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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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Lynx found dead in the Berchtesgadener Land, German Alps

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On 5. September 2017 a lynx was found dead in the German Alps. The death of this lynx is especially remarkable as this lynx had an extraordinary life: He was born in 2008 and first pictured as young lynx close to the river Doubs in the French Jura Mountains. He established his home range around Mt Tendre in the canton of Vaud, Switzerland, at a distance of ca 80 km. At the age of 6 years he was captured for the purpose of a translocation project (ULyCA – Urgent Lynx Conservation Action, see SCALP News nr 15) and named ALUS.

After a short quarantine he was translocated to Tarvisio, Italy, south-eastern Alps, where ALUS was released in April 2014. From the release site he moved north, crossing the main crest of the Alps and settled in the German-Austrian border region of Berchtesgadener Land/Pinzgau at a distance of ca 130 km. Based on camera trap monitoring that was established by the Gregor Louisoder foundation, ALUS was the only lynx in the region.

The cause of death is still unclear. The lynx carcass was found without head and frontpaws.