

# The Balkan Lynx Conservation Compendium

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The “Balkan Lynx Conservation Compendium” is a library and forum providing a collection of information, data, documents, maps and other material relevant for the conservation of the Balkan lynx *Lynx lynx martinoi*. It provides all relevant scientific baseline information, but also popular material, news, and documents on the range countries. It is a tool to share knowledge and experience and to manage the wealth of information. The compendium presented had been developed for the initial workshops in April 2005 and are currently revised according to the decisions taken at the workshops in Albania and Macedonia, respectively. For later use, this online version of the compendium will be continuously updated and reviewed to make it readily available for all institutions and individuals working for the conservation of the Balkan lynx.

The Compendium has been built up using the newest web standards (XHTML 1.0 / CSS 1 and 2, Javascript, Apache with PHP 4/5 and MySQL data bases) and is compatible with all recent web-browsers currently in use.

The standard language is English, however the documents are provided in their original language.

The screenshot displays the website interface for the IUCN/SSC - Cat Specialist Group - Balkan Lynx Compendium. At the top, there is a navigation menu with the following items: Status, Countries, Land Use, Wildlife, Livestock, Conserv., Library, Help, and Impressum. Below the menu, the 'Status' section is active, showing sub-links for 'situation', 'taxonomy', and 'maps'. The main content area is titled 'Status - Overview' and contains four sections:

- Situation Countries:** Includes a map of the Balkan region and a text box stating: "Status, distribution and conservation of the lynx in the Balkan countries" with a [more ...](#) link.
- Situation Population:** Includes a map of Europe and a text box stating: "Status, distribution and conservation of the Balkan lynx population" with a [more ...](#) link. The map has the German title "Verbreitung des Luchses in Mittel- und Osteuropa um 1990".
- Taxonomy:** Includes a map showing the taxonomic status of the Balkan lynx and a text box stating: "Taxonomic status of the Balkan lynx" with a [more ...](#) link.
- Maps:** Includes a map illustrating the status of the Balkan lynx population and a text box stating: "Maps illustrating the status of the Balkan lynx population" with a [more ...](#) link.

The documents are presented as PDFs opening in an own window by clicking on the respective link, and can be easily downloaded or printed from the compendium. The same is true for the maps in the “map-centres”, which are JPGs or GIFs:

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Currently, the Compendium contains 508 files, including 168 PDF-documents and 35 maps. All together, there are some 1000 links leading you through the Compendium. We hope it will expand in the future and help to build a partnership for the conservation of the Balkan lynx among the range countries.