

Catalonia votes to ban bullfighting

Bullfighting in Spain has suffered its biggest setback to date after the regional parliament in Catalonia voted narrowly to outlaw the practice. The ban could now inspire other regions to take similar action

BULLFIGHTING WORLDWIDE

Portugal: Illegal to kill bull in ring but wounded animal often killed offstage

France: Bullfighting remains legal in areas with "unbroken, local, tradition"

Around 250,000 bulls are killed in bullfights every year

Most prestigious bullrings

Mexico: *Plaza Mexico*, Mexico City, world's largest bullring

Colombia

Ecuador

Peru: 18th-century *Plaza de Acho*, Lima, among oldest arenas

Venezuela

Canary Islands (Spain): Banned bullfighting 1991

SPAIN

Madrid: *Las Ventas*

Barcelona

Sevilla: *Real Maestranza*

Ronda: Spain's oldest bullring dates from around 1785

CATALONIA: Bullfighting to end in 2012 when *Barcelona's last bullring, La Monumental, closes*

200km
125 miles