

Convention on the Conservation of European Wildlife and Natural Habitats



Standing Committee

Recommendation No. 89 (2001) on the conservation of the European Lynx in the Alps

(adopted by the Standing Committee on 30 November 2001)

The Standing Committee of the Convention on the Conservation of European Wildlife and Natural Habitats, acting under Article 14 of the Convention,

Having regard to the aims of the convention to conserve wild fauna and its natural habitats;

Recalling that Article 1, paragraph 2 of the convention requires Parties to give particular emphasis to the conservation of endangered and vulnerable species;

Considering that the European lynx (*Lynx lynx*) is a fundamental part of the European natural heritage;

Noting that the population of lynx in the Alps is still fragmented and vulnerable;

Conscious that international co-operation by all Alpine States is necessary for the long-term preservation and management of the species in the region;

Recalling that one of the aims of the convention is to conserve wild fauna and its habitats, specially those species whose conservation requires the co-operation of several states, and to promote such co-operation;

Desirous to avoid a further loss of biological diversity in Europe and wishing to promote co-existence of viable populations of lynx in the Alps with sustained development of its rural areas;

Aware that the implementation of the Pan-Alpine Conservation Strategy for the lynx (PACS) may be a useful tool to redress the situation;

Recalling its Recommendation No. 59 (1997) on the Drafting and Implementation of Action Plans of Wild Fauna Species;

Recalling its Recommendations No. 20 (1991) on the conservation of the European lynx (*Lynx lynx*), No. 74 (1999) on the conservation of large carnivores, and No. (82) on urgent measures concerning the implementation of action plans for large carnivores in Europe;

Referring to the Action Plan for the conservation of the European lynx in Europe presented by the Large Carnivore Initiative for Europe sponsored by the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) (Nature and Environment Series, No. 112) and the Pan-Alpine Conservation Strategy for the lynx (PACS) [document T-PVS (2001) 42];

Desirous of taking prompt action for the conservation and appropriate management of lynx in the Alps;

Considering the Pan-Alpine Conservation Strategy for the lynx (PACS) as a guideline for competent national authorities;

Recommends Contracting Parties to the convention from the Alpine Region to reinforce lynx conservation in the Alps, taking account, in that context of the Pan-Alpine Conservation Strategy for the lynx (PACS).