

Sweden culls dwindling wolf population

Sweden is holding its first wolf cull since parliament voted to cut the population to just 170 individuals, despite warnings that number is too low for genetic diversity

SCANDINAVIAN WOLF

- Family group
- Pair (no pups)

*Canis
Lupus*

GENETIC DIVERSITY



Narrow genetic pool – DNA from three original wolves plus three new arrivals in 2007
Inbreeding leads to small litter size, anatomical defects and reproductive disorders



EUROPE'S WOLVES

1	Scandinavian	450 (Sweden ~365)
2	Karelian	200+
3	Baltic	1,700-2,240
	Central	780-1,030
4	European	
5	Carpathian	3,460-3,850
6	Dinaric-Balkan	~4,000
7	Alpine	420-550
8	Italian	1,100-2,400
9	Iberian	2,500

