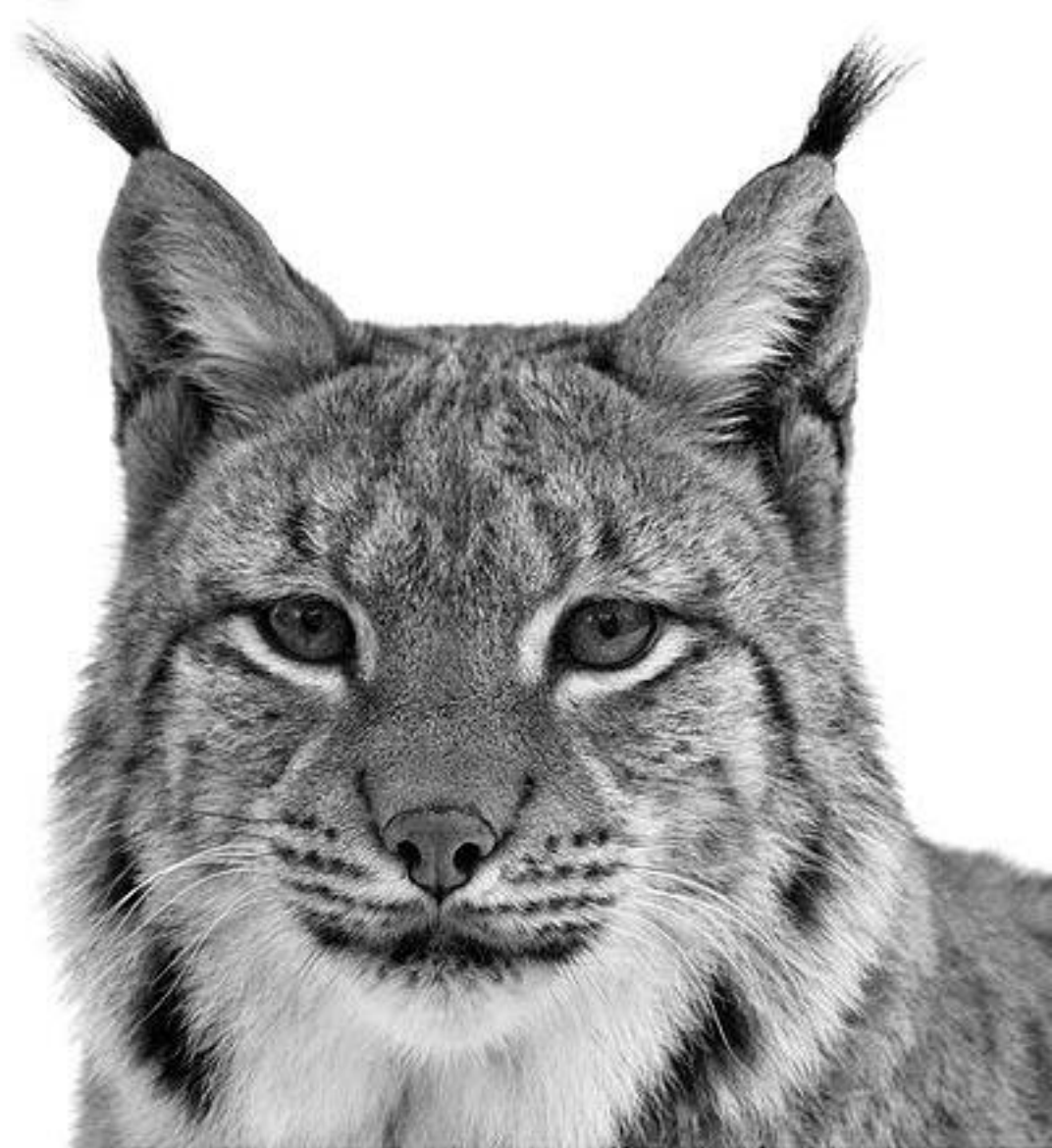


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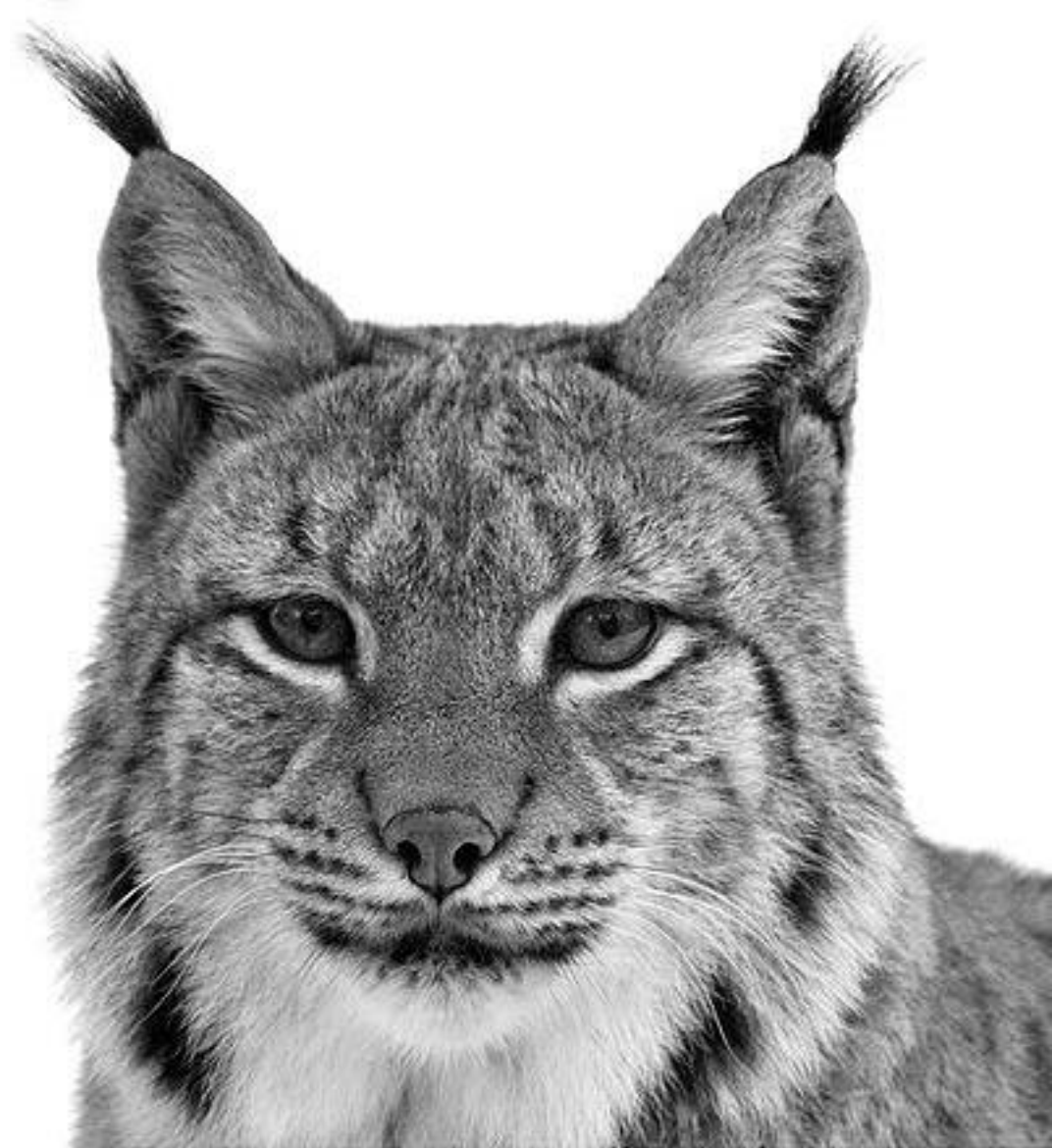
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**PROPOSAL FOR THE INCLUSION OF THE EURASIAN LYNX (*Lynx lynx*)
IN APPENDIX II AND BALKAN LYNX (*Lynx lynx balcanicus*)
IN APPENDIX I OF THE CONVENTION***

Summary:

North Macedonia as proponent, Uzbekistan, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Albania as co-proponent have submitted the attached proposal for the inclusion of the Eurasian Lynx (*Lynx lynx*) in Appendix II and Balkan Lynx (*Lynx lynx balcanicus*) in Appendix I of CMS.

A revised version of the supportive statement to the listing proposal has been submitted by the proponent on 29 September 2023 to address the comments of the CMS Scientific Council (ScC-SC6 UNEP/CMS/COP14/Doc.31.4.1/Add.1). This has resulted in amendments to the supportive statement relating to:

- Whether the species has a conservation status that would benefit from international cooperation.
- The migratory behaviour of the species, taking into consideration aspects of the cyclical and predictable nature of movements, as interpreted in UNEP/CMS/Resolution 13.7 Guidelines for Preparing and Assessing Proposals for the Amendment of CMS Appendices.
- The proportion of the global population of the species that are transboundary populations.

1. Listing of and Concerted Action for the Eurasian lynx under CMS



EU statement to the Listing Proposal at CMS COP 14:

“The EU and its MS would like to thank the Governments of North Macedonia as proponent, and Uzbekistan, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Albania as co-proponents, for submitting this proposal.

The EU and its MS support the inclusion of the Eurasian Lynx in Appendix II of the Convention, and of the Balkan Lynx in Appendix I as this subspecies is facing a serious extinction risk nowadays.

The conservation status of the Eurasian Lynx (*Lynx lynx*) as a whole would benefit from international cooperation. Given that several Eurasian Lynx populations are isolated and fragmented, international cooperation under CMS could result in improving habitats and connectivity for this species. Increased connectivity would also help address inbreeding problems for those populations.”

→ Supported by other Range States and international organisations and consensually accepted at the COP.



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**PROPOSAL FOR A CONCERTED ACTION FOR
THE EURASIAN LYNX (*Lynx lynx*) PROPOSED FOR LISTING
ON APPENDIX II (AND I for *L. l. balcanicus*) OF THE CONVENTION***

Summary:

The Eurasian Lynx (*Lynx lynx*) has a large, continuous and stable population in the boreal forest belt of the Palearctic region. Its four southern subspecies however are either threatened or in need of more reliable information to assess their conservation status. This CA proposes to develop, in cooperation with the Range States, explicit conservation plans for the European subspecies *L. l. balcanicus* and *L. l. carpathicus*. For the Asian subspecies *L. l. isabellinus* and *L. l. dinniki*, robust baseline surveys are foreseen, combined with building range-wide conservation cooperation and training of local experts to advance future conservation activities. *L. l. isabellinus* is suggested to be included in CMS CAMI.

Proponents: IUCN SSC (Cat Specialist Group) and Secretariat of the Carpathian Convention

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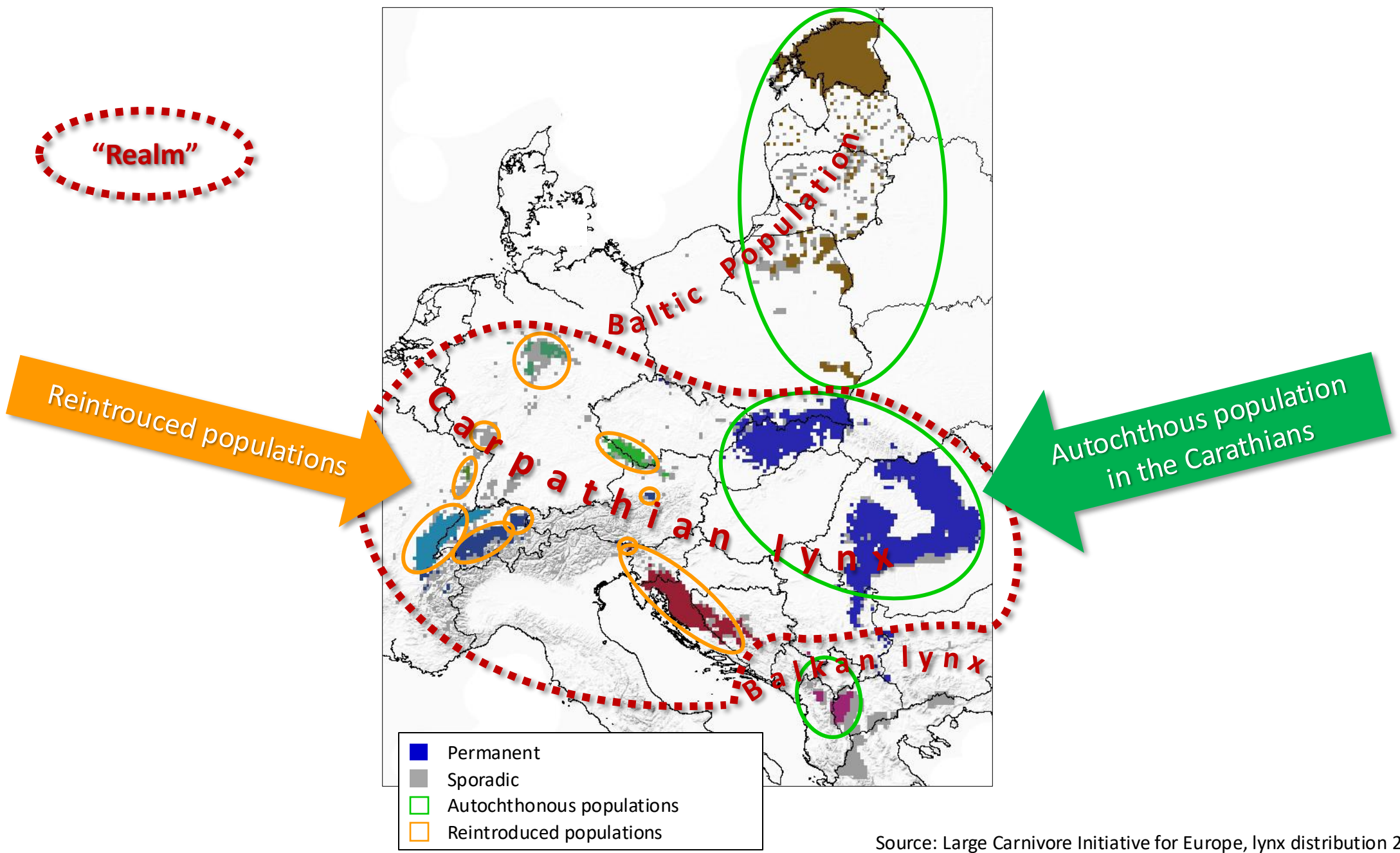
EU statement to the CA Proposal at CMS COP 14:

“The EU and its MS support the approval of the Concerted Action for the Eurasian Lynx (*Lynx lynx*) [...]

We acknowledge the importance of this conservation initiative under the CMS in Europe to promote transboundary cooperation that is essential for a wide-ranging species as the Eurasian Lynx with mostly transboundary populations.

We believe that the implementation of this Concerted Action [...] will contribute to the recovery of their populations, including through improved cooperation between the Range States and more focused conservation efforts of all stakeholders. [...]

The EU and its MS appreciate the work and efforts undertaken so far by IUCN Specialist Groups, several universities, and other scientific institutions, as well as national authorities and the engagement of several large conservation organisations and expect that additional funding will be provided to support the activities promoted by this Concerted Action in the various Range States.”





15th Meeting of the Carpathian Convention Implementation Committee

CC/CCIC15/DRAFT 10.10.2024

15th CCIC Recommendations DRAFT BY THE SECRETARIAT

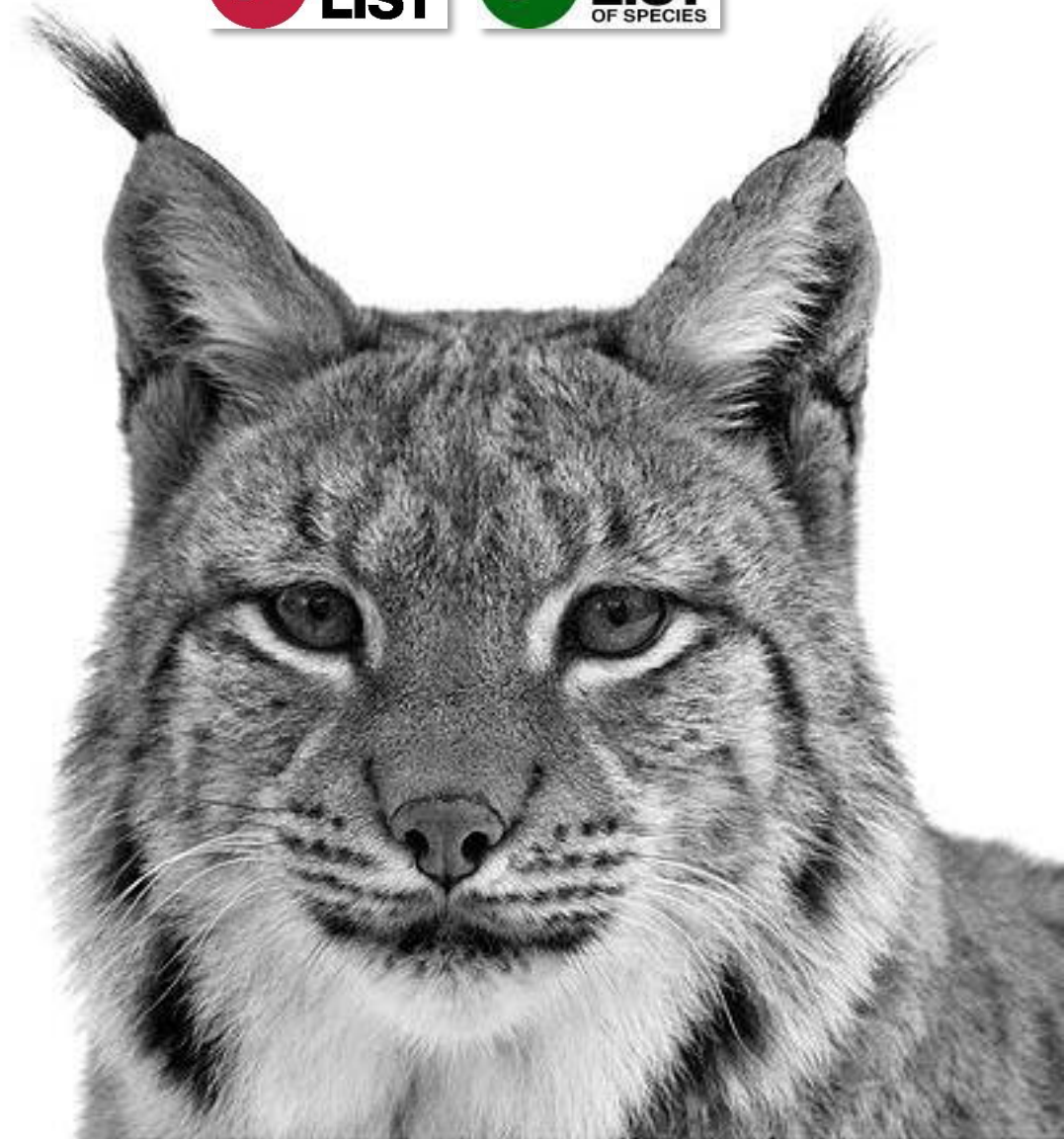
- *The CCIC welcomes the idea of the joint strategy for the conservation of the autochthonous lynx population in the Carpathian Mountains (Carpathian Lynx Strategy) to be potentially developed under the auspices of the Carpathian Convention, the Convention on Migratory Species and Bern Convention, and invites the WG Biodiversity, the Large Carnivores Expert Group, relevant stakeholders and the Secretariat to support the process.*

1. Approach

1. IUCN Red List and Green Status of Species assessments for *Lynx l. carpathicus* → input information for...
2. Development of DRAFT Strategy through an Expert Group and RS Representatives in several online meetings, facilitated by IUCN SSC Cat Specialist Group and CC Secretariat/WG Biodiversity
3. DRAFT Strategy submitted to CC, CMS, BeCon on behalf of Range States → review and revision
4. Final discussion and adoption at a physical CC meeting

2. Timeline and next activities

- Strategy should be ready to be presented to the CMS COP15 (March 2026, Brazil)
- € 20,000 will be needed to develop the DRAFT Strategy
- Final discussion at which CC meeting(s)?



Thank you!