



Fario fitted with Argos tags. This tag does not exceed 3% of its weight and will detach automatically after 9 months.

FARIO The Jura lynx

There are 7,000 animals equipped with Argos tags around the world and now Fario is one of them. This is the story of a young stray lynx in the Jura Massif, which returned to its natural way of life with the help of the ATHENAS care centre team.

The ATHENAS Care Centre treats more than 1,000 animals per year. They are distressed, injured and often young animals found in the wild after the death of their mother.

The story of Fario the lynx begins on 27 November 2008. The Athenas Care Centre had been contacted by the ONCFS (the French hunting and wildlife organisation), which had itself been alerted by an individual. A young lynx was openly roaming round and was in distress in a Jura village. The Athenas Centre, the only French institution specialising in lynx, turned up and with the help of the ONCFS captured the animal, which had clearly been separated from its mother. Fario was injured and very malnourished.

Gilles Moyne, director of the Athenas Centre, thinks that it lost its mother and was wounded following poaching. They had to rear it until the normal time when young lynx leave their mothers, namely April, and then release it into its natural environment.

In the case of this young lynx, the Athenas Centre chose, in partnership with the French Institute for Research and Development and the National Centre for Scientific Research, to fit it with an Argos tag. *"It was a great opportunity to get very precise data on how and where it spent its time, on how well it readjusted and how long it lived in the wild. This monitoring will almost certainly enhance our knowledge of the species,"* says Gilles Moyne.

Fario has now become used to life in the wild once again. The lynx even started its new life with a great feast, showing that it was now independent by hunting its first deer.

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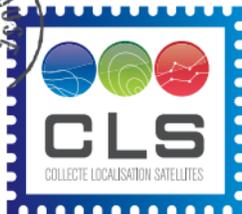
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