

Convention on the Conservation of European Wildlife and Natural Habitats



Standing Committee

Recommendation No. 115 (2005) of the Standing Committee on the conservation and management of transboundary populations of large carnivores

(adopted by the Standing Committee on 1 December 2005)

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

Having regard to the aims of the Convention to conserve wild flora and fauna and their natural habitats;

Wishing to promote co-existence of viable populations of large carnivores with sustained development of rural areas in appropriate regions;

Aware that the drafting and implementation of Action plans 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 following Recommendations:

- Recommendation No. 74 (1999) on the conservation of large carnivores;
- Recommendation No. 82 (2000) on urgent measures concerning the implementation of Action plans for large carnivores in Europe;
- Recommendation No. 89 (2001) on the conservation of the European lynx in the Alps;
- Recommendation No. 94 (2002) on urgent measures for the conservation of the Iberian lynx;
- Recommendation No. 100 (2003) on the conservation of large carnivores in the Carpathians;
- Recommendation No. 101 (2003) on the implementation of the Pan-Alpine Conservation Strategy for Lynx (PACS);

Considering that some co-ordinated Action plans, such as the Pan-Alpine Conservation Strategy for Lynx are excellent examples of how states can co-operate to survey and manage a threatened population;

Wishing to see more co-ordination between states in the conservation and management of transboundary populations of large carnivores;

Considering these Action plans as guidelines for competent national authorities;

Recommends that Contracting Parties to the Convention:

1. co-operate on and share information relating to the conservation and management of transboundary populations of large carnivores, including as appropriate the consideration of jointly drafting and implementing (or, if necessary, re-enforcing) Action plans for transboundary populations of large carnivores;
2. engage in this work with neighbouring states not yet Parties to the Convention where appropriate;
3. implement any of such Action plans for transboundary populations through the harmonisation and co-ordination, when appropriate, of existing national action plans;

4. consider the populations listed in the appendix as some potential candidates for further action in the context of this recommendation.

Appendix

- Bear in the Alps;
- Lynx in the Alps (re-inforcing of PACS);
- Bear, wolf and lynx in Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania and Poland;
- Bear, wolf and lynx in Finland, Norway and Sweden;
- Bear, wolf and lynx in the Carpathians;
- Wolf in France, Italy and Switzerland;
- Bear, lynx and wolf in the Dinaric-Pindos Range;
- Lynx in the Balkans
- Iberian lynx (re-inforcing of co-operation for captive breeding and re-introduction),
- Lion (*Felis leo*) and leopard (*Panthera pardus*) in the National Park of Niokolo Koba (Senegal) and Mali.