

Conference program



Sevilla, November 25-27th, 2025



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Conference Program

Day 1 – November 25th

9:00 Opening of the conference sessions

Session 1: Presentation of the LIFE LynxConnect Project

- 09:30 – 10:30

This opening session will present the general framework of the LIFE LynxConnect project, a key European initiative for the recovery of the Iberian lynx. The session will cover its strategic objectives, lines of action, involved territories, and collaborating entities (administrations, NGOs, research centers, and local communities).

It will also highlight the main achievements of the project: the increase in population nuclei, habitat improvement, awareness campaigns, and results in connectivity and reproduction.

10:30 – 11:00 Coffee Break

Session 2: The origins of Iberian lynx

- 11:00 – 12:30

This scientific session will explore the origin and evolution of the Iberian lynx, from its fossil ancestors to its current restricted distribution.

Paleontological and ecological studies will be presented on the lynx's role in Mediterranean ecosystems, its specialized diet (Iberian rabbit), and how its phylogenetic history has shaped its vulnerability.

Topics will include the evolutionary history of the Iberian lynx, the Quibas skeleton, the extrapeninsular distribution of the species, Iberian lynx taphonomy, and its historical distribution patterns.

Session 3: Demography of the Iberian Lynx

- 12:30 – 13:30

The most recent population data on the Iberian lynx will be analyzed, including the number of individuals per breeding nucleus, birth and mortality rates, and population trends from the year 2000 to 2025.

Experts will present monitoring tools (camera trapping, radio tracking, genetic censuses) and will discuss updated population statistics and demographic patterns.

13:30 – 15:30 Lunch

Session 4: Movement Patterns of the Iberian Lynx

- 15:30 – 17:00

This session delves into the spatial behavior of the Iberian lynx: how it disperses, what barriers it faces, and how different population nuclei are connected..

17:00 – 17:30 Coffee Break

Session 5: Roundtable – The Beginnings of Conservation Projects

- 17:30 – 18:30

A dialogue panel featuring key figures from the initial efforts to save the Iberian lynx in the 1990s and early 2000s.

The session will review critical moments, mistakes and successes, and the evolution of the conservation vision.

Day 2 – November 26th

Session 6: Genetic Aspects of the Iberian Lynx

- 09:00 – 10:30

This session will focus on the current genetic status of the Iberian lynx, one of the most delicate challenges in its conservation.

It will present the results of genetic monitoring, levels of genetic diversity across different populations, and management strategies (captive breeding, translocations, genetic planning).

10:30 – 11:00 Coffee Break

Session 7: Horizon 2030: Immediate Challenges in the Protection of the Iberian Lynx

- 11:00 – 12:15

This session focuses on the need for adaptive, resilient management based on scientific knowledge, which will not only maintain the achievements reached but also anticipate emerging threats and consolidate a sustainable and replicable conservation model.

Conclusions and Closing Ceremony

- 12:15 – 12:45

Closing remarks by the organizers of the LIFE LynxConnect project and institutional representatives.

Final reflections will be shared, and future commitments will be presented to continue consolidating the recovery of the Iberian lynx and its role as a symbol of Mediterranean biodiversity conservation.

Day 3 – November 27th

Field visit

- 09:00 – 16:00

Offer participants a hands-on experience in one of the key territories for the Iberian lynx, where they can learn firsthand about the conservation strategies implemented, interact with field technicians, and observe real habitats and signs of lynx presence.

09:00 – Departure from Sevilla in bus.

10:00 – 10:30 Breakfast (picnic)

11:00 - Arrival at Partner Reserve

Welcome by the protected area managers or LIFE project technicians.

Brief introductory talk about the area: history, population nucleus evolution, and key stakeholders involved.

11:30 – Guided Field Tour

Interpretive tour through areas with historical or recent lynx presence

Identification of optimal habitat, marking points, wildlife corridors, and camera trap stations

Explanation of habitat management, collaboration with private reserves, and genetic monitoring

Examples of signage and measures to reduce roadkill

13:30 – Picnic Lunch

14:30 - Return to Sevilla

16:00 - Arrival to Sevilla





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