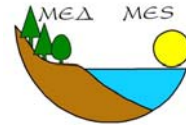




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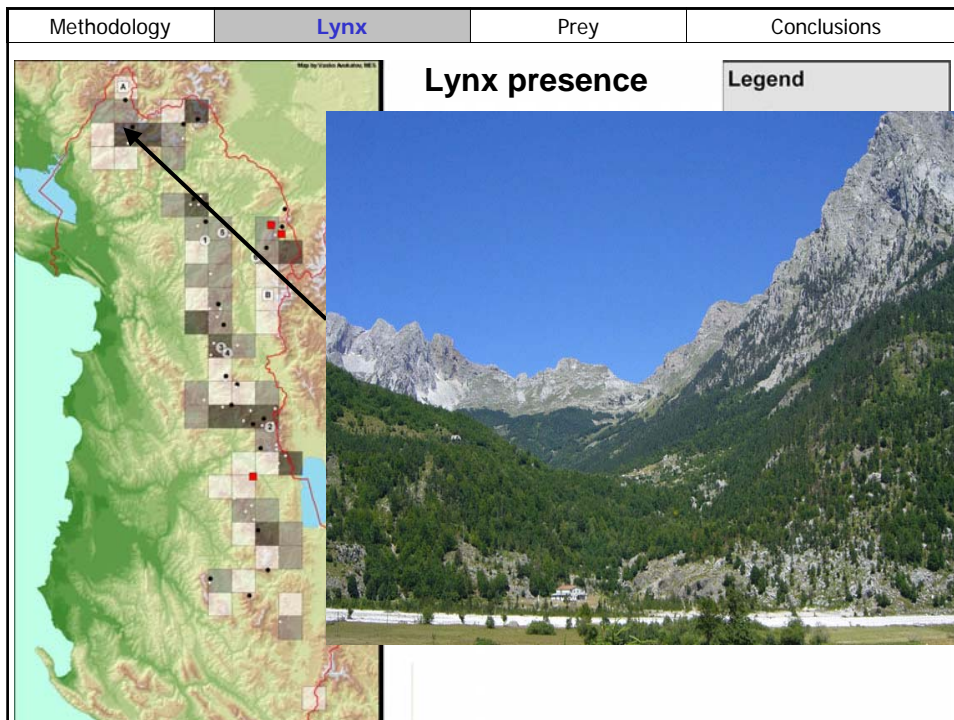
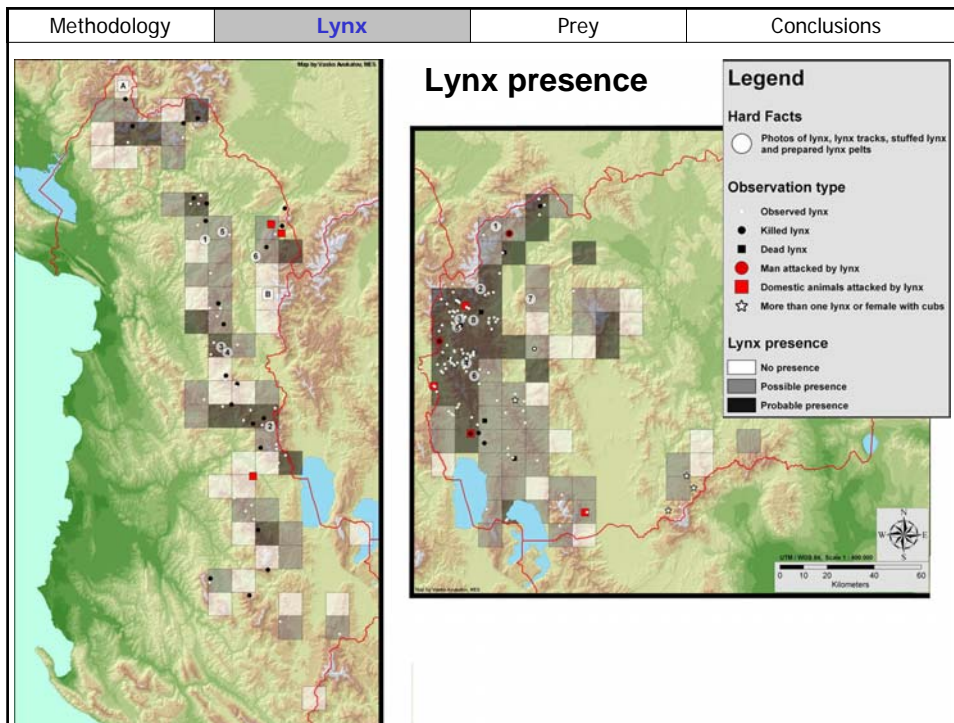


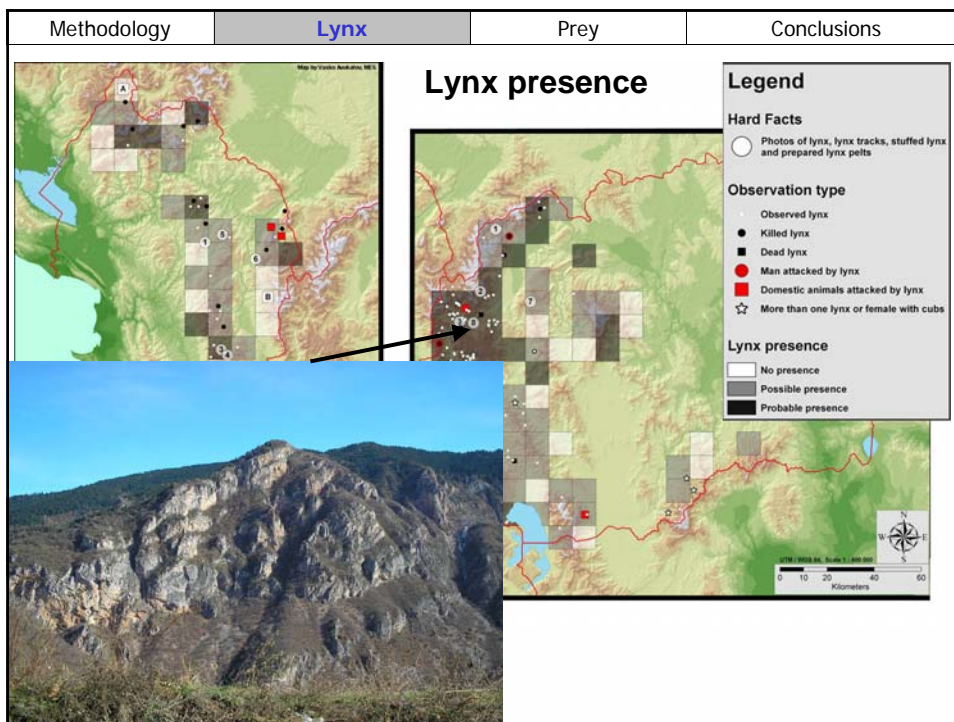
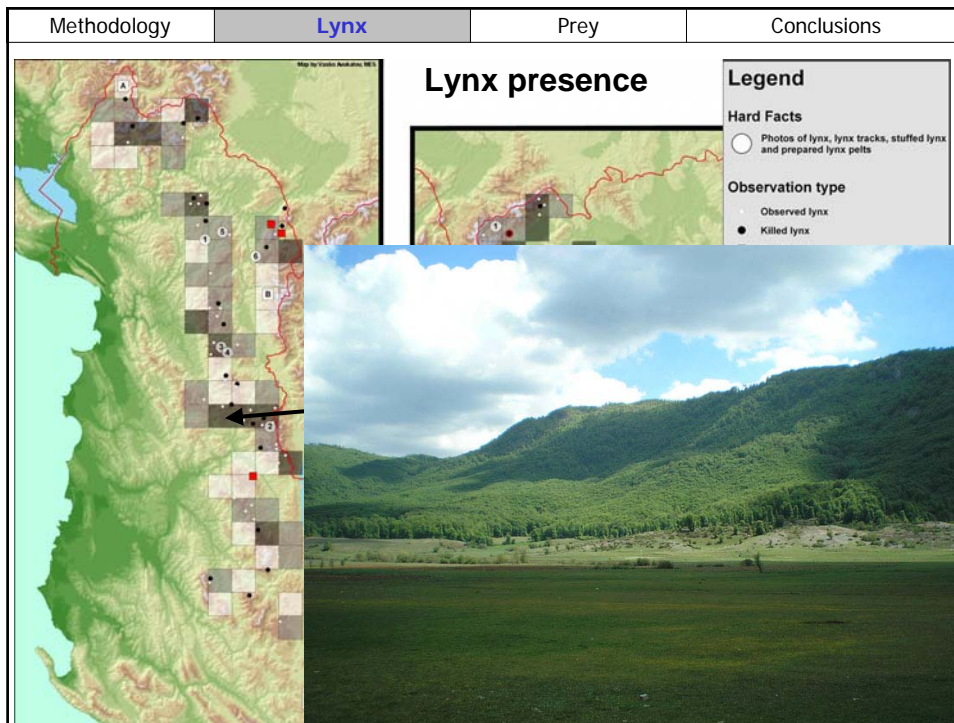
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<h2>Methodology for Balkan Lynx Baseline Survey</h2> <p>Purpose: To systematically collect local knowledge on lynx & potential prey</p> <p>Defining the study area</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maps overlaid with 10x10 km grid • Study area defined by available information on lynx (73 grid cells in Macedonia and 63 in Albania) • At least 1 village randomly selected per grid cell 			

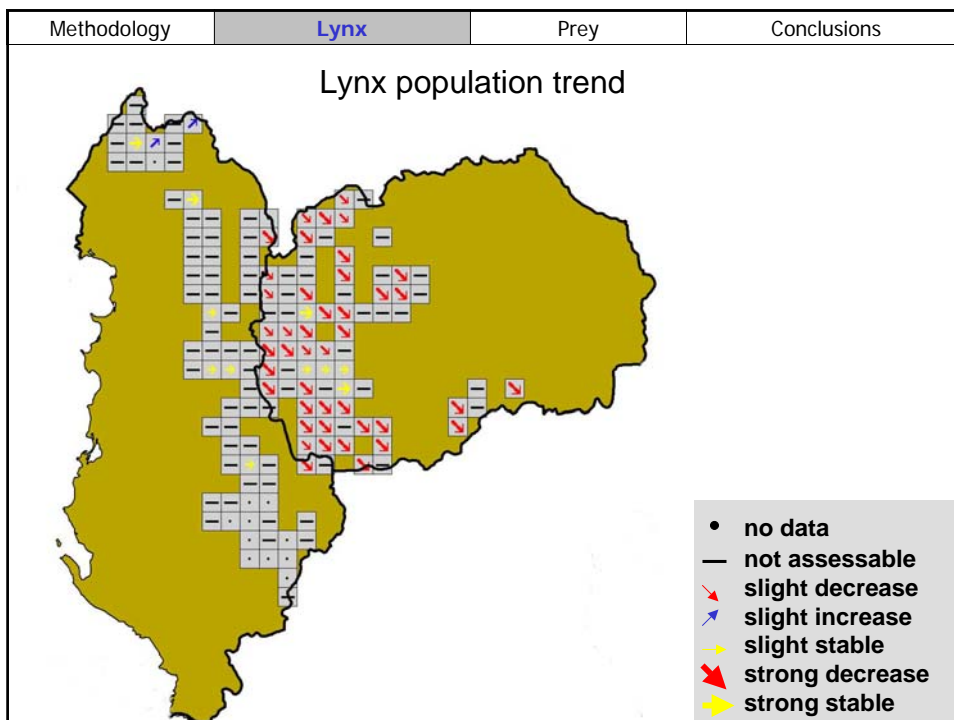
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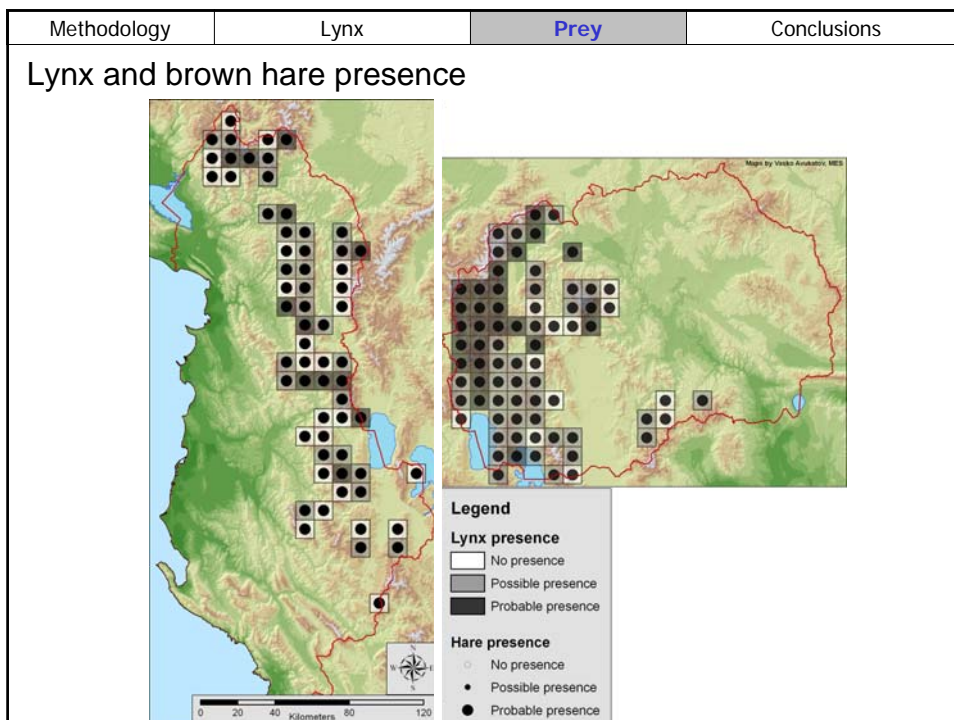
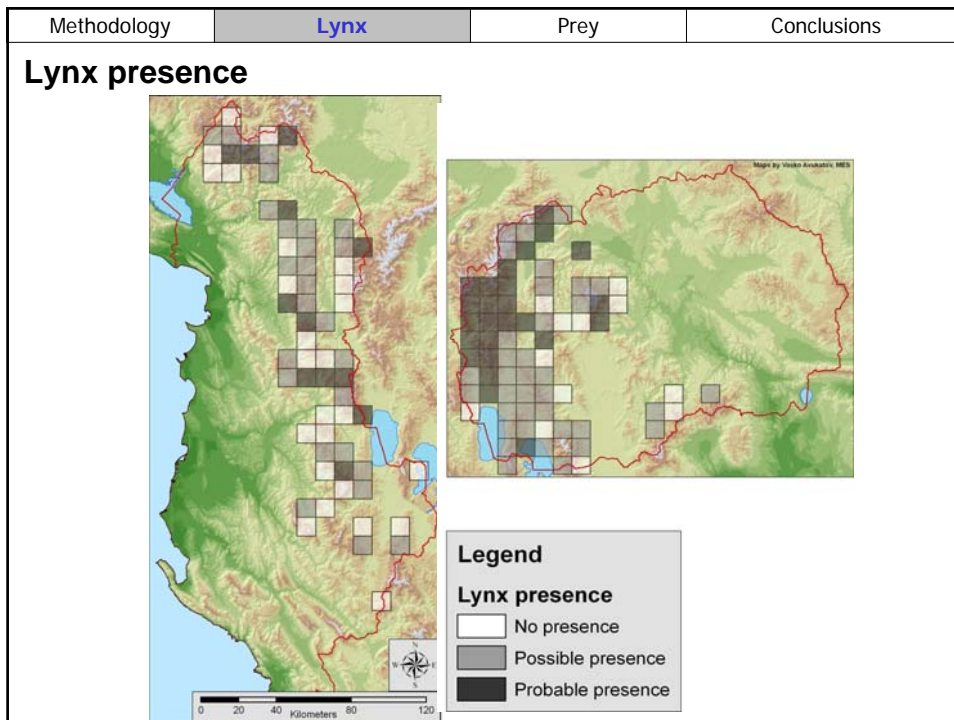
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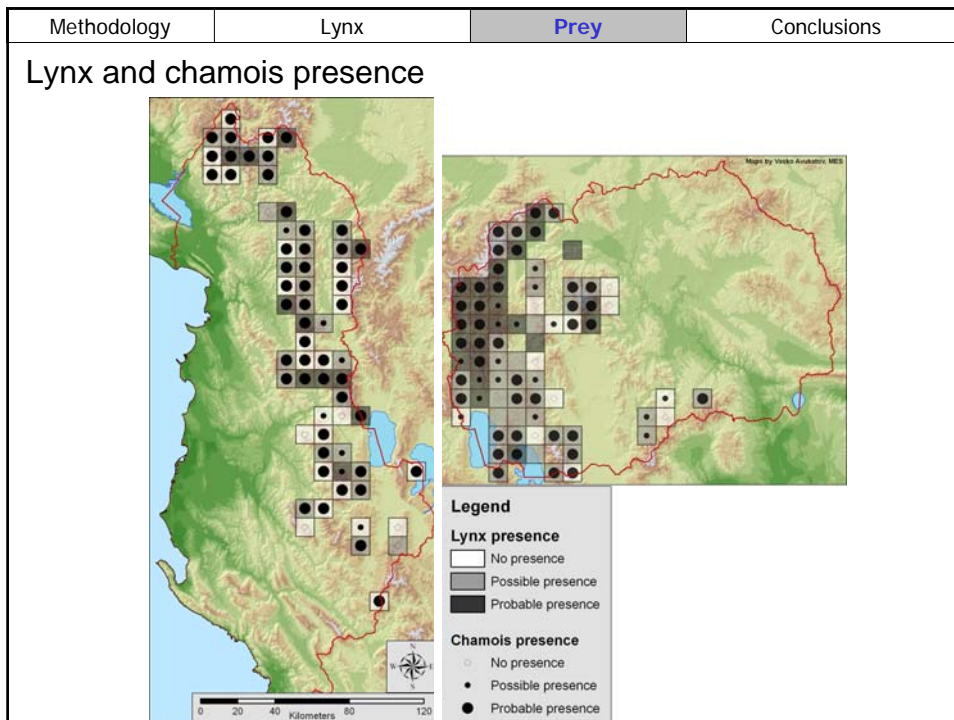
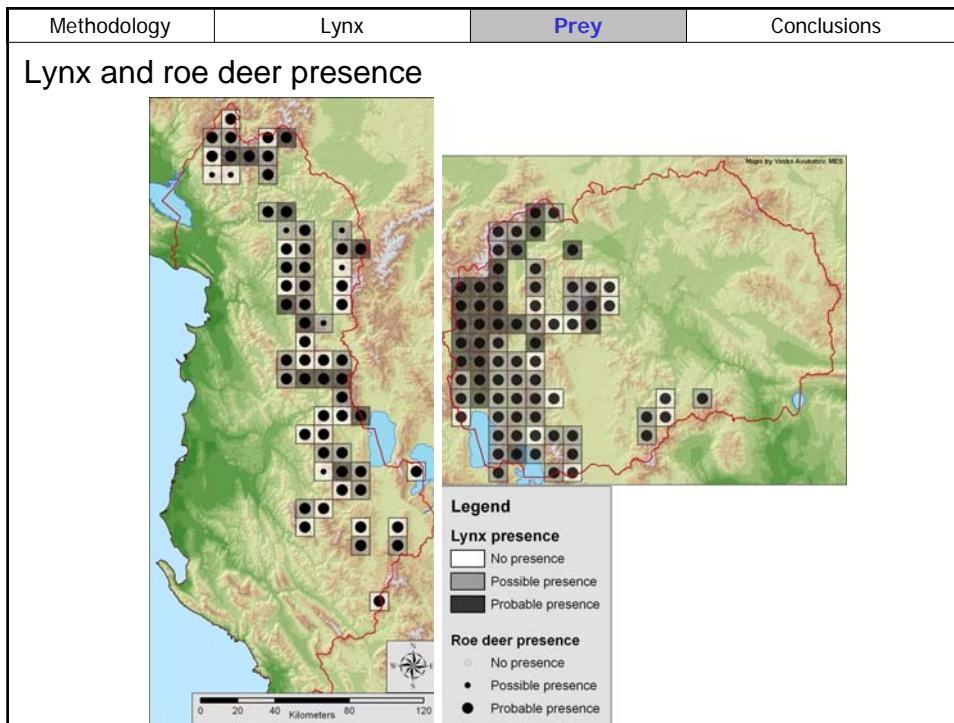






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<p>Hard facts found during Baseline Survey</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 lynx killed in MK and 6 in AL since 2000 • 3 live lynx photographed in Macedonia since 1999 • 4 lynx tracks found in Macedonia since 2006 			
			







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