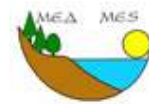


# Development of a Conservation Strategy for the Balkan Lynx

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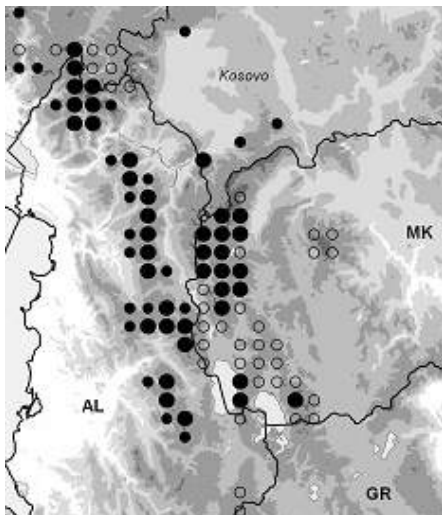


1. Introduction

2. Strategy Workshop

3. Next steps

## Status of the Balkan Lynx (*Lynx lynx martinoi*)



The Balkan Lynx is  
**Critically Endangered**  
according to IUCN Red List criteria

ELOIS (2004)



## Components of conservation planning

Status assessment → Status Report

Range-wide strategic planning → Conservation Strategy

National action planning → Action Plans



## Range-wide strategic planning → Conservation Strategy



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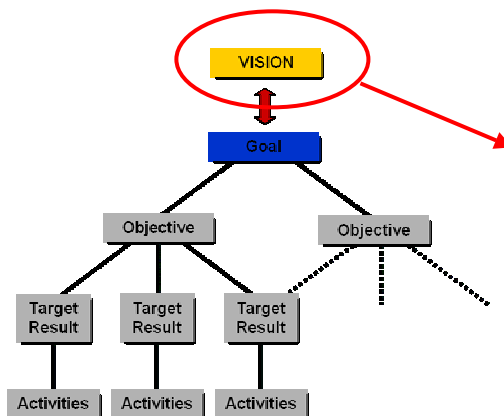
## Goal of the Balkan lynx conservation planning workshop

To prepare a common **Strategy** for the conservation of the Critically Endangered Balkan lynx population in The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Albania.

- participative process involving all partners
- assessment of problems and enabling conditions
- to be endorsed by the authorities of the two countries
- providing a frame for National Action Plans



## Range-wide strategic planning → Conservation Strategy

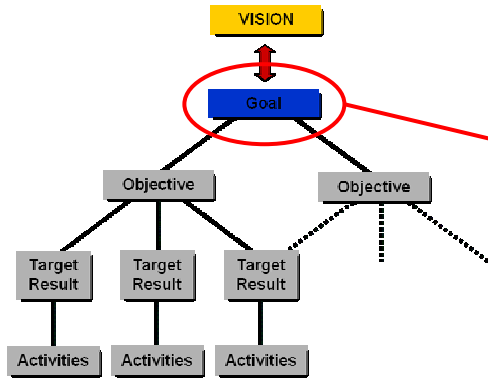


### Vision:

The southwest Balkans will be a region committed to sustainable development and the conservation of its natural and cultural heritage.



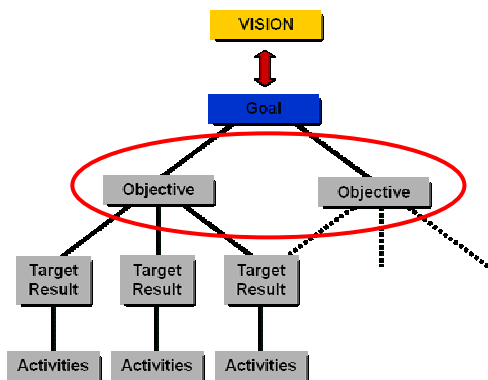
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**Goal:** Secure a viable population of the Balkan lynx living in a matrix of protected and sustainably managed habitat in coexistence with the rural population.



### Range-wide strategic planning → Conservation Strategy



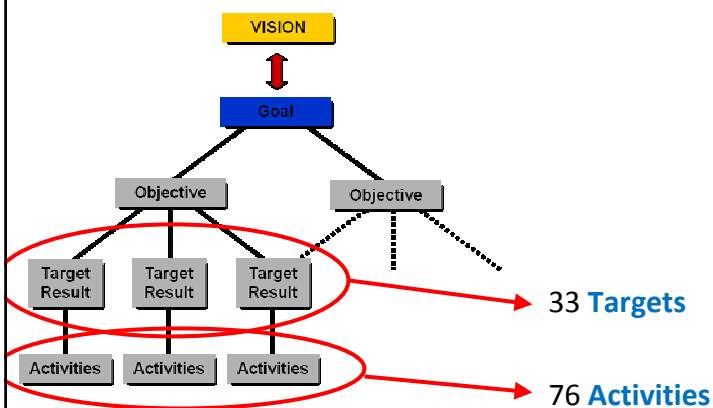
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### Objectives:

1. Research on the Balkan lynx and their prey.
2. Appropriate wildlife management practices to reverse decline.
3. Maintain and restore landscape for wildlife.
4. Develop capacity & knowledge and raise awareness about lynx.
5. Capacity of governmental, NGO and scientific institutions.
6. Improve protected area system.
7. Establish a monitoring system for wildlife.
8. Secure long-term funds for lynx and nature conservation.
9. Adapt secondary legislation and improve law enforcement.
10. Establish and organise transboundary cooperation.
11. Integrate lynx conservation into Sectorial Coordination and EU Harmonisation.



## Range-wide strategic planning → Conservation Strategy



**Next steps:**

- Review of Draft Strategy by partners involved in the BLRP
- Review of Draft Strategy by all workshop participants
- Endorsement of revised Strategy by relevant governmental inst.
- Publication
- Organisation of participative workshops in AL & MK

**National action planning** → **Action Plans**



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