

First year of the LIFE Lynx project



1.7.2017 - 31.8.2018

TIMEFRAME – FROM 1.7.2017 TO 31.3.2024

586,423.45€

TOTAL BUDGET: 6,829,377.00€

TERMINOLOGY

Inbreeding

breeding between individuals that are genetically closely related, such as siblings and first cousins

Inbreeding depression

reduced biological fitness as a result of inbreeding, expressed in different ways (premature deaths, heart defects, infertility ...)

Population Reinforcement

addition of individuals to an existing population of the same species with the goal to enhance long-term survival of the population

Stepping stone

a patch of suitable habitat crucial for facilitating animal movement between other habitat patches thus reducing the effects of habitat fragmentation

EURASIAN LYNX

The Eurasian lynx is a solitary and secretive animal which prefers dense forests with abundant hiding places. Lynx are native to most of Eurasia, including the project area. Due to its elusive nature, indirect methods are used to learn about the status of the population such as:

- ❗ Snow tracking
- ❗ Remote camera traps
- ❗ Collecting non-invasive genetic samples (e.g., hair, urine, scats, saliva)

KEY PROJECT STATISTICS



CAMERA TRAPS SET UP

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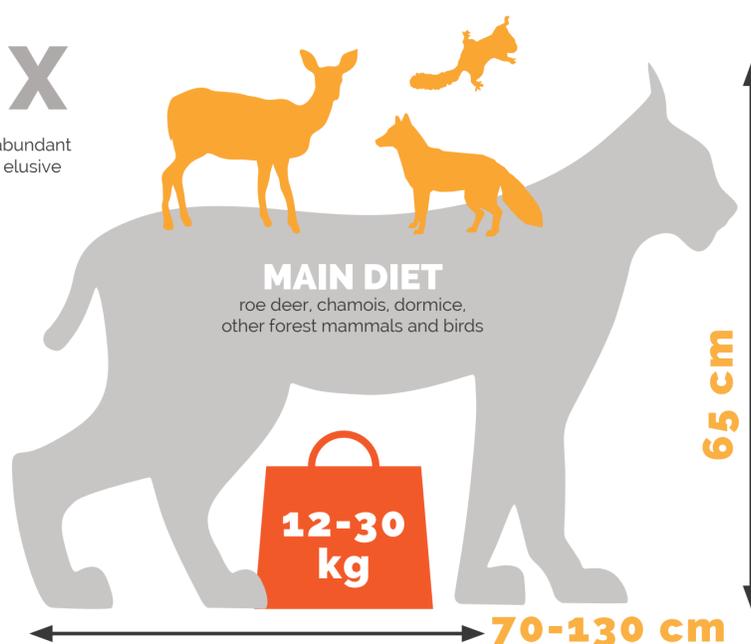
LYNX PHOTOS COLLECTED

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GENETIC SAMPLES COLLECTED

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PROJECT

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

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PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES

THE CHALLENGE

Severe decline of Dinaric SE Alpine lynx population size due to inbreeding depression.

THE GOAL

To rescue the Dinaric- SE Alpine lynx population from extinction by reinforcing the population with inclusion of 14 individuals from Romania and Slovakia

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VISITORS AT PUBLIC EVENTS ORGANIZED BY LIFE LYNX



PEOPLE

Creation of stakeholder-supported population reinforcement process and cultivation of broad public acceptance is essential for the long-term success of the project.

LIFE LYNX PRINCIPLES:

- ❗ Delivering transparent and timely information
- ❗ Providing opportunities for the public to engage with the project
- ❗ Partnering with community-based organizations
- ❗ Training project staff to improve public engagement skills
- ❗ Networking with colleagues
- ❗ Evaluating our efforts



HUNTING ORGANIZATIONS INVOLVED IN FIELD ACTIVITIES

93



PROJECT EMPLOYEES IN FTE (FULL TIME EQUIVALENTS)

8.99

EXTERNAL EVENTS AND LECTURES ATTENDED

48

PUBLICATIONS PRODUCED

11

EVENTS ORGANISED

17

UNIQUE VISITORS TO LIFELYNX.EU

8,240

PUBLISHED NEWS ON LIFELYNX.EU

56

SUBSCRIBERS TO FACEBOOK

2,200

PEOPLE REACHED WITH OUR MOST POPULAR FACEBOOK POST

101,026

MEDIA COVERAGE MENTIONING PROJECT

129

PROJECT FILM SCREENINGS

16