

II International Seminar and workshop on the conservation of the Iberian lynx

Two years after the seminar on the conservation of the Iberian lynx in Andujar, we want to meet again to review the status of the remnant populations, the progress made since the first conference and to address the future challenges to conserve the Critically Endangered Iberian lynx. The first day of the meeting, with presentations summing up the situation, will be open to a broad audience. The second and third day will address specific scientific and technical questions in small working groups and will be restricted to a limited number of invited attendants.



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(Registrations by e-mail. Thank you)

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15 December: Presentations (Public session)

08.30 – 09.30 Registration of the workshop participants, organizational aspects.

09.30 Arrival of the participants.

10.00 – 10.30 Opening ceremony, welcome addresses from MIMAM – S^{ra} Cristina Narbona, Consejera de Junta de Andalucía – S^{ra} Fuensanta Coves, University of Córdoba – Eugenio Dominguez, European Commission – Bruno Julien, Council of Europe – Eladio Fernandez-Galiano), IUCN – SSC representative or regional office representative.

10.30 – 11.30 Monitoring and trends in Spain and Portugal: Nicolás Guzmán, Miguel Ángel Simón Mata, Antonio Aranda Moreno, Javier Caldera, Luis Prada, José Angel Arranz, Pedro Sarmiento.

Monitoring and status of the Iberian lynx in Spain (Andalucía, Castilla la Mancha, Extremadura, Madrid, Castilla y León – changes since Andujar I) and Portugal (report February 2004).

11.30 – 12.00 Coffee break

Chair: Eladio Fernandez-Galiano

12.00 – 13.00 Conservation of the remnant populations through the EU Life projects (Junta de Andalucía in collaboration with EU representatives and other institutions and organisations involved: Miguel Angel Simon Mata, Luis Suarez, Nicolás Guzmán, Miguel Aymerich, Javier Oria. *Status of the Andujar and the Doñana populations. Progress made in the ongoing field projects since Andujar I. Problems, challenges and future of the present conservation work.*

13.00 – 13.30 Status and trends of the prey population: Carlos Calvete.

Status of the rabbit populations. Epidemiological surveys and trends. Ongoing scientific work and applied conservation work. Identification of knowledge gaps, need for further research and actions.

13.30 – 14.00 Status of the captive breeding programme: Astrid Vargas.

Situation of the captive breeding programme. Problems and challenges. Planning and outlook.

14.00 – 16.00 Lunch

Chair: José Guirado

16.00 – 16.30 Integrating scientific approaches into conservation work: Francisco Palomares/Miguel Delibes.

How can we know that we do the right things? Using knowledge and science (controls) to improve the conservation of the Iberian lynx.

16.30 – 17.00 How effective were the recommendations released at the end of Andujar I? Miguel Aymerich.

Which recommendations have been followed? Where was progress made?

17.00 – 17.30 IUCN/SSC Red List approach and re-introduction guidelines: Urs & Christine Breitenmoser.

Applying the red list criteria to define a recovery strategy for the Iberian lynx.

17.30 – 18.30 Round table – How can we bring our message to the society? Chair: Ricardo Gamaza. Round table: Miguel Angel Simon Mata, Miguel Aymerich, Miguel Delibes, Javier Moreno, Pedro Sarmiento), EC.

16 December: Working groups (Private session)

09.30 – 10.00

Presentation of the Iberian lynx compendium (Manuela von Arx). Instructions for Working Groups.

10.00 – 11.30 Working groups

WG 1: Lynx: Assessment of the conservation status of the remnant populations. Convener: Rafael Cadenas

WG 2: Rabbit: Survey, research and recovery of the rabbit populations. Convener: Pablo Ferreras

WG 3: Space: Management of living space and habitat for the recovery of the Iberian lynx. Convener: Francisco Palomares

WG 4: In+Ex: Linking *in situ* and *ex situ* conservation efforts. Convener: Astrid Vargas

WG 5: Outreach: Outlines for a common strategy for communication, awareness, and outreach. Convener: Ricardo Gamaza

WG 6: Funding: Financial needs and funding strategy for short, mid and long-term conservation activities. Convener: Magnus Sylven

11.30– 12.00 Coffee break

12.00–14.00 Working group continuation

14.00– 15.30 Lunch

15.30– 18.00 Working group continuation

18.00 Secretary: Preparation of handouts and charts for Day 3.

17 December: Priorities and recommendations (Private session)

09.00 – 10.30

Presentations of WGs results, priorities and recommendations

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Facilitated discussion, identification of general priorities, recommendations for follow-up actions

12.30 – 13.30 Coffee break

13.30 – 14.30

Presentation of the position paper and final discussion

14.30 Lunch and end of conference