



Resolutions and Recommendations Sheets

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Resolution 24. Conservation of the habitat of the Iberian Lynx (*Lynx pardinus*)



Year	Congress
2008	 <p>IUCN World Conservation Congress Barcelona 2008</p>
Sponsoring entity	Co-sponsoring entities
	<p>Association for the Defense of Nature/WWF-Spain. League for the Protection of Nature. Nature and Man Foundation. SEO/Birdlife.</p>

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Petition	
<p>It recommends that the Governments of Spain and Portugal, as well as the Governments of the Autonomous Communities of Andalusia, Castile-La Mancha, Castile and Leon, Extremadura, and Madrid, which belong to the Spanish State, should give greater priority to the conservation of the habitat of the Iberian Lynx within the framework of their sectoral policies. Urges bilateral and multilateral funding agencies, as well as national, regional and local governments, not to authorise projects or participate in financial investments that could have negative effects on the habitats of the Iberian Lynx; and Requests IUCN members to promote the conservation of the habitat of the Iberian Lynx throughout its current and potential range. Requests the IUCN Director General, with the assistance of the IUCN Commissions, to promote the conservation of the habitat of the Iberian Lynx throughout its current and potential range.</p>	
State	Fulfilment in Spain
Active	In process
Summary of actions carried out with effect in Spain	
<p>LIFE+ Project Iberlince I (2011-2018), focused on exsitu conservation and release of specimens to strengthen wild populations; this action has led to the reduction of the threat status of the species from "Critically Endangered" to "Endangered".</p> <p>Strategy for the management and recovery of the wild rabbit in Andalusia (2019).</p> <p>LIFE+ Project Iberlince II (2019-2024), a continuation of the previous one.</p> <p>LIFE+ Project "LynxConnect (2020-2025): creating a genetically and demographically functional Iberian lynx metapopulation.</p> <p>Territorial Custody for the Conservation of Threatened Species. Conservation actions with the Iberian Lynx.</p> <p>Scientific paper titled "Planning the peninsula-wide recovery of the Iberian lynx: identification of favourable habitat areas" (2020), where potentially favourable areas for the species are estimated.</p> <p>UPDATE 2022</p> <p>LIFE Lynx Connect. 2020-2025. (2020). Creating a genetically and demographically functional Iberian lynx metapopulation.</p> <p>"LYNXANDEXT" project "Monitoring of the Iberian lynx and the biodiversity of five populations in Andalusia and Extremadura: censuses, surveillance and risk detection". (2020).</p> <p>The Iberian lynx population reaches its historical maximum with more than a thousand specimens recorded in the census in 2020. (2021).</p> <p>Pre Lynx CatAra. (2021). Creating a genetically and demographically functional Iberian lynx metapopulation.</p> <p>Evaluation of the habitat and rabbit populations in Catalonia and Aragon for the location of possible viable areas for a future expansion of the Iberian lynx (<i>Lynx pardinus</i>). (2021).</p> <p>The Iberian lynx population breaks a new record with more than 1,365 registered specimens. (2022).</p>	

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UPDATE 2023

Continuation of the project LIFE LynxConnect (2023). It was completed the soft released phase of the Iberian lynx in Murcia.

Creation of a new awareness plan for the inhabitants of Murcia, by the LIFE LynxConnect project (2023).

Continuation of the LIFE Safe-Crossing (2023). This project work along with LIFE LynxConnect and has already achieved the installation of some devices to prevent lynx being run over in Andalucía.

Molecular identification of ixodides in Iberian lynx and study of the possible presence of Cytauxzoon spp. (2023). The possible parasites of the Iberian lynx that may have a negative impact on its conservation are being studied here.

Presentation of the book: PHILOMENA AND THE LINCES by José María Finat (2023). This book was presented by the Society of Friends of the National Museum of Natural Sciences, and it has a role on the scientific outreach about the lynx's conservation.

The LIFE Iberconejo project organizes a conference on the promotion of rabbit populations (2023). This takes part of the continuation of this project which closely affects the conservation of the Iberian lynx, whose diet focuses mainly on rabbits.

Legislation:

Real Decreto 139/2011, 4 February, for the development of the List of Wild Species under Special Protection and the Spanish Catalogue of Threatened Species. Where the Iberian Lynx (currently in danger of extinction) is listed.

Commission Regulation (EU) 2019/2117 of 29 November 2019 amending Council Regulation (EC) No 338/97 on the protection of species of wild fauna and flora by regulating trade therein. The lynx is listed in Annex A of the European Trade Regulation (Equivalent to Appendix I of CITES).

Collaboration agreement with the Andalusian Regional Government, for the development of the actions planned in the LIFE+Nature project Recovery of the historical distribution of the Iberian lynx in Spain and Portugal. Collaboration agreement with the Junta de Andalucía, as associated beneficiary, for the development of the actions foreseen in the project Life+ Nature 10 NAT/ES/000570 "Recovery of the historical distribution of the Iberian lynx (Lynx pardinus) in Spain and Portugal.

Decree 105/2020, of July 28, declaring certain special conservation areas with functions of ecological connectivity and green infrastructure, approving their management plans and modifying the second additional provision of Decree 24/2007, of 30 January, which declares the natural space of Sierra Nevada and regulates the management and participation bodies of the natural spaces of Doñana and Sierra Nevada. Includes areas with the presence of the Iberian lynx.

BOE-B-2021-699, of January 9, 2021, Announcement of tender of: General Directorate of Highways. Object: 39-CO-5670; 54.1409/20 Improvement actions to reduce the probability of running over wild fauna (Iberian lynx) on the N-420, kp 51+000 to 63+000. Section: Montoro-Cardena. Province of Cordoba. File: 254201456700.

BOE-B-2021-6256, of February 11, 2021, Announcement of correction of errors of: General Directorate of Roads. Object: 39-CO-5670; 54.1409/20 Improvement actions to reduce the probability of running over wild fauna (Iberian lynx) on the N-420, kp 51+000 to 63+000. Section: Montoro-Cardena. Province of Cordoba. File: 254201456700.

BOE-B-2021-35647, of August 16, 2021, Announcement of formalization of contracts of: General Directorate of Highways. Object: 39-CO-5670; 54.1409/20 Improvement actions to reduce the probability of running over wild fauna (Iberian lynx) on the N-420, kp 51+000 to 63+000. Section: Montoro-Cardena. Province of Cordoba. File: 254201456700.

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Decree no. 148/2020, of November 12 , on the authorization and homologation of methods of capturing predatory and feral game species. Non-target species potentially catchable by accident: Iberian lynx.



Decree-law 26/2021, of December 14 , which adopts measures to simplify administration and improve regulatory quality for economic reactivation in Andalusia. The Ministry responsible for the environment may indemnify domestic animals for damages caused by the Iberian lynx (*Lynx pardinus*).

Guidance document on the rigorous protection of animal species of Community interest under the Habitats Directive. Brussels, 10.12.2021 C(2021) 7301. He talks about actions for the conservation of the Iberian lynx.

Resolution of April 8, 2022 , of the Presidency of the State Agency of the Higher Council for Scientific Research, MP, by which the Agreement with the Junta de Andalucía is published, for the development of the actions foreseen in the LIFE Nature and Biodiversity project "Creating a Genetically and Demographically Functional Metapopulation of the Iberian Lynx (*Lynx pardinus*)".

Royal Decree 1057/2022, of December 27, which approves the State Strategic Plan of the natural heritage and biodiversity by 2030, in application of Law 42/2007, of December 13, of the Natural Heritage and Biodiversity. This plan includes conservation actions in favor of the Iberian lynx.

Commission Regulation (EU) 2023/966 of May 15, 2023 amending the Regulation (EC) No 338/97 of the Council in order to reflect the amendments adopted at the 19th meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora.

Estimated geographical scope	Geographical scope achieved
	

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