



Protected Areas in Species Conservation – The Protected Area Component in the frame of the Balkan Lynx Recovery Programme

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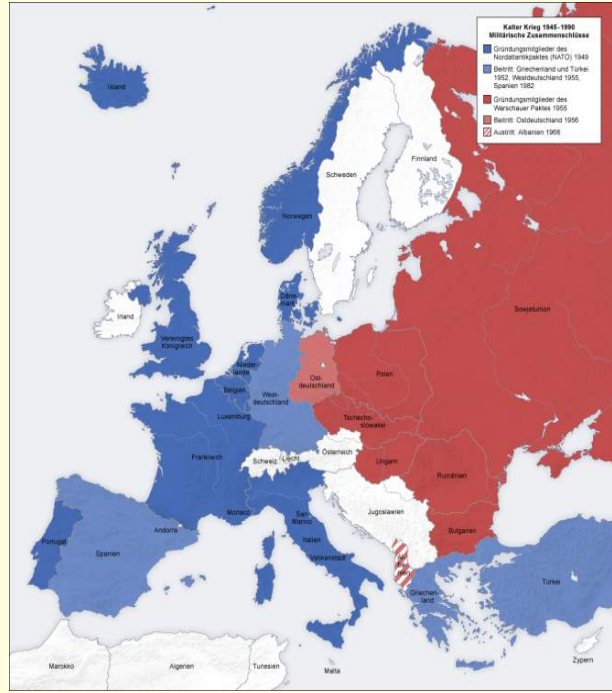
EURONATUR

- Foundation based in Germany
- Conservation of most valuable natural and cultural landscapes in Europe
- Regional Focus on Central and Eastern Europe
- Nature Conservation with and for the local people
- Sustainable development on a local level





Europe 1945 - 1990



European Green Belt

23 countries
8.500 kilometers





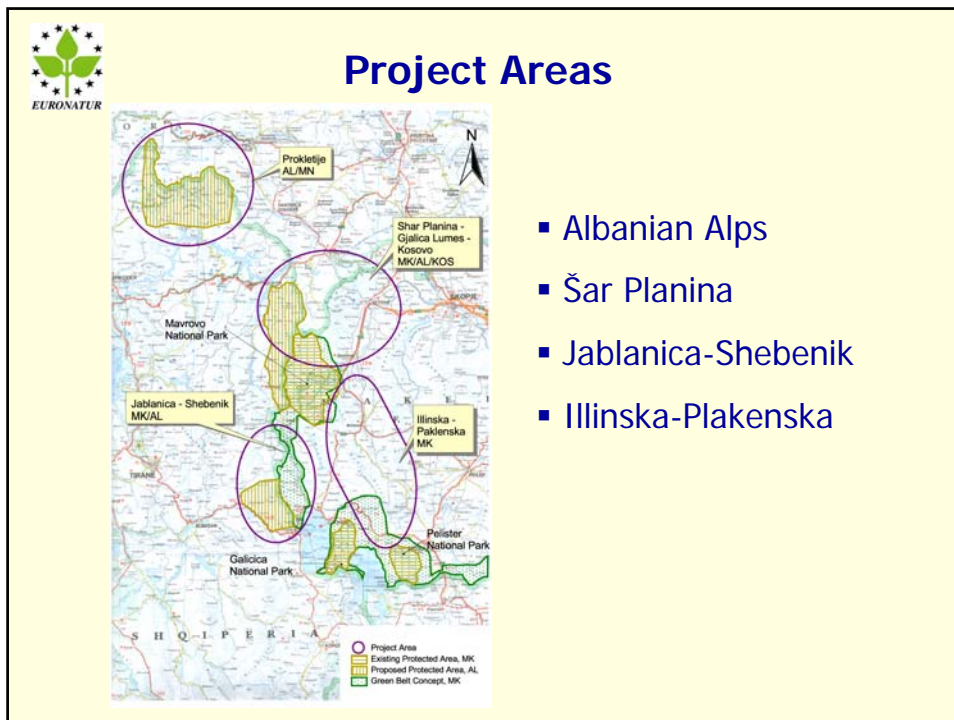
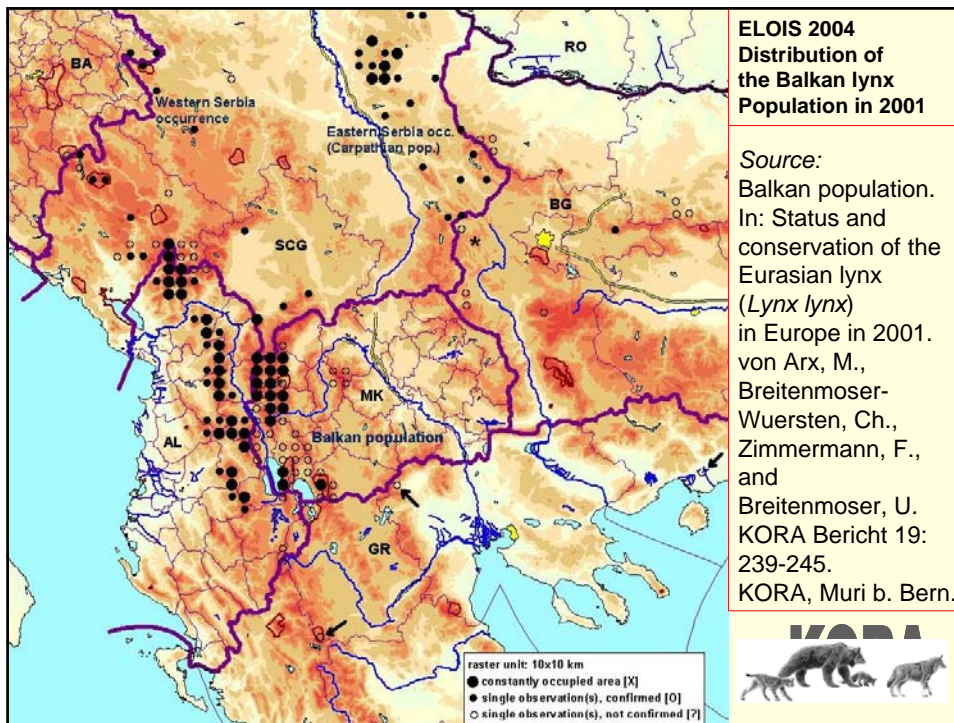
European Green Belt

- Convert the Iron Curtain to a Life Line through Europe – Nature unites
- Create an ecological corridor from North to South
- The most important sites along the Green Belt need a protection status and good management



Balkan Green Belt









Next Steps

- Proclamation of the Shebenik National Park in Albania
- Participatory process to prepare the submission of the Jablanica PA in Macedonia
- Preparation of PA Korabi, Albanian Alps, Šar Planina and Illinska-Plakenska
- Start of model projects for sustainable land use





Conclusion

- PA with a qualified zoning and good management can play an important role in species conservation
- The Balkan Lynx can serve as a flagship species for the European Green Belt
- The Green Belt Initiative can help to focus attention on the Balkan Lynx
- There is still a long way to go ...

