



Fig. 3. Active snare-ejecting-strangling trap discovered in 2015 in the lynx entrance corridor into Valais from the NW Swiss Alps. 1) The illegal capture system has been installed in an obligate passage along a wildlife trail; branches have been added in the surroundings to augment the channeling effect, i.e. to steer the lynx towards the snare (a bike brake wire) located within the orange circle; 2) a close-up view of the snare itself (cable visible within the orange circle); 3) the trapping system viewed from the other side: the position of the snare is again indicated by the orange circle; the cable bending the system goes through a hook positioned high on the thin tree trunk and goes down towards the right; the system is put under tension with a big stone (highlighted in orange on the right); 4) at an inactive trapping site, sometimes only the middle hook positioned high above the ground is visible. A video showing another active system can be obtained from the authors upon request.



Figure S1. The hunter X, eventually convicted for illegal hunting in 2015, staging with two dead lynx and a gun (by courtesy of ¹⁴ and the photographer, Jean-Claude Tornay). The contorted position of their heads indicates that the two lynx have been strangled and not shot, which could be assessed by one of the authors while visiting the armory where one of these two lynx, recognizable by its fur pattern, was long exposed stuffed.