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CONVENTION ON THE CONSERVATION OF EUROPEAN WILDLIFE
AND NATURAL HABITATS

Group of Experts on the Large Carnivores

10-11 June 2025, in Strasbourg and online (link to be provided)

DRAFT AGENDA

TIME	AGENDA ITEM	RELEVANT DOCUMENTS AND EXPECTED RESULTS
<i>TUESDAY, 10 JUNE 2025</i>		
9.00	1. Opening of the meeting and welcome address by the Bern Convention Secretariat Opening remarks by the Secretary of the Bern Convention	
9.10	2. Introductory round	Participants in the meeting introduce themselves rapidly to get to know each other better
9.40	3. Adoption of the agenda	<i>Meeting Agenda T-PVS/Agenda(2025)15</i> ----- Participants are informed of the objectives of the meeting. The meeting agenda is adopted.
9.45	4. Earlier work of the Bern Convention related to Large Carnivores and relaunching the Group of Experts The Secretariat provides a brief overview of the earlier work of the Bern Convention related to large carnivores.	
10.00	5. Reporting from the Parties and Observers – conservation and management of large carnivores at national level Representatives of Bern Convention Contracting Parties and Observer Organisations are invited to	Participants are informed of recent conservation plans and other initiatives and actions implemented at national level on the conservation and management of large carnivores.

	present contextualised, inspiring examples of initiatives at national level.	
10.30	Break	
11.00	5. Reporting from the Parties and Observers – conservation and management of large carnivores at national level - continued	
12.30	Lunch	
14.00	6. Conservation and management of large carnivores at the population scale/regional level Participating experts are invited to present contextualised, inspiring examples of initiatives at regional level.	----- Participants are informed of recent conservation plans and other initiatives and actions implemented at the population scale/regional level on the conservation and management of large carnivores.
15.30	Break	
16.00	6. Conservation and management of large carnivores at the population scale/regional level - continued	
17.00	7. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair The Secretariat will organise elections of the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Group.	The Chair and Vice-Chair of the Group of Experts are elected.
17.30	Closing of the day	
19.30	Dinner out (optional)	

WEDNESDAY, 11 JUNE 2025		
09.00	Opening of the day 8. Development of the conservation strategies of the Balkan and Carpathian lynx Presentation and discussion.	<i>Draft strategies/information on their development</i> ----- The Group provides input on the draft conservation strategies of the Balkan and Carpathian lynx.
09.45	9. Learning from contextualised practice Discussion and feedback on the paper <i>Best practices for management of protected and strictly protected populations of large carnivores in Europe. Special focus on brown bear and grey wolf.</i> by the Norwegian Institute for Nature Research for the Istituto di Ecologia Applicata and with the contributions of the IUCN/SSC Large Carnivore Initiative for Europe.	<i>T-PVS/Inf(2025)19 - Best practices for management of protected and strictly protected populations of large carnivores in Europe. Special focus on brown bear and grey wolf.</i> ----- The Group provides guidance on learning from contextualised practice in conservation and management of large carnivores.
10.30	Break	

11.00	<p>10. Contemporary issues of large carnivore conservation and management</p> <p>Identification of the issues seen by the Group members as key needs, challenges and opportunities in terms of large carnivore conservation and management. Discussion.</p>	<p>The Group identifies the key issues of large carnivore management.</p>
12.30	<p>Lunch</p>	
14.00	<p>10. Contemporary issues of large carnivore conservation and management - continued</p>	<p>The Group identifies the key issues of large carnivore management, in particular at the European level.</p>
14.45	<p>11. Proposals to the Standing Committee for further issues to address</p> <p>12.1 Discussion on the need to review the Bern Convention Steering Committee recommendations concerning large carnivores</p> <p>12.2 Identifying other priorities for future action by the Bern Convention regarding Large Carnivore conservation and management, and the role of the Group of Experts</p> <p>12.3 Exchange on the Terms of Reference of the Group</p> <p>Discussion on concrete proposals for themes to be further addressed by the Group of Experts on Large Carnivores.</p>	<p><i>T-PVS/Inf(2025)20 - Overview of the Bern Convention Steering Committee recommendations concerning large carnivores</i></p> <p><i>T-PVS/Inf(2025)21 - Terms of reference of the Group of Experts on large carnivores</i></p> <p>-----</p> <p>The Group agrees on issues it would address in its further work, including revising or preparing new recommendations for the consideration of the Standing Committee of the Bern Convention.</p>
15.30	<p>Break</p>	
16.00	<p>12. Proposals to the Standing Committee for further issues to address - continued</p>	<p>A list of proposals to be submitted to the Standing Committee is agreed on.</p>
17.00	<p>13. Next meeting of the Group of Experts</p>	<p>Provisional dates and venue for the next meeting of the Group of Experts are discussed by the Group.</p>
17.15	<p>14. Any Other Business</p>	<p>Any further issues are raised.</p>
17.30	<p>15. Closing of the meeting</p>	