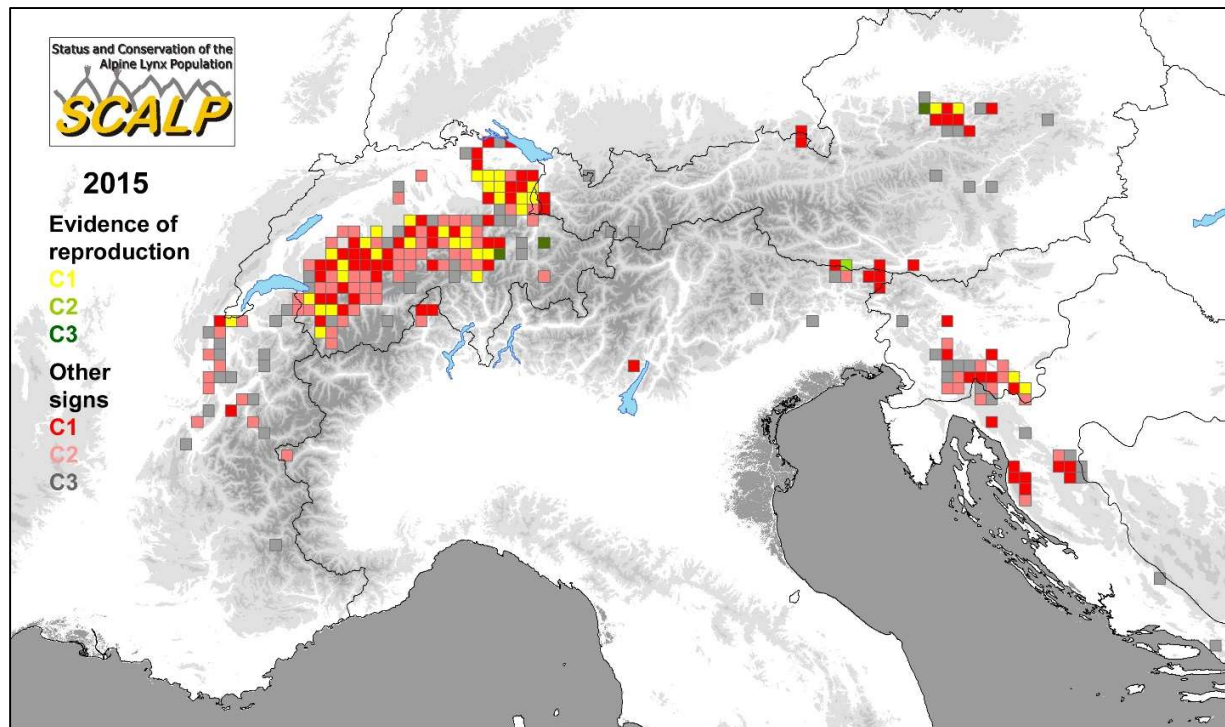


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Observed lynx distribution in the Alps and Dinaric Mountains based on a 10x10 km grid. A distinction was made between different SCALP categories and whether the observation included a reproductive event or not¹. Lynx populations outside of the Alpine and Dinaric range are not shown (no data is available from Bosnia and Herzegovina).

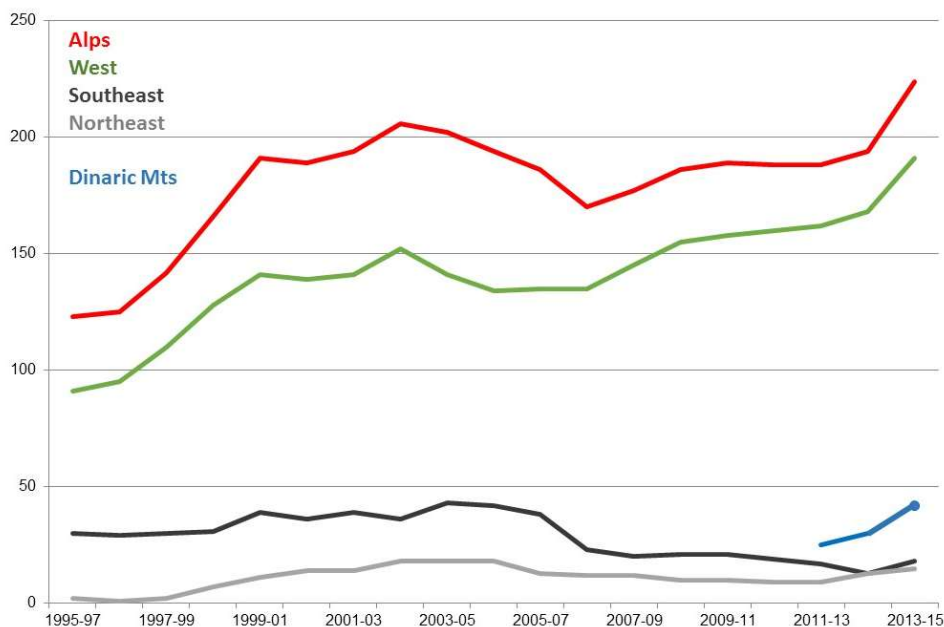
Comment: In the Alps, a total of 1084 signs of lynx presence were collected of which 45% were hard fact data. In the Dinaric Mountains 172 signs were recorded of which 36% were hard fact data. Reproduction was reported from the Swiss Alps, from the

¹ The collected data are classified in three categories: Category 1 (C1): "Hard facts", verified and unchallenged observations such as dead lynx and clear photos of lynx. Category 2 (C2): Observations controlled and confirmed by a specialist such as killed livestock or wild prey, and lynx tracks or other field signs. Category 3 (C3): Unconfirmed observations of the category 2 (kills, tracks, other field signs too old or badly documented) and all observations such as direct observations and calls which by their nature cannot be verified. Evidence of reproduction consist in photos of lynx kittens or young lynx found dead (C1), large and small track together (C2) and direct sighting of female with kittens (C3).

Kalkalpen in Austria, from the south-eastern Alps (Italy) and from Slovenia for the Dinaric population.

Special events 2015:

- The lynx who escaped from an enclosure in 2014 in Austria was not reported any more.
- The male lynx who was released in the south-eastern Alps in 2014 has settled at the Austrian-German border (Pinzgau region) at a distance of 130 km from the release site.



Number of occupied 100 km² cells in the Alps (3 years moving window).

Presently, the Alpine population consists of 3 separated subpopulations: one in the western Alps (west = west of the Brenner freeway), the northern edge of the Dinaric population that spreads into the south-eastern Alps (southeast = triangle Slovenia, Italy and Austria) and the third in the Kalkalpen region. The western subpopulation is expanding. The observed number of occupied 100 km² cells in the Dinaric Mountains was also increasing. However, in the Dinaric Mountains this increase is due to increased monitoring effort.

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