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Conservation status of large carnivores

In 2012 the conservation status of European large carnivores was assessed by a group of experts from each country where large carnivores are present. Although the available data and the methodology used varied greatly from country to country, the information presented below represents the best available independent assessment of large carnivore status for the period 2010-2012.

- Report: Status, management and distribution of large carnivores – bear, lynx, wolf & wolverine – in Europe. Part 1 Summary report ([pdf ~3.7mb](#))
- Report: Status, management and distribution of large carnivores– bear, lynx, wolf & wolverine – in Europe. Part 2 Country by country data ([pdf ~7.3mb](#))

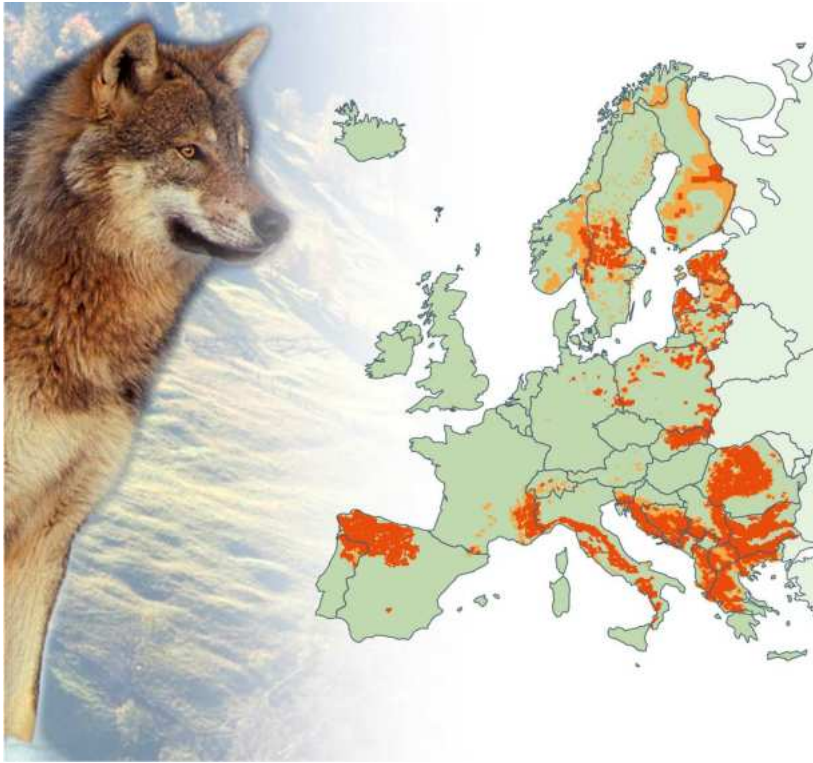
Brown bear – *Ursus arctos*



Population name	Countries	Size (c. 2012)	Trend
Scandinavian	Norway, Sweden	3400	Increasing
Karelian	Norway, Finland	1700	Increasing
Baltic	Estonia, Latvia	710	Increasing
Carpathian	Romania, Poland, Slovakia, Serbia	7200	Stable
Dinaric-Pindos	Slovenia, Croatia, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Montenegro, "the former Yugoslav Republic of	3070	Increase

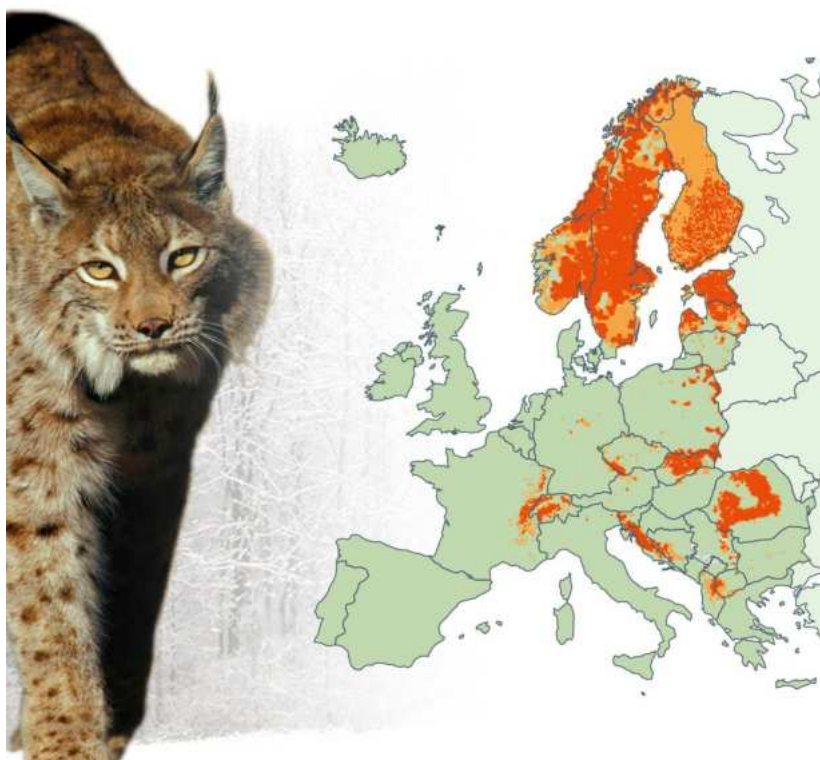
	Macedonia", Albania, Serbia, Greece		
Alpine	Italy, Switzerland, Austria, Slovenia	45-50	Stable
Eastern Balkan	Bulgaria, Greece, Serbia	600	Stable or decrease?
Central Apennine	Italy	40-80	Stable
Cantabrian	Spain	195-210	Increase
Pyrenean	France, Spain	22-27	Increase

Wolf – *Canis lupus*



Population name	Countries	Size (c. 2012)	Trend
Scandinavian	Norway, Sweden	260-330	Increase
Karelian	Finland	150-165	Decrease
Baltic	Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland	870-1400	Stable to increase
Central European lowlands	Germany, Poland	36 packs	Increase
Carpathian	Slovakia, Czech Republic, Poland, Romania, Hungary, Serbia	3000	Stable?
Dinaric-Balkan	Slovenia, Croatia, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Montenegro, "the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia", Albania, Serbia (incl. Kosovo*), Greece, Bulgaria	3900	Stable?
Alps	Italy, France, Switzerland, Austria, Slovenia	280	Increase
Italian peninsula	Italy	600-800	Stable
NW Iberian	Spain, Portugal	No recent update, but 2007 estimate was 2500	Decrease?
Sierra Morena	Spain	1 pack	Decrease

Eurasian lynx – *Lynx lynx*



Population name	Countries	Size (c. 2012)	Trend
Scandinavian	Norway, Sweden	1800 – 2300	Stable
Karelian	Finland	2400-2600	Increase
Baltic	Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Ukraine	1600	Stable
Bohemian-Bavarian	Czech Republic, Germany, Austria	50	Stable or decrease
Carpathian	Romania, Slovakia, Poland, Ukraine, Czech Republic, Hungary, Serbia, Bulgaria	2300-2400	Stable
Alpine	Switzerland, Slovenia, Italy, Austria, France	130	Stable
Jura	France, Switzerland	100	Increase
Vosges Palatinian	France, Germany	19	Stable or slight decrease
Dinaric	Slovenia, Croatia, Bosnia & Herzegovina	120-130	Stable or decrease
Balkan	"the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia", Albania, Serbia (incl. Kosovo*)	40-50	Decreasing?

Wolverine – *Gulo gulo*



Population name	Countries	Size (c. 2012)	Trend
Scandinavian	Norway, Sweden	1065	Increase
Karelian	Finland	165-175	Increase