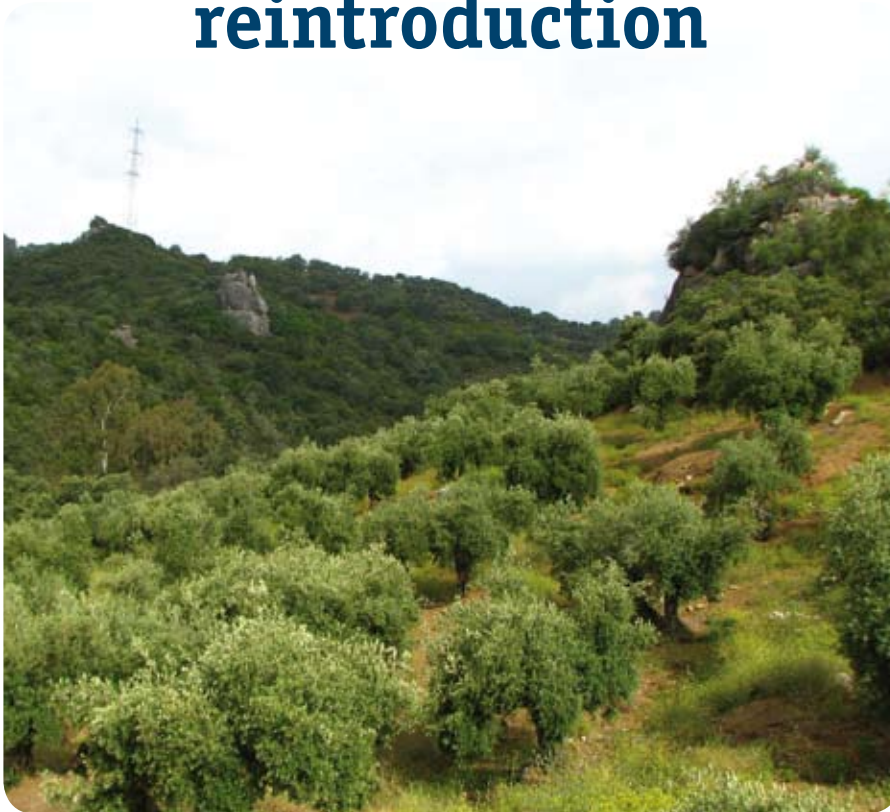




## Latest news on the reintroduction



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she is still in the area, but without clear settlement. As regards the males, Caberú is still settled between the Martín Gonzalo and Yeguas reservoirs. The whereabouts of Elron remains unknown.



**F**ollowing the release of the reintroduced lynx into the pre-release enclosures and during the summer period, a lynx monitoring programme began in the Guadalmellato reintroduction area using evidence, radio tracking (GPS and conventional) and using information captured through the establishment of a network of camera traps similar to the current distribution areas. Of the 7 lynx released, 4 currently remain in the area. Since her release, Diana, the adult female, has settled in the vicinity of the reintroduction enclosures, which she accesses regularly as shown by the camera-

traps. Charqueña, the adult female who gave birth to 3 cubs in the enclosure (only two of which survived) is still settled in this area. Current information is derived from sample evidence, camera traps and sightings as the collar she was wearing has been lost. During the last month and after several trips Eclipse has settled to the North of the area, between forested patches with mountain olive trees. Camera traps, placed on the basis of information gathered from evidence and sightings, are currently being used to try to capture footage. The aim is to place a collar with a GPS device on her. As for Mata, the female from Doñana released without reintroduction, there is camera trap evidence suggesting that



# The Life Lynx Project environmental volunteering programme in Villafranca de Córdoba comes to an end



Volunteers carrying out promotion activities in the Villafranca de Córdoba municipality. Photo: Ecologistas en Acción - Andalucía

On September 19, the last Life Lynx volunteer programme came to an end in the Sierra Morena as part of the awareness activities for the Life Project organised by Ecologistas en Acción - Andalucía, in collaboration with the Ministry for the Environment of the Autonomous Government of Andalusia and Villafranca de Córdoba town hall.

This time the activities for the participants

took place in the town of Villafranca de Córdoba, in Guadalmellato, the Iberian lynx reintroduction area. After several days of preparation and organisation by volunteers, activities took place on September 16th and 17th. These activities were aimed at trying to raise public awareness of the Iberian lynx problem and the importance of conservation, especially in this area where it has been reintroduced.

The most important tasks carried out consisted of an information stand located in a central town square and guided tours of the "Land of the Lynx" and "With the sight of a lynx and ears of a rabbit" exhibitions as well as complementary activities aimed at both school children and the adult public.

The expositions, located in the new Multi-purpose building, were visited by several pre-booked groups: 4 groups of students from CEIP Teresa Comino, a group of adults from the town school as well as people attending the opening ceremony, relatives of the Break-dance summer school students.

More than 200 people attended the various activities held.

We would like to thank the Villafranca de Córdoba town hall for their cooperation in carrying out this activity in their town and the volunteers, of course, who showed great interest and ingenuity in carrying out the workshops.

Thanks to all.

## Latest fatalities detected in the Iberian lynx population



During the months of September and October 2010 the bodies of four Iberian lynx have been located. The first was found on September 6 in Sierra Morena, and was that of a juvenile male called "Fado", that had been radio-marked in February 2010. "Fado" was found dead on a granite outcrop in the municipality of Andújar. The autopsy revealed that the lynx died as a result of severe trauma of unknown origin, but also suffered from chronic heart failure which served as a prior debilitating factor. The second lynx was found dead on September 18 in the Lucena del Puerto municipal district. It was "Caribú" from Sierra Morena, released

under the genetic strengthening programme. "Caribú" showed unexplainable signs of malnutrition. We are awaiting the autopsy results. The last two lynx were found dead on September 19 in the Doñana-Aljarafe population. One was "Esponja", a female from 2008, found in the Moguer municipal district and "Fario", a male from 2009, found in the Almonte municipal district. Both came from the Aznalcázar-Puebla del Rio area in Aljarafe, Seville. Regarding the first, the autopsy report states the cause of death was multiple trauma and gun shots, affecting vital organs. With Fario, the cause of death was multiple trauma resulting from being knocked down.

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