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Asiatic black bear = Moon bear (*Ursus thibetanus*)



The habitat of the Asiatic black bear ranges from northern Iran to south-east Asia including Japan, and in the Himalayas up to an elevation of around 4,000 meters.

Origin

The Asiatic black bear is closely related to the American black bear.

Habitat

The Asiatic black bear inhabits forested, mountainous areas and descends to lower elevations in the winter. On occasions they can be found in the deserts in Pakistan and Iran.

Appearance

The Asiatic black bear or 'Moon bear' owes his name to the prominent V- or Y-shaped light-coloured mark on its chest. The fur is long and coarse in the neck and on the shoulders and is mostly jet-black, occasionally dark brown. Asiatic black bears have a round head with proportionally large ears that stick out sideways from the head.

Diet

The diet of the Asiatic black bear consists mainly of fruits and vegetables, such as roots, acorns, grains, berries and nuts. They will also prey on mammals, like sheep or goats.

<p>Size 150 - 200 cm length 80 – 100 cm height</p>	<p>Weight Male: 100 – 200 kg. Female: 50 – 125 kg.</p>	<p>Lifespan In captivity: 30 years In the wild: 25 years</p>
<p>Sexual maturity Female: from 3 years on</p>	<p>Mating season May, 1 to 2 days</p>	<p>Gestation period 7 – 8 months</p>
<p>Number of litters About 1 x per 2-3 years</p>	<p>Number of cubs 1 to 4</p>	<p>Weight at birth 350 – 400 grams</p>
<p>Lactation period 26 - 30 months</p>		

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Hibernation

The Asiatic black bear hibernates for a few months during the winter, although not all bears go into hibernation. This really depends on the area they live in. Bears that live in colder areas tend to hibernate. Pregnant females will also go into hibernation.

Social behaviour

The Asiatic black bear is primarily solitary, except during mating season. The bears do not usually show aggression towards their own kind. Not much is known about Asiatic black bears in the wild.

Status

The **IUCN-status** of the Asiatic black bear is listed as '**Vulnerable**'. Poaching for certain parts of the body, mainly for the gall bladder, as well as loss of habitat form a threat to the Asiatic black bear population. This brings the bears ever closer to areas inhabited by humans. In addition, agriculture increases which leads to conflicts between humans and animals. The Asiatic black bear preys on cattle and attacks on humans have also increased.

Did you know?

- ... the Asiatic black bear spends most of the day hiding in trees to protect itself against humans and other predators
- ... they make a clucking sound during mating
- ... the Asiatic black bear gets more active at dusk

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