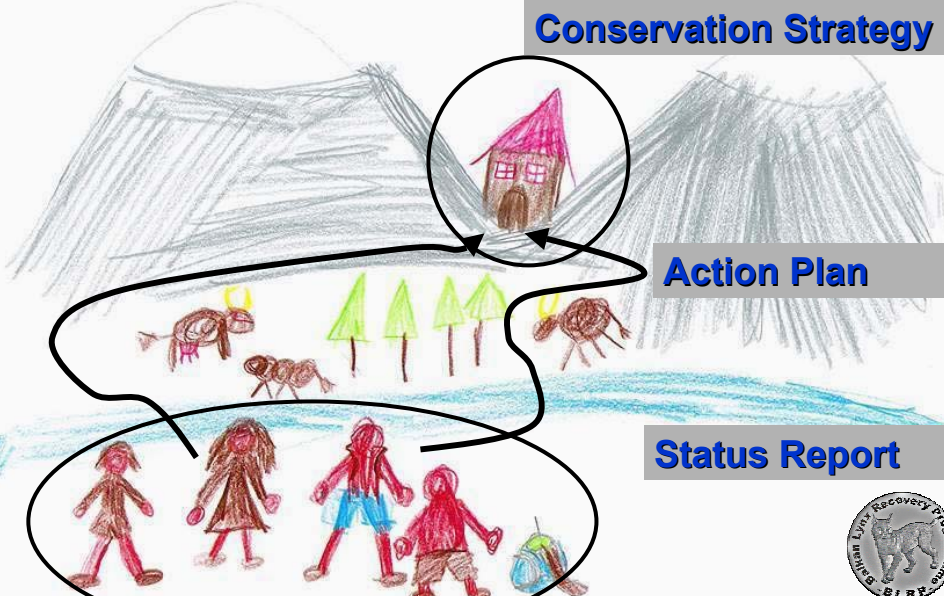
How do we get there?

Where are we?
What do we have?
(and what do we lack?)



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Conservation Strategy

Action Plan

Status Report



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<p>Components of conservation planning</p> <p>Status assessment → Status Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ baseline information, „facts & gaps“ ➤ technical/scientific process ➤ scientists, technicians <p>Strategic planning → Conservation Strategy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ strategic guidance, leadership ➤ planning process with political endorsement ➤ experts, decisive bodies, authorities <p>Action planning → Action Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ implementation tool, assignments & schedule ➤ technical-political and participative process ➤ experts, stakeholders, local people 		

Scientific knowledge

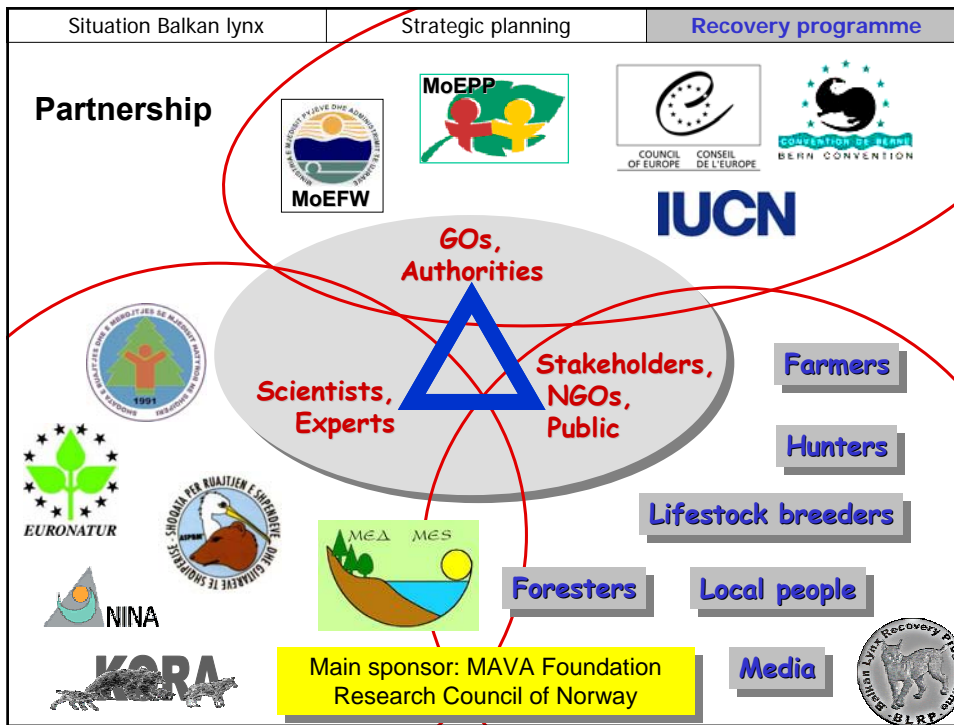
Institutional buy-in

Public involvement




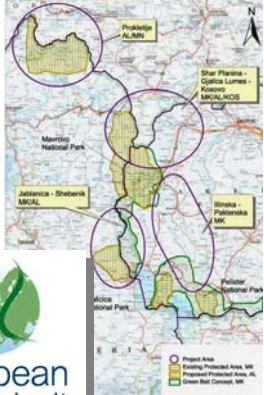


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<p>3 – The Balkan Lynx Recovery Programme Partnership</p> <div style="text-align: center;"> </div> <p>„Triangle of conservation“</p>		










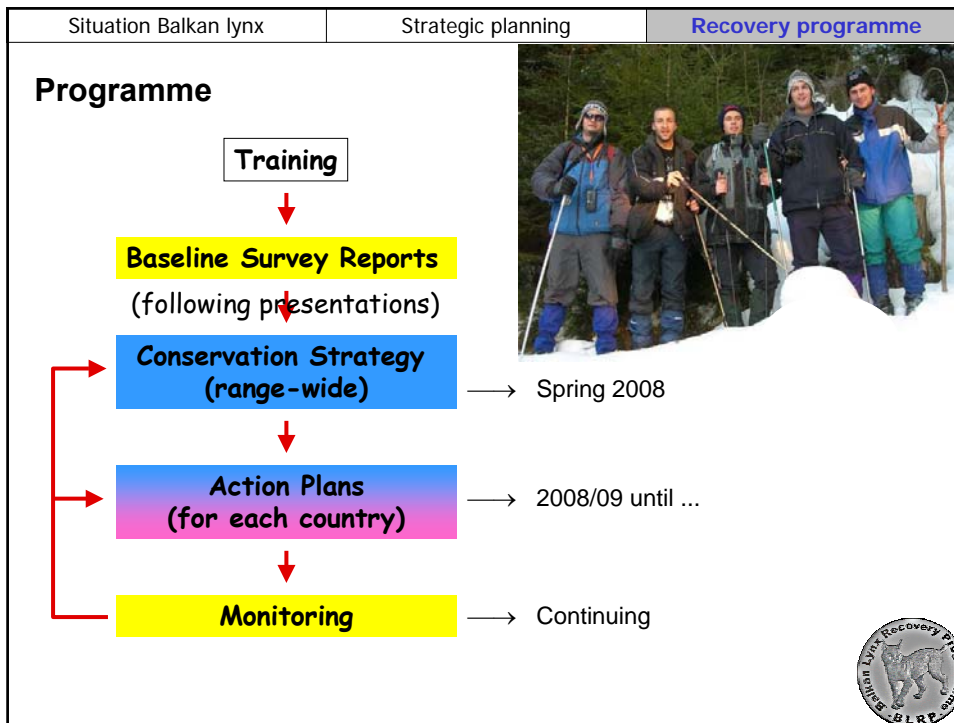
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<p>Pan-European lynx status reports</p>		



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<h3>3 – The Balkan Lynx Recovery Programme</h3>		
<p>A brief history...</p>	<p>First international meeting on the conservation of the Balkan lynx 8 March 2000, Plitvice, Croatia</p>	
<p>National workshops 21-23 April 2005, Mavrovo and 25-26 April Tirana</p>		
<p>Balkan Lynx Compendium: www.catsg.org</p>		
<p>First international workshop 15-17 November 2005 Mavrovo NP</p>		

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<h3>Approach</h3>		
<p>Species conservation <u>and</u> landscape conservation</p>		
		
		

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Approach		
<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">Species protection</p> 	 <p>Flagship for...</p>	 <p>Human dimension & conflicts</p>
 <p>Prey conservation</p>	 <p>Landscape conservation</p>	

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Goals		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Conduct baseline survey of lynx, prey, habitat, conflicts 2. Establish monitoring of lynx population 3. Build national/international partnership for lynx conservation 4. Create additional protected areas in Balkan lynx area 5. Develop and implement national action plans for lynx conservation 		
		



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<p>Programme</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Present project phase October 2006 – September 2009</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Be aware that the Balkan Lynx Recovery... ...will be a looong laaasting assignment!</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center;"> <div style="width: 20%; font-size: small;"> <p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">Shebenik Mts, Albania 2003</p> </div> <div style="width: 60%; text-align: center;">  </div> <div style="width: 15%; text-align: right;"> <p style="color: blue; font-weight: bold; font-size: large;"><i>Thank you!</i></p>  </div> </div>		