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Slovenia is still the only Alpine country that issues hunting quotas for lynx. While in 2000 the hunting was closed, in 2001 five lynx were issued but only three shot. No other known mortalities occurred during the two years. In 2002, the quota was set at three lynx plus two if exceptional damage cases occur. The regular quota was fulfilled while no exceptional damages occurred.

Fig. 1. Distribution of lynx signs of presence of quality 1, 2 and 3 in Slovenia (stars = data from 1995-1999, dots = data from 2000-2001).

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