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SOM T1. Characteristics of population status and habitats related to management history of the three Baltic States.

Characteristic	Estonia	Latvia	Lithuania
Country area (km ²)	45,215 + 3,662*	64,589	65,300
Forest cover (%) in 2012**	61	56	39
Human population in 2021 (millions)	1.3	1.9	2.8
Hunting bags of roe deer in 2020/2021 season	25,778	37,730	23,650
Former restrictions of lynx hunting (soviet rule)	Closed season, bag limits	Closed season, no quota	Red List and protection since 1979
Conservation status according national Red List	VU	LC	VU
EU Council Directive 92/43/EEC	Annex V – regulated hunting allowed	Annex IV – protected	Annex II and IV – protected, designation of protected areas
Lynx hunting ban or zero quota introduced	2016***	2021	1979
Species	2002/2022	2002/2017	2012
Conservation/Management Plan (adopted/last update)			
Conservation goal	At least 100 annual reproductions	Favourable status for the lynx population in Latvia, maintenance of favourable condition of Baltic lynx population; no numbers specified	To restore and maintain viable lynx population in Lithuania as integrated part of European ecosystems and landscape

* mainland + islands

** https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/STAT_13_154

***Hunting ban (0 quota) is a temporary conservation measure while the population size is below the target proposed by national large carnivore management plan (100 annual reproductions).