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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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Successful recapture of lynx B132, born in north-eastern Switzerland, in the Trentino province, Italy

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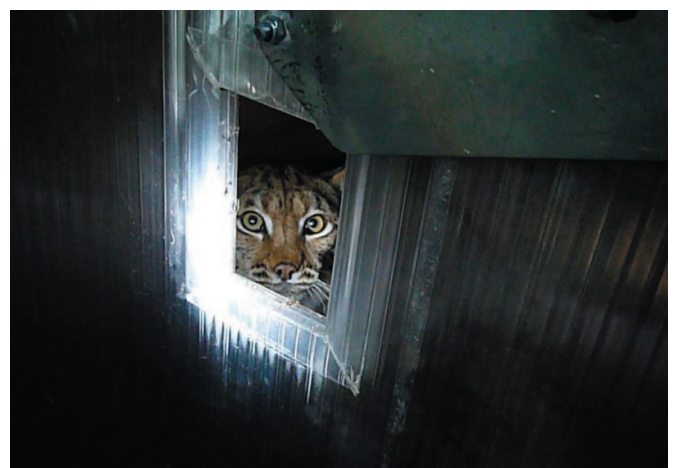
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B132, a male lynx born 2006 in north-eastern Switzerland, was captured in the Swiss National Park in February 2008 and fit with a GPS/GSM collar (see SCALP News Nr. 5). This enabled the documentation of his dispersal into the Adamello-Brenta area in the Trentino. However, in April 2009 the GPS/GSM function of the collar failed, and in October even the VHF battery ran out of power.

Staff members of the forest and wildlife service of the Autonomous Province of Trento were able to recapture B132 in a box trap and change his collar in February 2010, just in time to observe his behavior during the rutting season. But neither the movements of B132 nor the search for signs of presence definitively confirmed the (supposed) presence of a second lynx.

B132 presently still occupies an area of ca. 250 km² in the Adamello-Brenta area, in western Trentino.



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