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**Linking
Lynx**

Bern Convention, Group of Experts on Large Carnivores

10.-11. June 2025, Strasbourg, Jochen Krebs

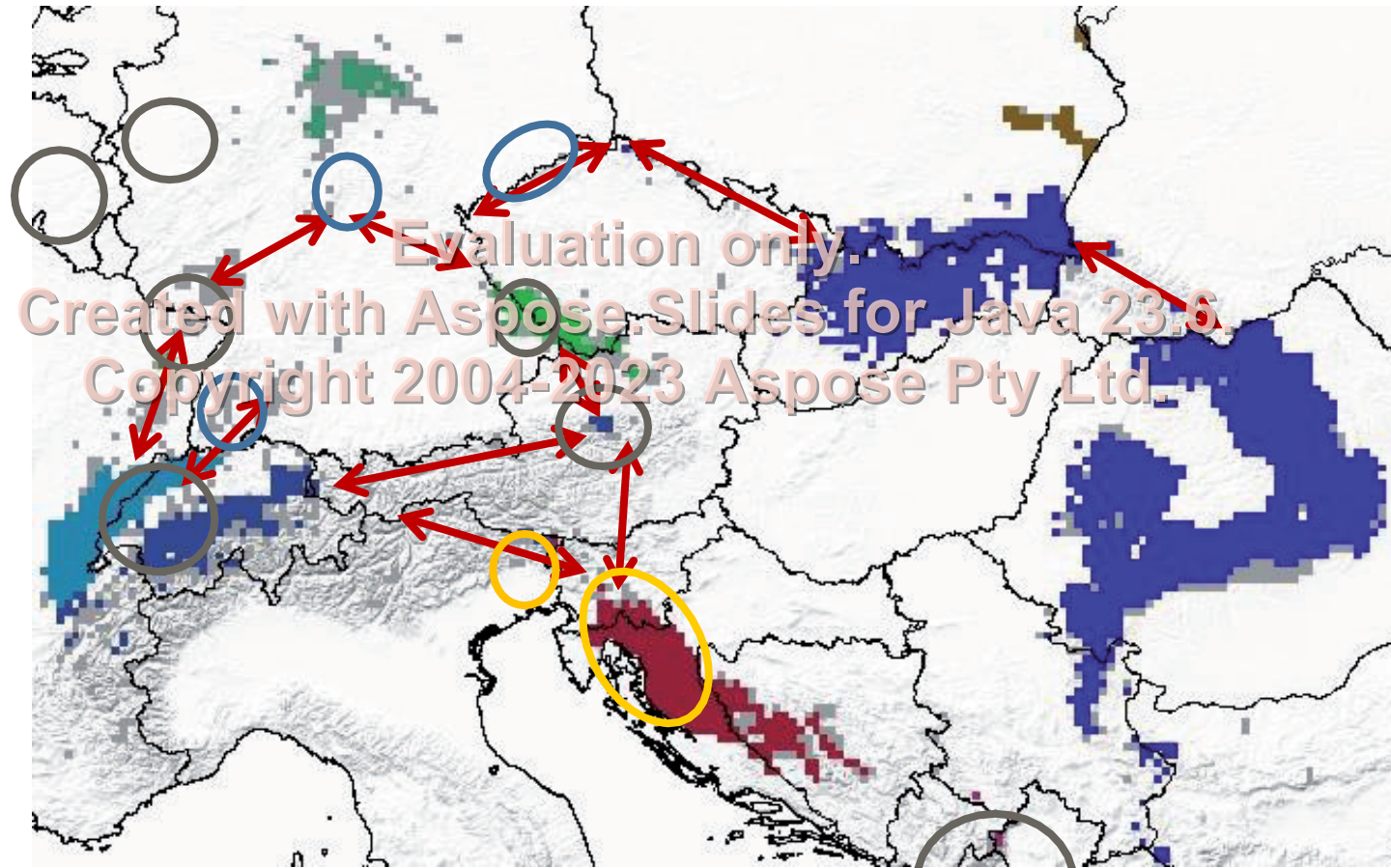


CURRENT AND FUTURE DEMANDS

Recently
completed
projects

Ongoing projects
2023-2027

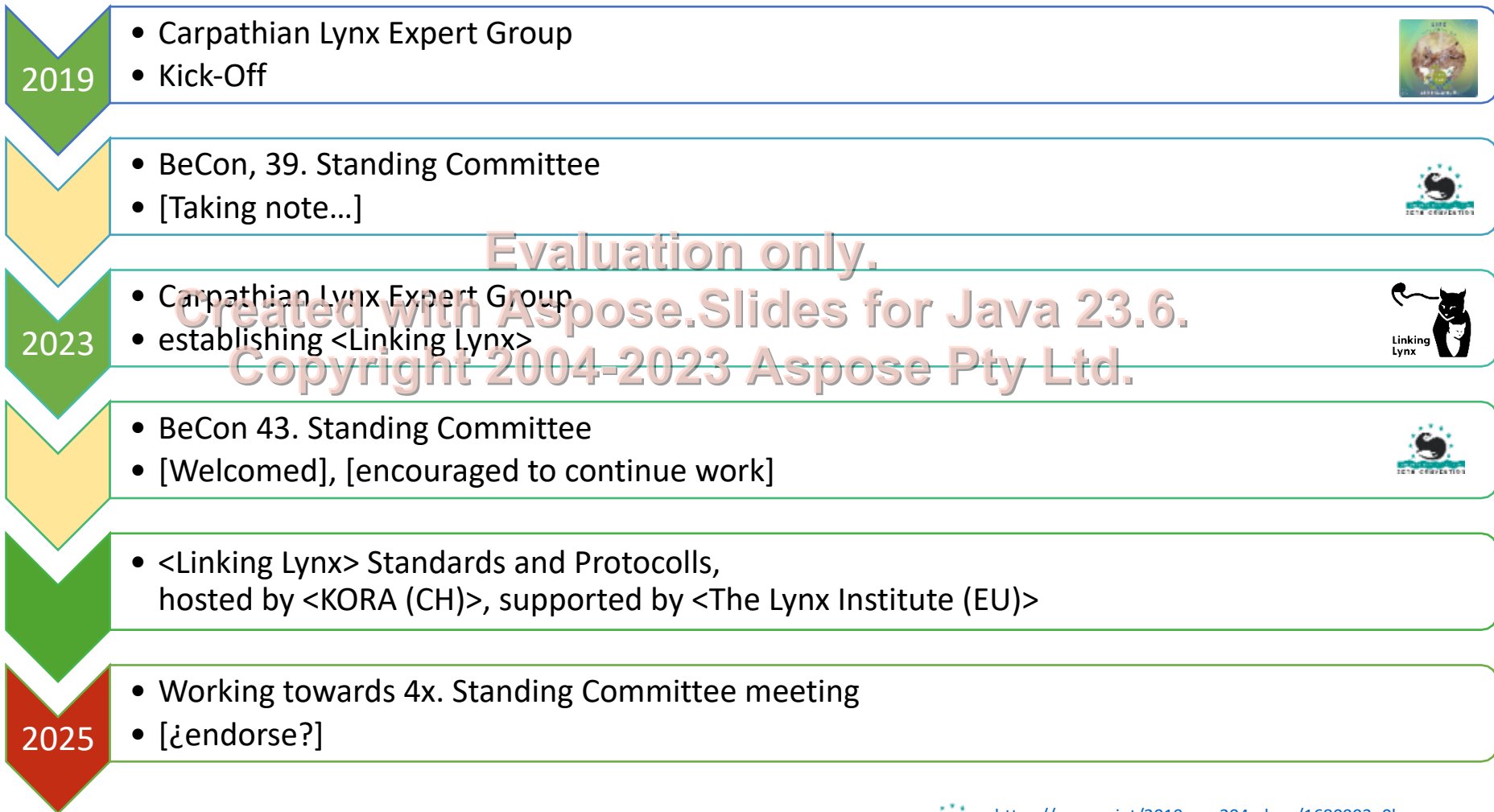
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Bonn Lynx Expert Group (2021)



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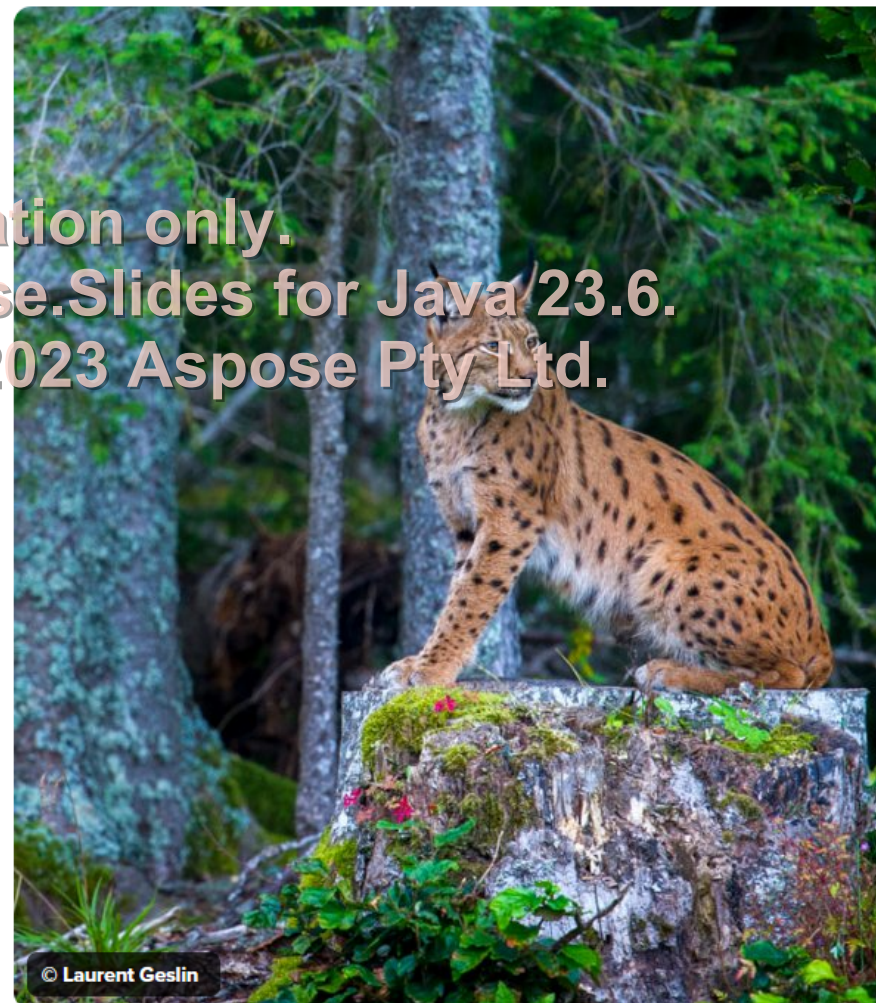


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LINKING LYNX

Safeguarding the Carpathian Lynx Metapopulation

We are a network of experts working on the conservation, monitoring and management of the Carpathian lynx. The long-term goal of the Linking Lynx network is to support the creation of a viable metapopulation of Carpathian lynx in Europe – spanning from the Carpathian Mountains to the Jura, Western Alps and the Dinaric Mountains.



1 Sourcing Working Group



Ex situ-Zuchtprogramm
Wildfänge

2 Policy Working Group

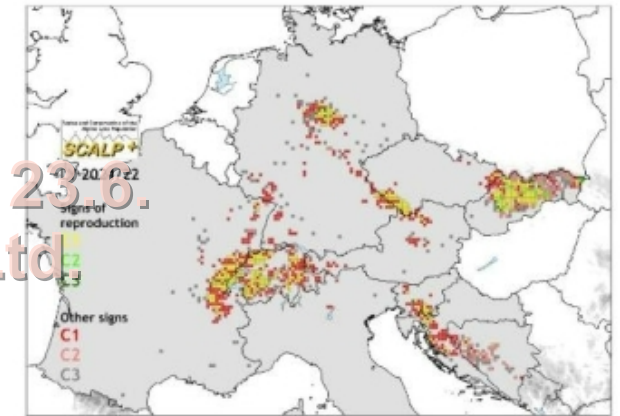


3 Public Engagement Working Group

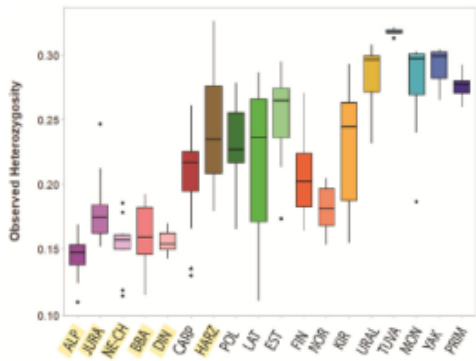


Hunters were important partners in lynx monitoring in the scope of the LIL Lynx project. Photo Urta Hejar

4 Monitoring Working Group



5 Genetics Working Group



6 Health Working Group



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Genetic Monitoring and Recommendations at Metapopulation Level

In situ Management of Orphaned Lynx

Capture of wild and orphaned lynx and transport for release

Post-release monitoring and management

Guidelines for Public Engagement

Breeding Lynx for reintroduction

Rearing orphaned lynx

Ex situ genetic management

Rewilding of orphans and zoo born lynx

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SOURCING – ONGOING WORK



- coordinate supply and demand
- Coordinated breeding and allocation of suitable zoo offspring via EEP
- Optimise the exchange of orphaned lynx
- Adhere to standards (husbandry, genetics, health, behaviour)
- Common database and applied research




SOURCING - CHALLENGES

- The EAZA breeding program for Carpathian lynx has been managed at low reproductive output for many years
- Not all EAZA enclosures are suitable
- High demand from in situ projects in short time period
- Extra work for EEP coordinator
- Interface EEP & ex situ programs
- Transport costs for unsuitable animals



THANKS FOR YOUR ATTENTION!



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