

Convention on the Conservation of European Wildlife and Natural Habitats



Standing Committee

Recommendation No. 100 (2003) on conservation of large carnivores in the Carpathians

(adopted by the Standing Committee on 4 December 2003)

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 its Recommendation No. 59 (1997) on the drafting and implementation of action plans of wild fauna species;

Recalling its Recommendation No. 74 (1999) on the conservation of large carnivores;

Referring to the Action Plans on wolf, Eurasian lynx and brown bear, presented by the Large Carnivore Initiative for Europe [*"Nature and Environment Series" Nos. 112, 113 and 114*];

Welcoming the signature of the Framework Convention on the Protection and Sustainable Development of the Carpathians and noting the specific reference to large carnivores and their conservation;

Wishing to maintain and restore, in coexistence with people, viable populations of large carnivores as an integral part of ecosystem and landscapes in Europe;

Acknowledging the transboundary character of conservation measures for large carnivores in neighbouring countries and wishing to promote a harmonious management of these species in the Carpathians,

Recommends the Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Romania, the Slovak Republic and Ukraine, and invites Serbia and Montenegro, to:

1. co-operate to jointly prepare a Carpathian Strategy Plan for conservation and management of large carnivores, promoting involvement of the appropriate regional organisations and taking due note of the Action Plans for wolf, lynx and bear prepared by the Large Carnivore Initiative for Europe and referred to in Recommendation No. 74 of the Standing Committee;
2. in the context of the exercise above, draft and implement national action plans for large carnivores.