

Bears of the World



Polar Bear
(*Ursus maritimus*)

Found in Arctic regions of Canada, Greenland, Norway, Russia & USA
Destruction of habitat
Threatened by trade in gall bladders
Between 21-28,000 left in wild



Brown Bear
(*Ursus arctos*)

Found in North America, Asia & Europe. Hunted for sport
Used as a "dancing" bear
Poached for its gall bladder
Less than 180,000 left in wild



Spectacled Bear
(*Tremarctos ornatus*)

Found on S.American Continent
Suffers from severe destruction of habitat
Shot as a pest by farmers
Less than 20,000 left in wild



American Black Bear
(*Ursus americanus*)

Found on North American Continent
Hunted for sport
Poached for its gall bladder
Less than 700,000 left in wild



Giant Panda
(*Ailuropoda melanoleuca*)

Found only in China
Vulnerable to inbreeding
On the verge of extinction through destruction of habitat
1,000 left in wild



Asiatic Black Bear
(*Ursus thibetanus*)

Found in SE Asia
Killed for its gall bladder & farmed for extraction of its bile
Used in bear-baiting events
Around 50,000 left in wild



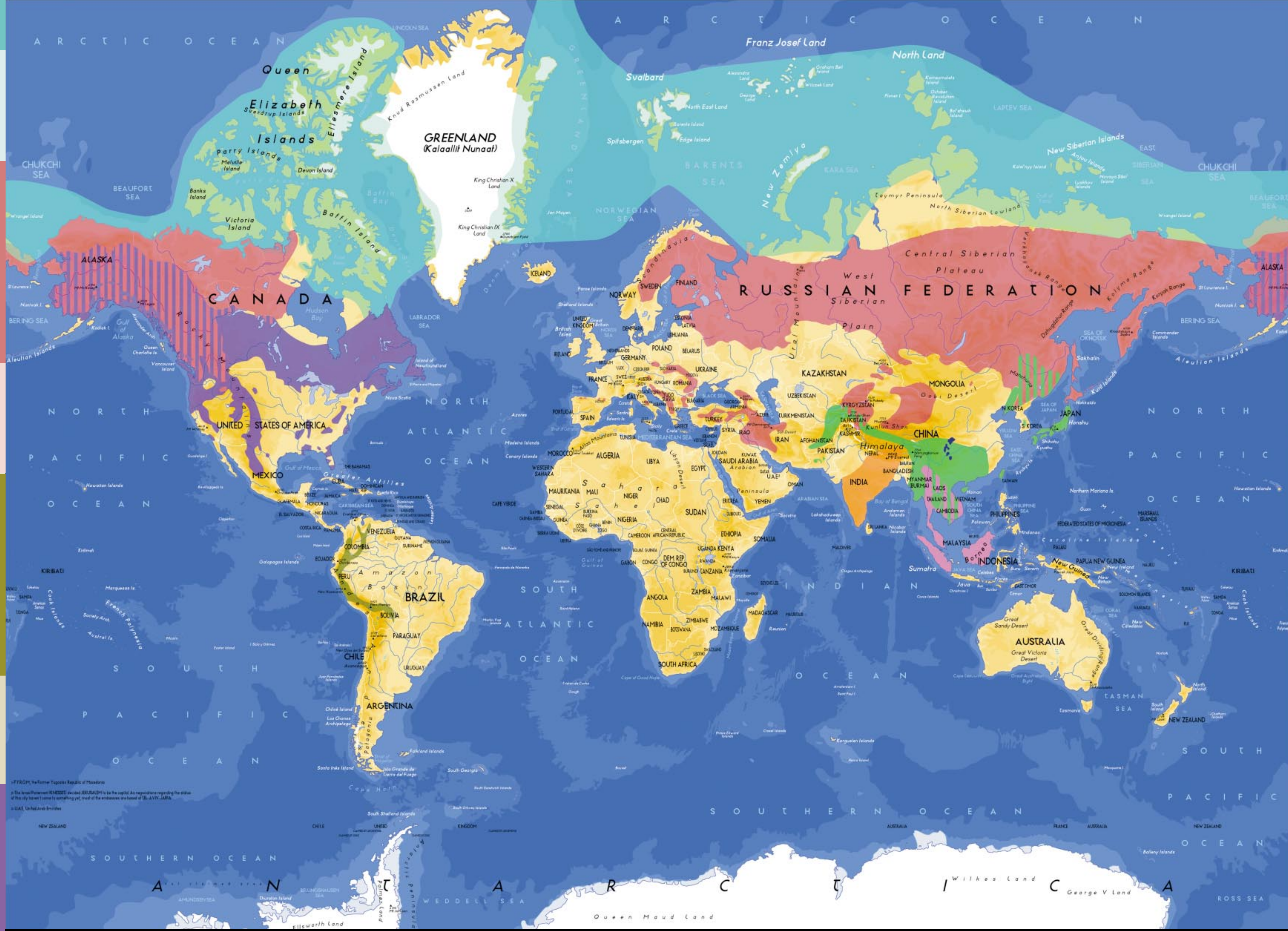
Sun Bear
(*Helarctos malayanus*)

Found in SE Asia
Captured for the pet trade
Suffers from destruction of habitat
Number left in wild unknown



Sloth Bear
(*Melursus ursinus*)

Found in India, Nepal, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh
Used as a "dancing" bear
Poached for its gall bladder
Less than 20,000 left in wild



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The WSPA Philosophy

WSPA is a worldwide organisation, dedicated to the protection of animals everywhere. This wall chart is part of WSPA's humane education programme, which aims to prevent cruelty by educating people to have respect for animals. WSPA is not only concerned with the conservation of whole species, but believes that each individual animal is special and has the right to live its life free from suffering caused by humans. Therefore WSPA believes that human beings have the responsibility to ensure that individual animals and species are protected.

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Find out where each bear species lives by matching colours on information panel to corresponding areas on map

WSPA's world campaign for bears - Liberty
Hunted for sport, shot for their fur, killed for their gall bladders, farmed for bile, used as "dancing" bears, used in circuses and their habitat is being destroyed.
THEY NEED OUR PROTECTION

