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**REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONCERTED ACTION
FOR THE EURASIAN LYNX (*Lynx lynx*)***

Summary:

The IUCN SSC Cat Specialist Group and the Secretariat of the Carpathian Convention have submitted the attached report on the implementation of the Concerted Action for the Eurasian Lynx (*Lynx lynx*), UNEP/CMS/Concerted Action 14.4, adopted by the Conference of the Parties at its 14th Meeting (February 2024).

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CONCERTED ACTION

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Document number: Concerted Action 14.4

REPORTING ORGANIZATIONS

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

TARGET SPECIES/POPULATION

Class: Mammalia

Family: Felidae

Order: Carnivora

Species: *Lynx lynx*

Population: All populations of the four southern subspecies, namely *L. l. balcanicus*, *L. l. carpathicus*, *L. l. dinniki*, and *L. l. isabellinus*

PROGRESS IN ACTIVITIES

The following 4 activities are foreseen and in progress:

(1) Range-wide Conservation Strategy for the Balkan lynx (*L. l. balcanicus*) based on updated IUCN assessments.

- The Red List assessment (RLA) and the Green Status of Species assessments (GSS) have been finished and are ready to be published on the IUCN Red List website.
- The Conservation Strategy was developed by a team of experts in five online workshops in winter/spring 2025 and numerous internal coordination meetings, was submitted to and subsequently discussed with the Range States in a workshop in Skopje (North Macedonia) 2–5 June 2025. The strategy was further distributed to the range countries for consultation purposes. The drafting committee further revised the strategy based on the comments and recommendations received during the consultation period. The final draft version of the strategy was submitted to the CMS and the Bern Convention in October 2025.

(2) Range-wide cooperation in the conservation of the Carpathian lynx (*L. l. carpathicus*)

- RLA and GSS are finalised as a draft to provide input to the planning process.
- Conducted discussion with the Carpathian Convention Secretariat on the joint development of a range-wide conservation Strategy.
- Dates for the workshops and physical meetings are yet to be determined, depending on available funding.

(3) Guidelines for the recovery and creation and maintenance of a viable and functional metapopulation of Carpathian lynx (*L. l. carpathicus*) in West and Central Europe (with concrete protocols for sourcing and management of translocations and reintroductions)

- Range hosting re-introduced populations of Carpathian lynx included into the RLA and GSS.
- Drafting of the IUCN SSC Guidelines for the reintroduction and conservation of the lynx in the “Realm of the Carpathian Lynx” in progress. The work is done in cooperation with the Linking Lynx Expert Group. The Guidelines will be finalised as soon as the range-wide Strategy (Action 2 above) is available (tentatively spring 2027).

(4) Survey and first IUCN assessments for the Turkestan lynx (*L. l. isabellinus*) in Central Asia

- There is an ongoing Range-wide survey, with results from the Range States expected in October 2025.
- Training for the assessors (RLA, GSS) was provided in two online workshops.
- RLA has started and is ongoing, complemented through a GSS. A Climate Change Vulnerability assessment (CCVA) is planned to be added, as it is likely that Central Asia will be strongly affected.
- The planned activities are expected to be finalised in autumn 2026.

(5) Survey and first IUCN assessment for the Caucasus lynx (*L. l. dinniki*) in Anatolia and SW Asia.

- The Survey (compilation of data from the Range States) has started; however, there have been delays mainly attributed to complicated communication.
- Training for the assessors (RLA, GSS) was provided in two online workshops.
- GSS and CCVA would be sensible complementation, but will start only when RLA is advanced and available as a draft.
- In case of progress in solving the above-mentioned challenges, the planned activities are to be finalised in 2026.

CHANGES TO THE CONCERTED ACTION (IF ANY)

IUCN SSC (Cat Specialist Group) and Secretariat of the Carpathian Convention remain committed to achieving the initially planned results under Activities 1–5.

However, there have been some delays in implementing Activities 2–5, thus requiring a prolongation of the Concerted Action with delivery anticipated for 2026 (tentatively spring 2027).

REFERENCES (if any)

- Range-wide Strategy for the Rescue and Conservation of the Balkan Lynx *Lynx lynx balcanicus*, 2026–2035 (submitted as a separate document)

ACTION

The Concerted Action will continue to be implemented and finalised in the next intersessional period. No changes in the approach or activities are needed.