

2021 Report

IUCN SSC Large Carnivore Initiative for Europe Specialist Group



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57

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Mission statement

Maintain and restore, in coexistence with people, viable populations of large carnivores as an integral part of ecosystems and landscapes across Europe.

Projected impact 2021–2025

The Large Carnivore Initiative for Europe (LCIE) works to improve the management of six species of large carnivores in Europe. The LCIE provides updated data on species presence and abundance and supports management through the technical guidelines on best practices to enhance the coexistence of carnivores and human economic activities.

Targets 2021–2025

ASSESS

T-013 Update Status of Large Carnivores for Europe for the period 2017–2021.

T-014 Conduct Green Status assessment for Iberian Lynx (*Lynx pardinus*).

T-015 Based on experience of Green Status assessment of Iberian Lynx, follow up with Green Status assessments of the other large carnivores at European scale.

T-016 Produce report on the greatest misconceptions/fake news concerning large carnivores.

T-017 Analyse the impact of infrastructure development and produce a guidance report.

T-018 Update status and distribution maps of large carnivores for Europe for the period 2017–2024 and publish a report in 2025.

T-019 Streamline data collection and publication for Large Carnivore Status and Distribution in Europe.

PLAN

T-001 Ensure regular inclusion of policy statements, guidelines and publications on the LCIE webpage.

T-020 Produce an updated vision for conservation goals for large carnivores in Europe, including a vision for the nature of human-large carnivore coexistence.

T-021 Identify the 'neglected' populations (e.g. Balkans) and define/plan priorities for action by LCIE and authorities.

T-022 In view of the continuing expansion of some wolf and bear populations, propose a more robust way to define/draw the line between different populations.

T-023 Influence national and EU policies which support the coexistence between large carnivores and humans.

ACT

T-024 Identify key emerging challenges to reaching the goal of human-carnivore coexistence.

T-025 Hybridisation of wolves with dogs and proper dogs management: provide recommendations at national levels, scientific paper with evidence of interventions, guidelines on detection and estimation of hybrid presence.



Endangered Iberian Lynx (*Lynx pardinus*), El Acebuche Breeding Center, Doñana National Park, Matalascañas (Huelva), Spain
Photo: Alexander Sliwa



T-026 Revise guidelines on how to manage 'bold wolves' based on hard data and experience from different countries.

T-027 Produce a report on the ecological benefits of large carnivores on ecosystems and economic benefits to rural development.

T-028 Produce a report on management of long-distance dispersers.

T-029 Produce a report on rehabilitation and release of large carnivores, touching on all aspects of rehabilitation of rescued animals (e.g. large carnivores injured in car accidents or snares, orphaned large carnivore young because of human activity) and guidelines (when, where and how to help).

NETWORK

T-005 Reach out to and engage with major European conservation NGOs and open dialogue on common goals.

T-006 Create a list of potential external collaborators in different topics of large carnivore management, research and monitoring.

T-007 Form taxonomic and/or geographic subgroups in which each member will take part.

T-008 Implement a more effective method of communication between LCIE members.

T-009 Work in close cooperation with the Cat Specialist Group for Iberian Lynx reassessment.

T-010 Work in close cooperation with other large carnivore assessment and mapping initiatives.

T-011 Improve communication and collaboration with national and international authorities for large carnivore conservation and management.

T-012 Maintain and expand the LCIE role as advisor of the European Commission on large carnivore policy.

COMMUNICATE

T-002 Post news regularly on the LCIE Facebook page.

T-003 Participate in public talks and webinars on large carnivores.

T-004 Investigate new communication tools (podcasts, blogs, videos, etc.).

Activities and results 2021

PLAN

Policy

T-001 (KSR 9)

Number of documents provided to support/guide policy making: 0

Result description: This is an ongoing activity as we publish on our website reports and guidelines produced by other organisations and endorsed by our group.

T-020 (KSR 9)

Number of policies where SSC members provided technical input: ongoing

Result description: An ad hoc working group and chair are established.

NETWORK

Capacity building

T-007 (KSR 2)

More frequent and better exchange within the group: Achieved.

Result description: The group has been organised into 15 taxonomic and geographic subgroups tasked with the production of a variety of outputs (papers, assessments, position statements, etc.).

T-008 (KSR 2)

More frequent and better exchange within the group: Ongoing.

Result description: An ad hoc subgroup and chair have been established to implement a more effective method of communication between LCIE members.

Summary of achievements

Total number of targets 2021–2025: 29

Geographic regions: 29 Europe

Actions during 2021:

Plan: 2 (KSR 9)

Network: 2 (KSR 2)

Overall achievement 2021–2025:

