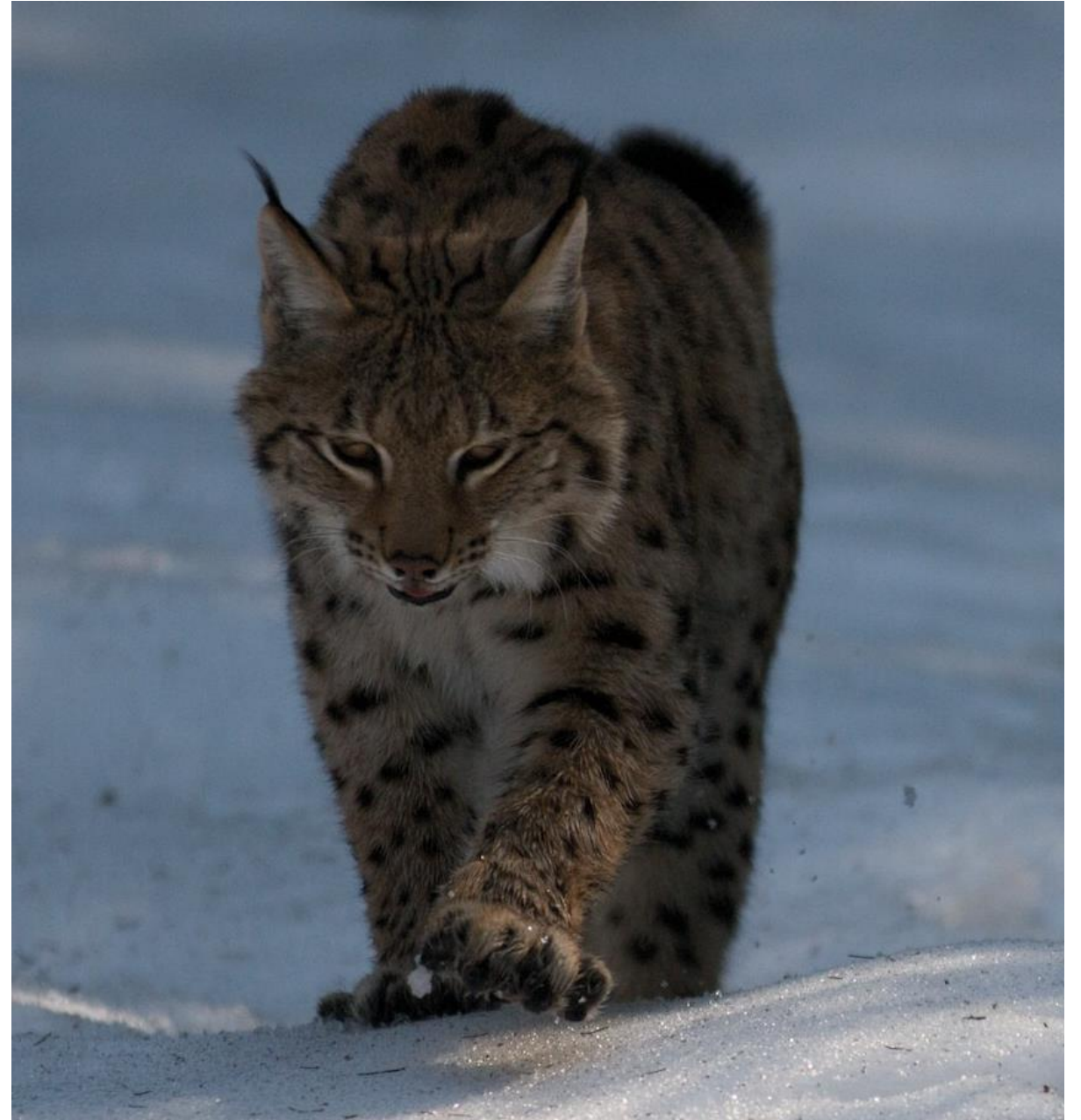


**Presentation of the Joint
Carpathian Lynx Strategy,
including short overview on the
“Range wide Strategy for the
Rescue and Conservation of
the Balkan Lynx (*Lynx lynx
balcanicus*)**

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Early 2023 the Macedonian Ministry of Environment and Physical Planning, together with the relevant environmental ministries of Albania, Bosnia and Hercegovina, and Uzbekistan, submitted a proposal for a possible listing of the Eurasian Lynx in Appendix II and the Critically Endangered subspecies Balkan Lynx in addition in Appendix I to the Convention for Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals

The Secretariat of the Carpathian Convention together with the IUCN/SSC Cat Specialist Group have furthermore submitted supporting Concerted Actions.

LISTING AND CAs ENDORSED AT THE CMS COP14 IN 2024 IN UZBEKISTAN.

CA1/R1: Range wide Balkan lynx conservation Strategy (*L. l. balcanicus*)

CA1/R2: Strategy for the Conservation of the Lynx (*L. l. carpathicus*) in the Carpathians

CA1/R3: Guidelines for the recovery of the Carpathian lynx (reintroductions, reinforcements, connectivity) – ongoing

CA2/R1: Baseline information needed for the conservation of the Central Asian Lynx *L. l. isabellinus* + networking and capacity

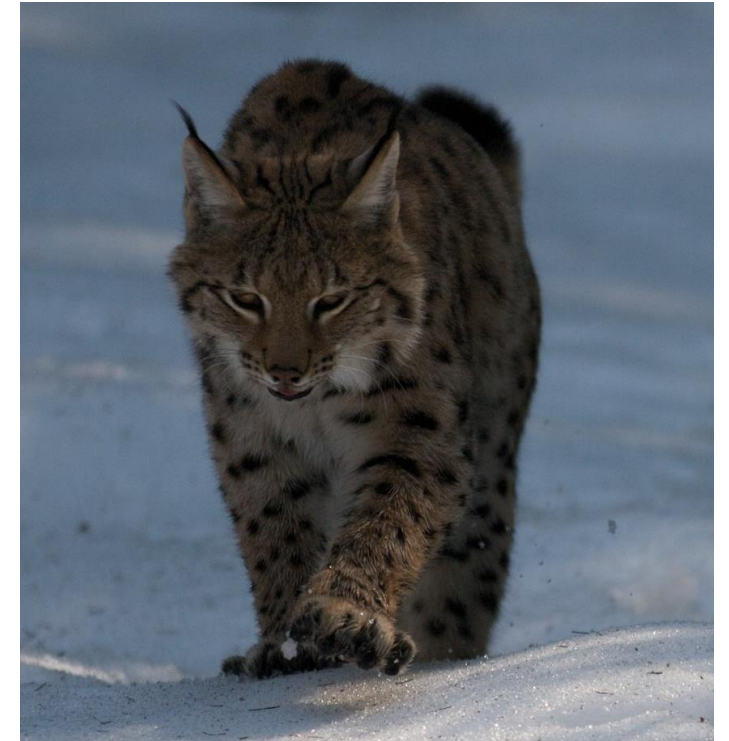
CA2/R2: Baseline information needed for the conservation of the SW Asian Lynx *L. l. dinniki* + networking and capacity



Range-wide Strategy for the Rescue and Conservation of the Balkan Lynx (2026–2035)
Lynx lynx balcanicus

Developed during several online, numerous technical consultation meetings and one closing workshop during spring-summer 2025

Endorsed and adopted at the CMS COP15 in March 2026 in Brazil

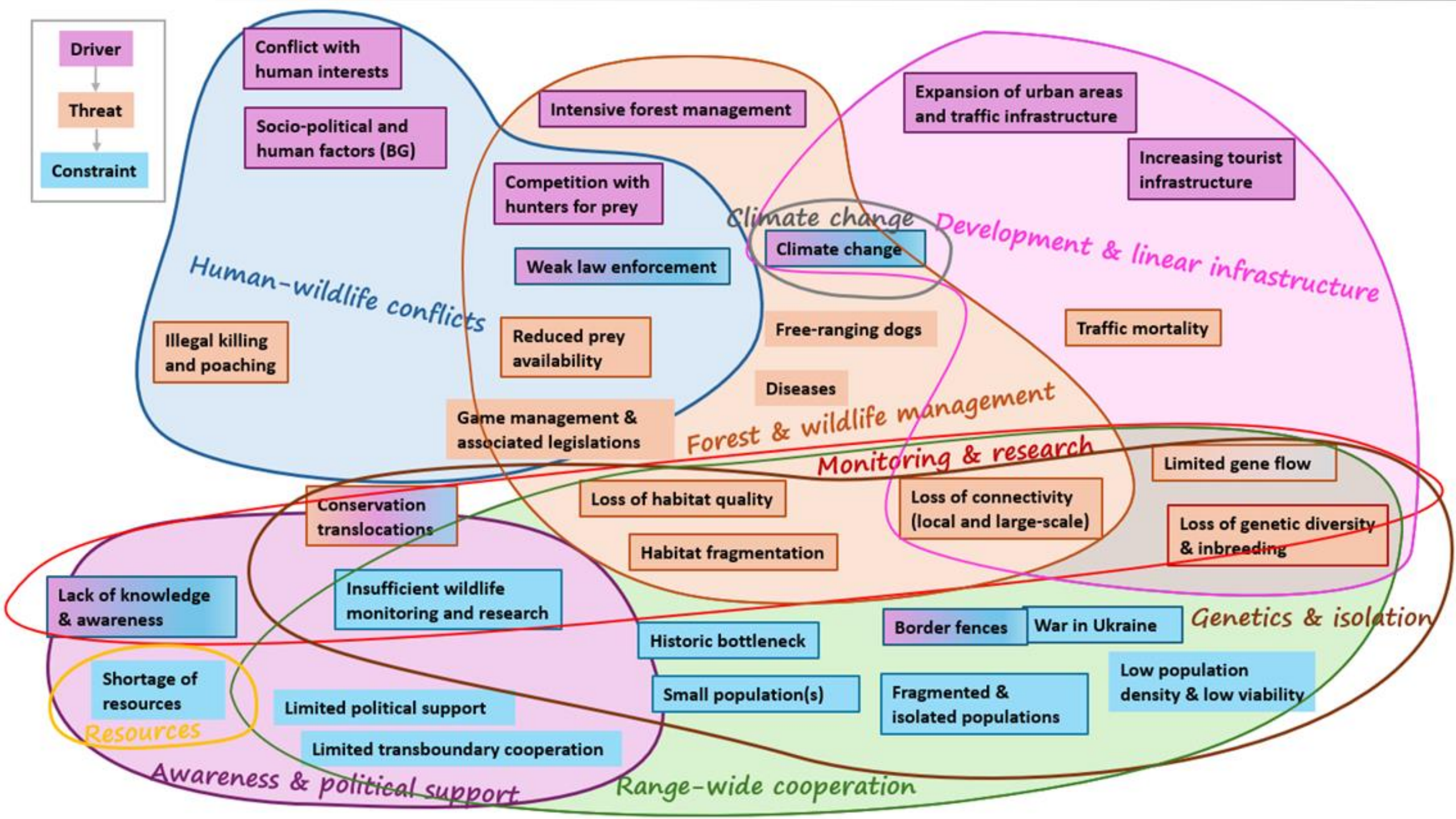
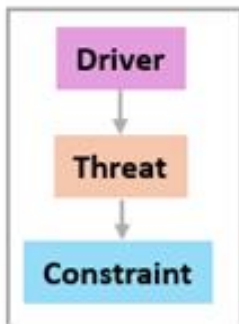


Strategy for the Conservation of the Lynx in the Carpathians (2027-2036)
Lynx lynx carpathicus

Developed during several online workshop, numerous technical consultation meetings during spring-summer 2026

Expected endorsement/adoption at the CC COP in December 2026

*Bern and Bonn Conventions adoption to follow

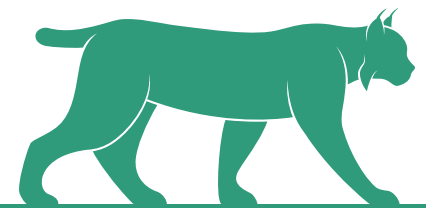




Strategy for the Conservation of the Lynx (*L. l. carpathicus*) in the Carpathians

VISION: The long-term persistence of a viable and ecologically functional Carpathian Lynx population thriving at natural densities, with effective connectivity, gene flow, suitable habitats and healthy population dynamics maintained across the Carpathians and neighboring regions, in harmony with local communities and supported by key stakeholders, grounded in shared stewardship

GOAL: By 2040, the Carpathian Lynx population shows measurable progress towards Near Threatened under regional IUCN Red List criteria, with improved connectivity and gene flow, increasing population trend and expanding range, and coordinated transboundary conservation across the Carpathians.



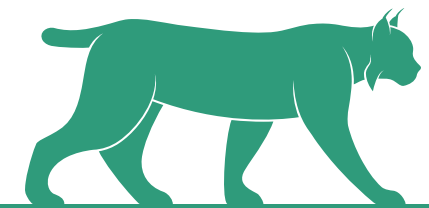
4. Logical Framework (LogFrame) for the Strategy

The Logical Framework (LogFrame) presented below provides an integrated overview of the *Strategy's* implementation framework. It brings together the Objectives, Results, Actions, Indicators, Risks and Opportunities, Timelines, and responsible Actors within a single, coherent structure. This approach is intended to clarify the logical relationships between strategic elements, support coordinated implementation across scales and sectors, and facilitate monitoring, evaluation, and adaptive management over the lifetime of this *Strategy*.

Current discussions on the revision of EU financing mechanisms, including the ongoing development of the next Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF), which is expected to be adopted in 2027, may lead to significant changes in the availability and structure of conservation funding (Appendix II).

Table 2. LogFrame presenting an integrated overview of the *Strategy's* implementation framework. Risks and Opportunities are separated by a “//”.

Objective/Result/Action	Actor	Indicator	Timeline
Objective 1 To promote and adopt forest, wildlife, and land management practices that maintain the suitability and connectivity of Lynx habitat in the Carpathians and beyond – within natural and human landscapes –, sustain viable prey populations, and support human-Lynx coexistence, addressing conflicts with game management and other relevant stakeholder groups including farmers and livestock owners			
Result 1.1 By 2028, formal communication channels between wildlife conservation authorities and game management practitioners are established or strengthened in all Range States, with the aim of addressing real and perceived conflicts between Lynx conservation and game management.			
Indicator/Output – Dialogue between and among conservation and wildlife management authorities of all RS is established, facilitated by the CC, including the SCC, WGBD and the CL-SIG			
Risks and Opportunities – Lack of interest of national authorities // Well-established operational structure of the CC			
Action 1.1.1 The “CL-SIG” and its partners, through the Carpathian Convention, inform the relevant authorities and organisations across the Carpathian range about the implementation of the <i>Strategy</i> and invite them to engage in continuous dialogue.	CL-SIG, CC, SCC	CL-SIG-facilitated dialogue channels operational	Immediately
Action 1.1.2 In each country, define, organise, and establish regular exchange between the partners. The “CL-SIG” also assures that range-wide relevant information is shared with the partners across all Range States.	CL-SIG, CC, SCC, NGOs, national and local partners	Regular exchange of information between GOs functional	2028



Objectives of the Strategy

01

Promote and adopt forest, wildlife, and land management practices that maintain the suitability and connectivity of Lynx habitat

Improved comms wildlife conservation-game management; mapping of priority habitats and key corridors; improved monitoring of prey; mainstreaming into national planning tools

02

Maintain or restore sufficient gene flow across the Lynx population in the Carpathians and beyond

Comparable genetic monitoring; genetic indicators follow GEBV metrics; population management plan

03

Minimize the impact of development and linear infrastructure on the ecological functionality, connectivity, and long-term viability

Integration into spatial planning, SEA/EIA/nature; infra. targeted mitigation measures implemented; eco-impact of border fences; improved functional connectivity

04

Review existing evidence on the potential impacts of climate change on the Carpathian Lynx

Regional CC Vulnerability Assessment; climate change impact study; integration into overall monitoring programmes; adaptive management recommendations compiled and shared

05

Establish and maintain a harmonized, long-term, and scientifically rigorous monitoring and research framework

Standardized, multi-method monitoring system;
Shared, interoperable data management system;
regular intervals; strengthened research capacity; human-dimension data

06

Increase awareness and support for conservation of the Lynx population in the Carpathians

Range-wide comms campaigns; educational materials; capacity building programmes

07

Reduce the frequency and severity of human–Lynx conflict incidents, mortality and increase social tolerance

Standardized, and quality-controlled monitoring system for human–Lynx conflict incidents; evidence-based conflict mitigation measures; dataset on human attitudes, perceptions, and tolerance; multi-level stakeholders' engagement mechanism

08

Strengthen national political commitments and transboundary cooperation

Integration into NBSAPs; MEAs/MoUs concluded; update of National Action Plans

09

Secure long-term human and financial resources for the implementation of this Strategy

Financial sustainability analysis; transboundary/range-wide projects; operational CL-SIG; mobilization of EU and other donors' funds



NEXT STEPS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Establishment of Balkan lynx Strategy Coordination Committee

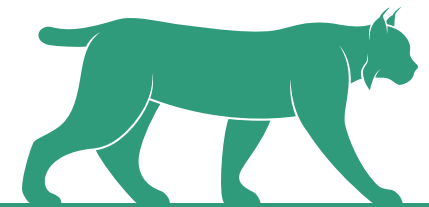
Establishment of Carpathian lynx Strategy Implementing Group

Coordination meetings to monitor and guide the implementation of the strategies

Enhance cooperation and scientific research

The lynx habitat extends across borders, emphasizing the need for regional conservation efforts

Apply for joint projects and initiatives



Thank you for the attention!

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