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Project 008609: Recuperación de poblaciones de Lince ibérico (*Lynx pardinus*) en Andalucía. Life Naturaleza 2002-2006. Junta de Andalucía, Sevilla, 269 pages+ Annexes

Project 000073: Gestión ecosistémica de ríos con Visión Europeo (*Mustela lutreola*). Life Naturaleza Gestión Ambiental Viveros y Repoblaciones de Navarra, Pamplona, 147 pages + Annexes

## **A. Criteria to follow**

1, Short Term Benefits (40 points) (*note : short term = the duration of the project*)

1a Conservation Status Improvement (30 points):

Did the project lead to a significant improvement of the conservation status of the site/species/habitats targeted? Was this achieved in a cost effective manner?

*For example*

- *Did the project restore a significant % of the surfaces of a particular habitat?*
- *Did the project reduce the mortality / increase the available habitat / increase the available breeding territory of the target species by a significant amount?*
- *Did the project eradicate a significant % of invasive species Y.*
- *Did the project create a corridor(s) between different areas to increase the exchanges between the populations of species X?*

1b Short-term Leverage Effect (10 points):

Did the project during its life (*ie in the short term*) manage to mobilise significant additional resources outside LIFE (such as wider stakeholder support or additional financial / human resources), and thereby achieve additional conservation improvements not foreseen in the project?

*For example:*

- *Did the project manage to purchase extra land outside LIFE?*
- *Did the project manage to restore extra ha outside LIFE?*
- *Did the project manage to get volunteers to help with the work?*
- *Did the project help the different authorities and organisations involved to cooperate and provide additional funding?*
- *Has the project lead to an improvement in the legal protection of the site / species / habitat (eg creation of a new reserve)?*

2. Long-term benefits (60 points)

2a Long Term Sustainability (30 points): To what extent has the site / species / habitat concerned by the project attained long-term sustainability and fully favourable conservation status? More explicitly: Is the site / species / habitat now managed appropriately, and in a

sustainable way, with stable and sufficient long-term financial and human resources to carry out this management (*ie without having to rely on uncertain external financing*) so that favourable conservation status can be maintained indefinitely? Is the conservation status now fully satisfactory? Is there no longer any need for major investment? Is sufficient legal protection for the site / species / habitat now assured? Are the menaces (external or otherwise) now neutralised for the foreseeable future?

*For example:*

- *Is there is now a self-sustaining (growing) population of ... whose long-term future is fully assured*
- *Has the project set in place a management plan / after LIFE conservation plan clearly showing that sufficient human and financial resources are available to achieve favourable conservation status of the site / species / habitat.*
- *Is the site now sufficiently large and well preserved to ensure long-term conservation of the habitat / species targeted*

2b Leverage Effect (20 points): Did the project manage to mobilise *in the long term* significant additional resources (human / financial) and stakeholder support so as to significantly reinforce the long term sustainability of the site / species / habitat, and to carry out the extra investments necessary to achieve favourable conservation status (beyond what was achieved during the project)?

*For example*

- *If before the project the managers were able to purchase 10 ha per year, during the project 50 ha / year, and after the project 30 ha per year, this would indicate that they have mobilised more resources compared to before the project.*

2c Regional / National / International Impact (10 points): Did the project have a significant impact elsewhere (regionally / nationally / internationally)?

*For example*

- *Did it develop best practices that are / can be applied elsewhere?*
- *Did it lead to specific Agri-Environment Measures?*
- *Did it influence regional / national / international conservation policy and/or legislation?*
- *Did the project contribute to the establishment of networks active in the same field (eg monitoring a certain species).*

## B. Evaluation

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### 1. Evaluation criteria Life Nature Projects

	SCORE
<b>a. Short Term Benefits (40 points)</b>	<b>35</b>
1. Conservation Status Improvement (30 points)	27
2. Short-term Leverage Effect (10 points)	8
<b>b. Long-term benefits (60 points)</b>	<b>49</b>
1. Long Term Sustainability (30 points)	25
2. Leverage Effect (20 points)	16
3. Regional/National/international Impact (10 points)	8

### 2. Overall score of project performance expressed as %

**84 %**

### 3. Rank:

**Very Good**

I	>90% Excellent
II	75-90% Very Good
III	50-75% Good
IV	<50% Below Average

### 4. Motivation:

Most of the goals set have a high percentage of achievement, several even of 200 up to 500%. Some, but only a minor part of the goals, have an achievement of lower than 50%, but the reasons are well explained and highly acceptable.

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The project has achieved most of the goals with as outstanding result the guarantee on long term of a high density population by an important enlargement of the suitable habitats.

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