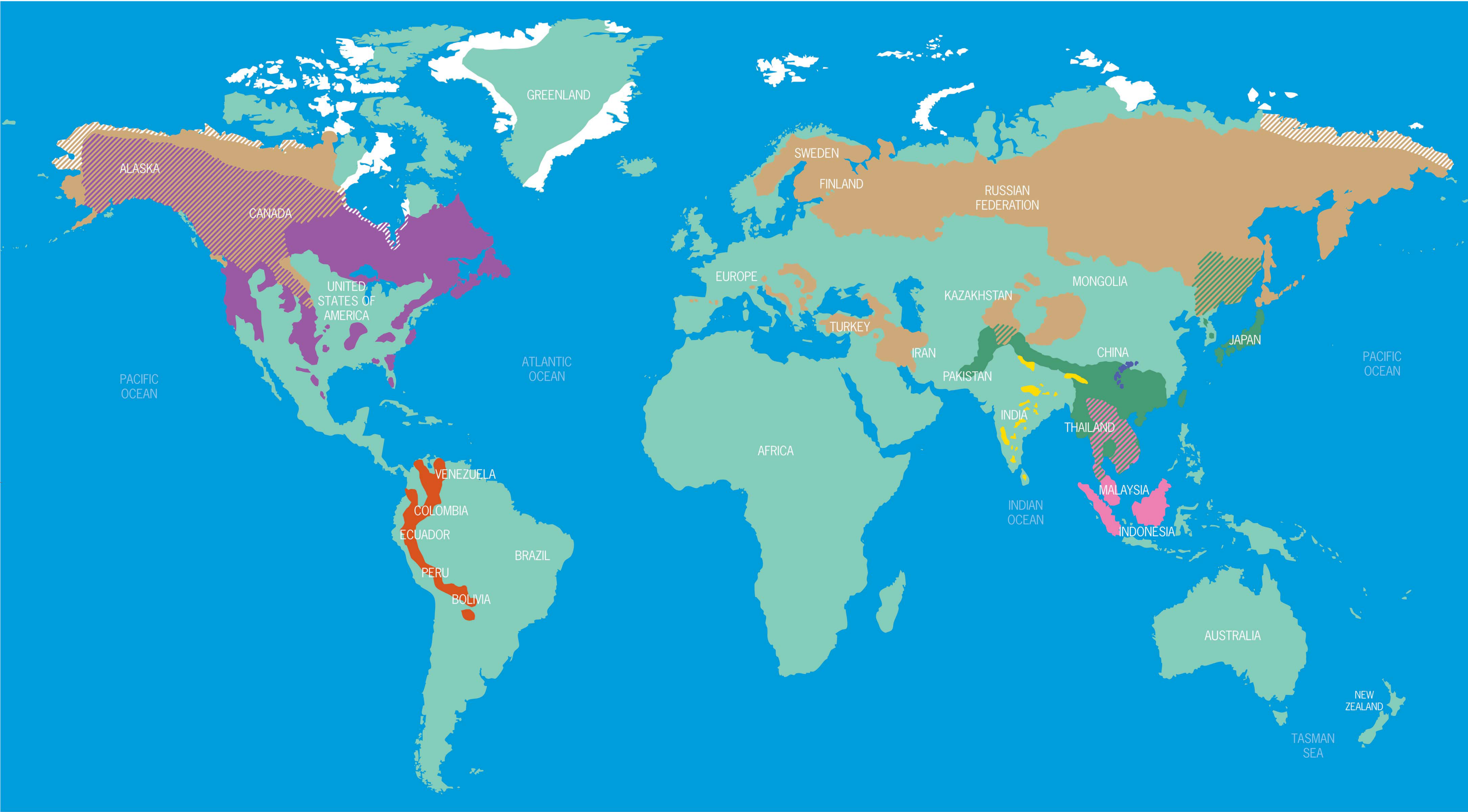


BEARS OF THE WORLD



Polar Bear

Polar Bear *Ursus maritimus*

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



Sloth Bear

Sloth Bear *Melursus ursinus*

- Found in India, Nepal, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh
- Used as a 'dancing' bear
- Poached for its gall bladder
- Less than 25,000 left in the wild



Sun Bear

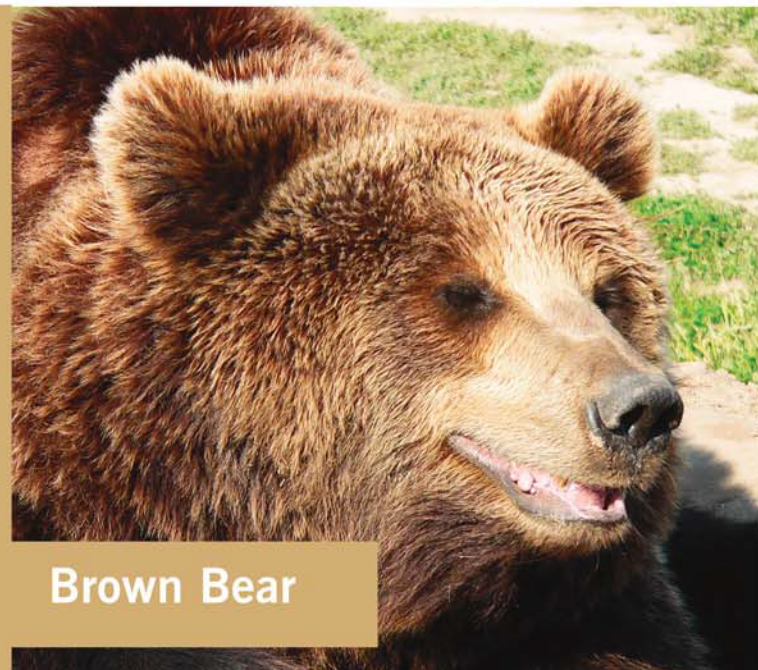
Sun Bear *Helarctos malayanus*

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

Brown Bear

Ursus arctos

- Found in North America, Asia and Europe
- Hunted for sport
- Used as 'dancing' bears
- Poached for gall bladders
- Around 200,000 left in the wild



Brown Bear

Spectacled Bear

Tremarctos ornatus

- Found on South American continent
- Suffers from severe destruction of habitat
- Shot as a pest by farmers
- Less than 20,000 left in the wild



Spectacled Bear

American Black Bear

Ursus americanus

- Found on North American continent
- Hunted for sport
- Poached for its gall bladder
- Less than 600,000 left in the wild



American Black Bear

Giant Panda

Ailuropoda melanoleuca

- Found only in China
- Vulnerable to inbreeding
- On the verge of extinction through destruction of habitat
- 1,600 left in the wild



Giant Panda

Asiatic Black Bear

Ursus thibetanus

- Found in SE Asia
- Killed for gall bladder, farmed for bile extraction
- Used in bear-baiting events
- 60,000 left in the wild



Asiatic Black Bear