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The project *Status and Conservation of the Alpine Lynx Population* (SCALP) is an ongoing programme aimed to co-ordinate the lynx monitoring and the conservation activities in the Alps.

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## News from North-Eastern Switzerland

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A couple of lynx has been released in the canton of Thurgau, North-Eastern Switzerland, at the end of April (see SCALP-News April 2007). The aim of this translocation is to support the critical situation of this local lynx occurrence. The released individuals are equipped with GPS radio-collars that allow to follow their quasi complete movements. Both lynx moved within the first two weeks after their release into the canton of St. Gallen (Fig. 1). Soon after the release the first kills were found, mainly roe deer, but also some foxes. Since two weeks the male lynx WERO has found contact to the main occurrence, while the female NOIA is situated north of the known lynx occurrence. We expect that especially NOIA will make more long-distance movements before settling.

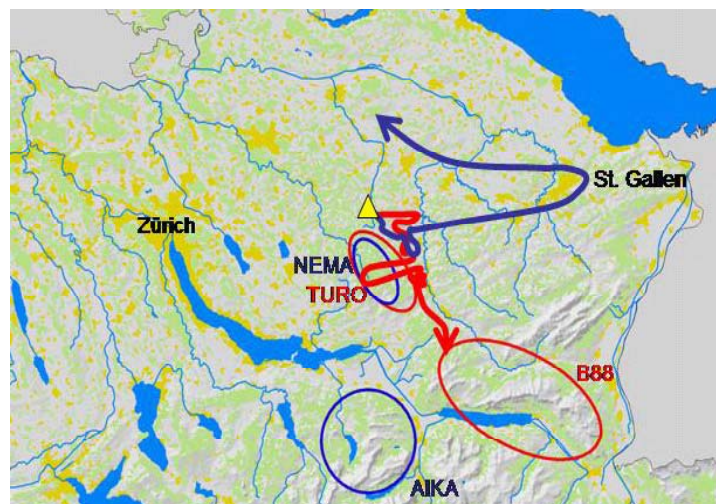


Fig. 1. Movements of translocated male lynx WERO (red arrow) and female lynx NOIA (blue arrow). The yellow triangle indicates the release site, red circles show known home ranges of male lynx and blue circles of female lynx. TURO and AIKA are lynx translocated in 2003, NEMA and B88 are lynx born in North-eastern Switzerland.