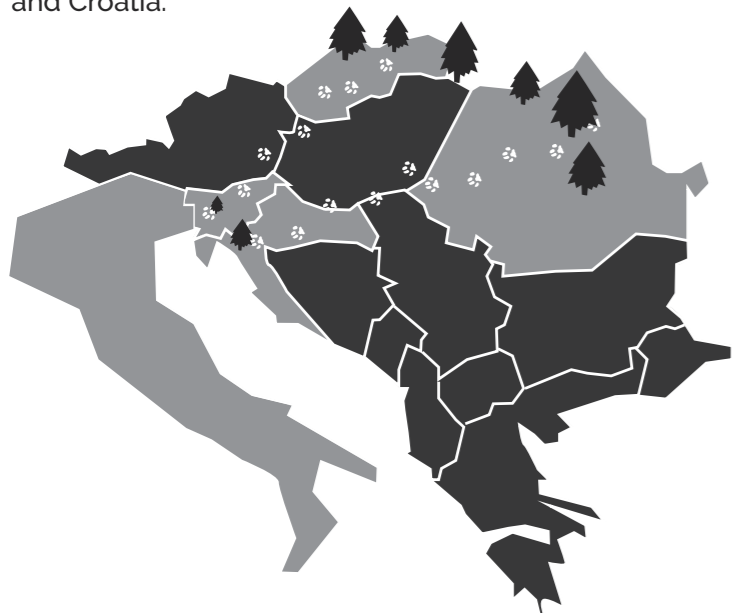


Project area

Lynx will be translocated from the Carpathian part of Romania and Slovakia and released in Slovenia and Croatia.



Science for lynx conservation

We use science-based management tools to understand how to best genetically and demographically manage the population in the long term. This scientific information will be incorporated into management plans and other strategic documents.

How can you participate?

If you are interested in lynx conservation, you can join our Local Consultative Groups.

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About the project

Name

Preventing the extinction of the Dinaric-SE Alpine lynx population through reinforcement and long-term conservation

Acronym

LIFE Lynx

Reference

LIFE16 NAT/SI/000634

Time Frame

1/7/2017 – 31/3/2024

Coordinating beneficiary



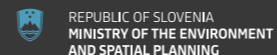
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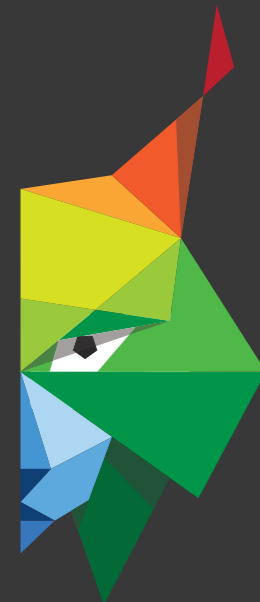
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Lynx extinction

At the beginning of 20th century the lynx population in the Dinarics went extinct due to **habitat loss, lack of prey species** and **overhunting**.

Lynx extinction

Presence of lynx positively affects entire ecosystem.

Reintroduction in 1973

In the 1973 lynx was successfully reintroduced by hunters and foresters who **translocated 6 lynx** from Slovakia to Slovenia. The animals then **expanded** also to the **neighbouring countries** (Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Italy and Austria), but remained isolated from other populations.

Reintroduction 1973

Lynx is a symbol of the Dinaric Mountains, same as lion is a symbol of Africa.

Current situation

Unfortunately, after a few decades, the **population started declining**, mainly due to **genetic deterioration** (inbreeding). Currently, the population is small, isolated, and extremely inbred. Genetic analyses show that we probably **only have few more years** to complete population collapse due to inbreeding. Although robust population size estimates are lacking, it is believed that there are only 10–15 animals present in Slovenia, and 40–60 in Croatia.

Current situation 2018

Reinforced lynx will help decrease inbreeding.

LIFE Lynx project

To save the Dinaric lynx population from extinction, we will **improve genetic diversity** of the population by **translocating animals from Slovakia and Romania**, as those populations are not inbred. We will also bring some animals to Alpine area and with that **improve the population connectivity** between the Dinaric and Alpine part.

The project is a collaboration of **5 countries: Slovenia, Croatia and Italy** which are sharing the Dinaric population and **Romania and Slovakia**, as the source countries. For successful reinforcement and conservation of the lynx, **key stakeholders will be involved** in the process, especially **local communities and hunters**.

