



Convention on the Conservation
of European Wildlife and Natural Habitats

Standing Committee

Recommendation No. 137 (2008) of the Standing Committee, adopted on 27 November 2008, on population level management of large carnivore populations

The Standing Committee of the Convention on the Conservation of European Wildlife and Natural Habitats, acting under the terms of Article 14 of the Convention;

Having regard to the aims of the Convention to conserve wild flora and fauna and its natural habitats;

Wishing to promote co-existence of viable populations of large carnivores with sustained development of rural areas in appropriate regions;

Aware that the drafting and implementation of Action Plans may be a useful tool to redress the situation;

Recalling its Recommendation No. 59 (1997) on the drafting and Implementation of Action Plans of Wild Fauna Species;

Recalling its following Recommendations:

Recommendation No. 89 (2001) on the conservation of the European lynx in the Alps;

Recommendation No. 115 (2005) on the conservation and management of transboundary populations of large carnivores;

Considering that some co-ordinated Action plans, such as the Pan-Alpine Conservation Strategy for Lynx are excellent examples of how states can co-operate to survey and manage a threatened population;

Wishing to see more co-ordination between states in the conservation and management of transboundary populations of large carnivores;

Noting that most European populations of large carnivores are shared between two or more states;

Taking note with interest of the report “Guidelines for Population Level Management Plans for Large Carnivores” prepared by the Large Carnivore Initiative for Europe under contract to DG Environment of the European Commission [document T-PVS/Inf (2008) 17];

Recommends that Contracting Parties to the Convention:

1. re-enforce co-operation with neighboring states in view of adopting harmonised policies towards management of shared populations of large carnivores, taking into account the best practice in the field of management of populations of large carnivore;
2. keep informed the Standing Committee on progress in the implementation of this recommendation and also of Recommendation No. 115 (2005) on the conservation and management of transboundary populations of large carnivores;

Invites Observer states to implement, where appropriate, the recommendation above.