



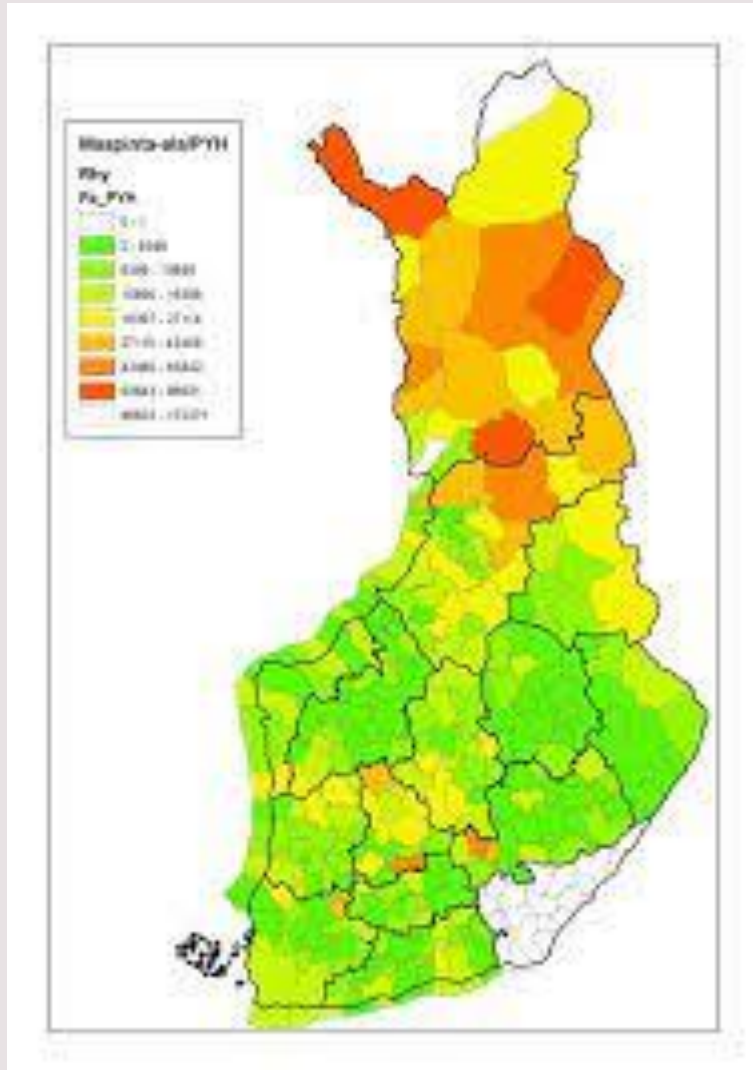
Bear

(Ursus arctos)



General information

- Bear is the national animal of Finland.
- It is one of the biggest animals in Europe. The length of a bear is 135-250 cm and weight is 60-300 kg.
- Bears sleep during the winter and the cubs are born in the nest.
- Bears start their sleep usually between October and November. They settle down about two weeks before sleep.
- Bears wake up from their sleep usually between March and April.
- Bears are omnivores, they eat both meat and plants.
- Bears' lifespan is 20-30 years and female bear gives birth to 1-4 bear cubs every 2-4 years.
- Bears highest speed is about 56 km/h.



Distribution in Finland

Bears appear in the entire country except for Åland. Bear population is the strongest in Eastern Finland and Lapland but are also seen in East and West sides of Finland.

Also you can visit in Kuusamo Suurpetokeskus to large carnivores living in Finland.

It was established in the early 1990s for bear cubs that had lost their mothers and would otherwise have died in the wild. There are currently several bears in the garden and the oldest bear was born in 1992. The best known are probably the Belt and Juuso bear. In addition to bears, the orchard is home to foxes, lynxes and dog wolves.

The Great Predator Center is a privately funded wildlife orphanage.

The visit to the shelter is guided.

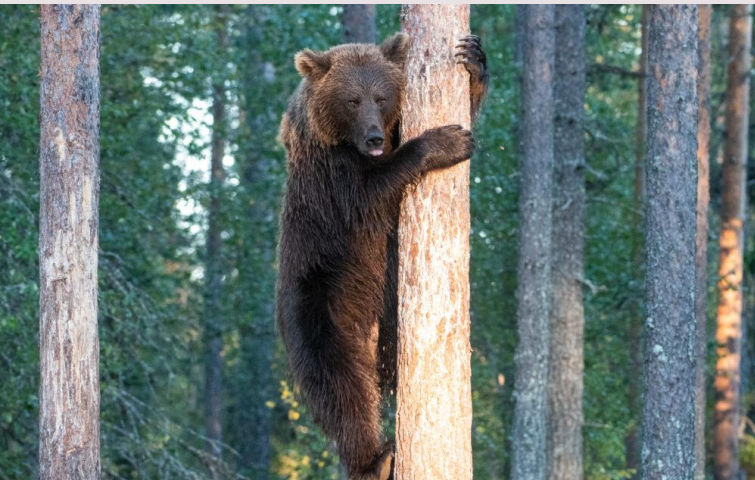




Pictures from Kuusamo



**This is Karhu. It means bear in Finnish. And we love it <3
Karhu is very famous beer in Finland.**



Pictures

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