

Iberian Wolf

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About Iberian Wolf

- It is a **subspecies of Grey wolf** that has been isolated from mixing with other wolf populations for over a century.
- These form the largest wolf **population in Western Europe**.
- It is native to the Iberian Peninsula **comprising Spain and Portugal**.
- They inhabit **forests, inland wetlands, shrublands, grasslands, pastures**, and mountainous areas.
- They live, hunt, and travel in small packs. Each pack includes the alpha male and female with their young as well as older offspring.
- The **alphas are the leaders of the pack**, establishing the group's territory, selecting the den sites, tracking down, and hunting prey.
- They are **mainly carnivores**.
- **Conservation status**
 - **IUCN:** Vulnerable

Key facts about Iberian Peninsula

- It is located on **Europe's southwestern tip**.
- It is part of the southern Europe peninsula, which comprises three peninsulas; Iberian, Balkan, and Italian peninsulas.
- Its southern tip is **separated from the Africa** continent by the **narrow Strait of Gibraltar**.
- This Peninsula lies **between the Mediterranean Sea and the Atlantic Ocean** and is separated from France by the Pyrenees mountain range.
- The highest mountain on the peninsula is **Mount Mulhacén**, with 3,478 m, located in the Andalusian **Sierra Nevada**.

Q1) What is Peninsula?

A peninsula is a geographical landform characterized by water on three sides and connected to a larger landmass on the fourth side. It is surrounded by water on most of its boundaries, with only one side connected to the mainland. Peninsulas can vary in size, from small stretches of land to large land masses.

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