GREY WOLF

FACTFILE

- Number Living in the Wild: Unknown
- IUCN Status: Least Concern
- Scientific Name: Canis lupus
- Weight: Between 25-65 kg
- Size: Between 1.3-1.9 m long
- Life Span: Between 7-10 years in the wild
- Habitat: Woodlands, forests, grasslands, deserts and tundra
- Diet: Carnivore

Grey wolves also live in North America and Asia.

Where Do They Live?

Grey wolves used to live all over Europe. They no longer live in Western Europe and have disappeared from many other European countries where they used to be found. Grey wolves are well adapted to live in many different types of habitat found across the continent including woodlands, forests, grasslands, deserts and tundra.

Key
- Oceans and Seas
- Land
- Grey Wolf Habitats

How Are They Being Protected?

The international conservation organisation, WWF, is trying to resolve the human–wildlife conflict that is responsible for many grey wolf deaths every single year. They are listening to the concerns of local farmers and people, with the hope of helping them and, in turn, saving the grey wolf from being killed. The WWF are also studying wolves to discover the best methods for future protection and save them from extinction.

Why Are They in Danger?

The range of the grey wolf is around one third of what it used to be. The biggest threat to grey wolves is from humans. Grey wolves are often thought to kill and eat farmers’ livestock and are sometimes believed to be dangerous to humans. For these reasons, they are often killed by poisoning, shooting and trapping.