

Abstract

This bachelor project investigates the incidence of large carnivores, brown bears (*Ursus arctos*), wolves (*Canis lupus*), lynxes (*Lynx lynx*) and wildcats (*Felis silvestris*) in the territory of the Beskydy Protected Landscape Area. It characterizes the anatomy, food, reproduction and behaviour of each type of large carnivore. The investigation includes a field study which involved direct observations of signs of the presence of large carnivores, especially footprints.

The aim of the project was to ascertain with the aid of a literature search and by direct observation the circumstances in which large carnivores have been returning to and are now present in the territory of the Beskydy Protected Landscape Area.

The presence of large carnivores in the territory of the Beskydy Protected Landscape Area has been confirmed by the discovery of footprints. Oral reports by several involved persons are a further source of information confirming the presence of large carnivores in this landscape.