

Animal Facts:

Bears

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Although bears are the largest meat eating land animals, they also eat many other foods, including fruits, nuts and leaves.



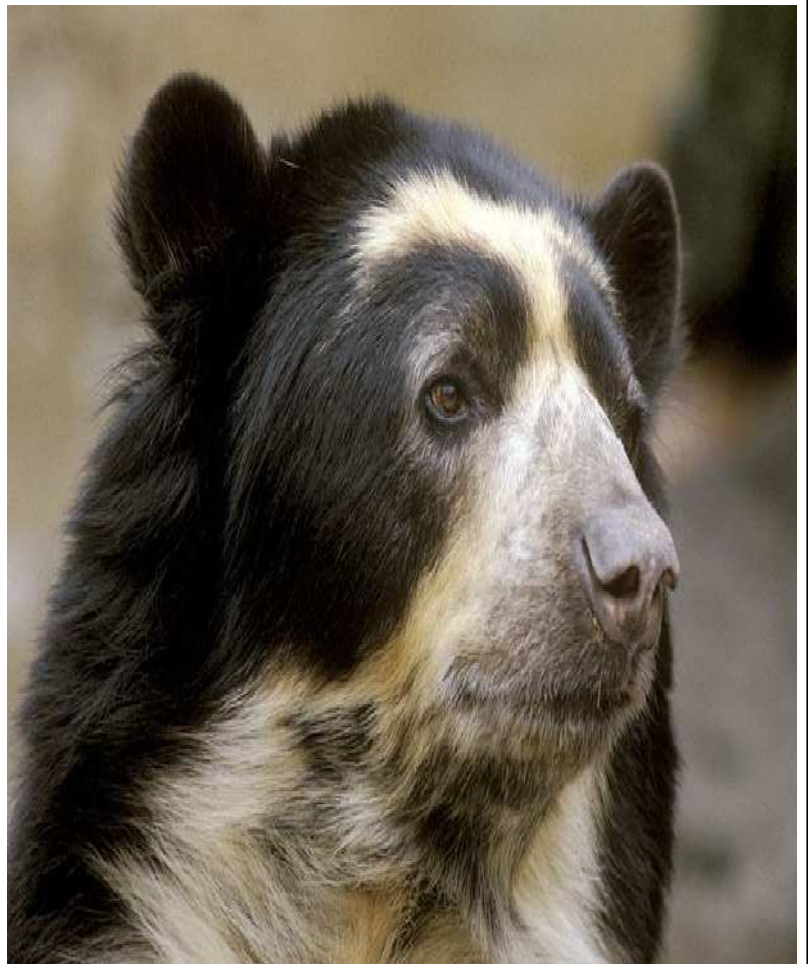
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The biggest bear is the Alaskan brown bear, which grows to 2.7 m long and weighs up to 770 kg.



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There are 7 species of bear. Most live north of the equator. Only two live south of the equator - the spectacled bear of South America and the sun bear of Southeast Asia.



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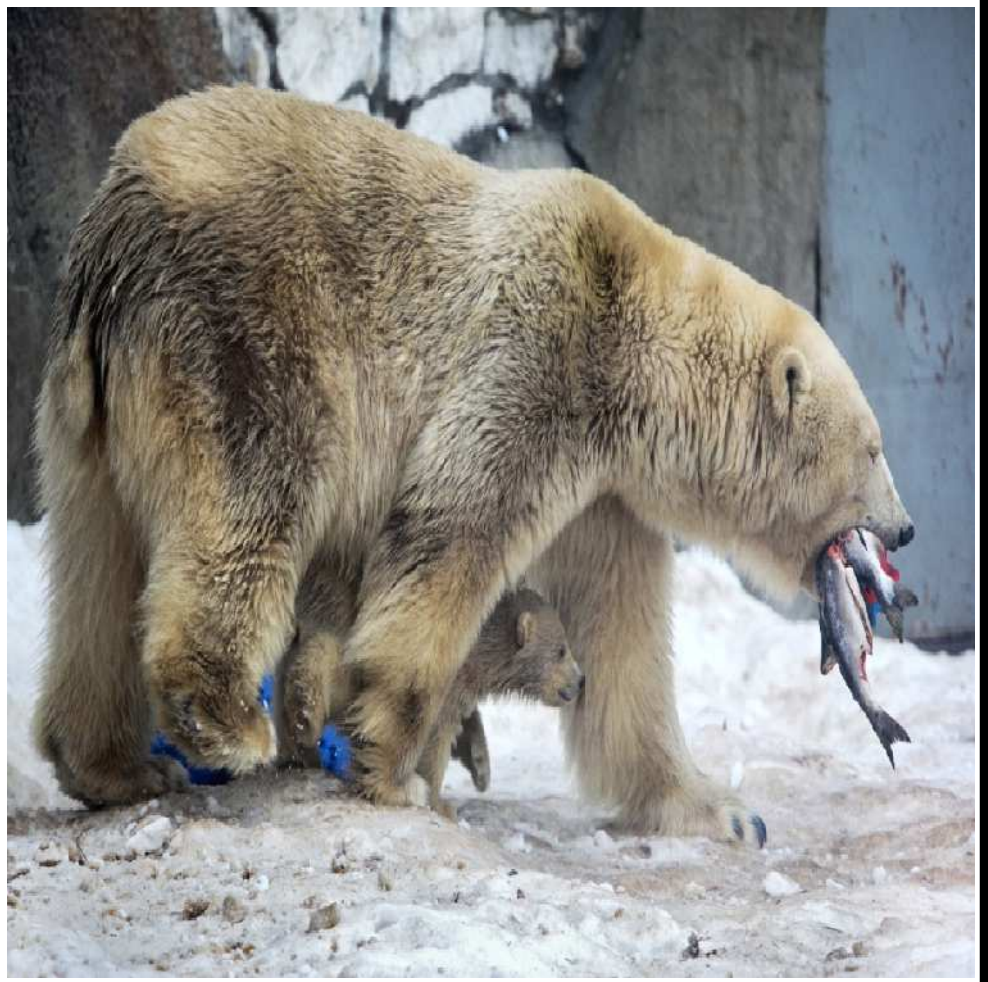
Bears do not hug their prey to death, as is sometimes thought. Instead, they kill their victims with a powerful cuff from their front paws, or with their teeth.



The grizzly bear is actually a brown bear with white fur on its shoulders. Grizzly bears from Alaska are the biggest brown bears, along with kodiak bears.

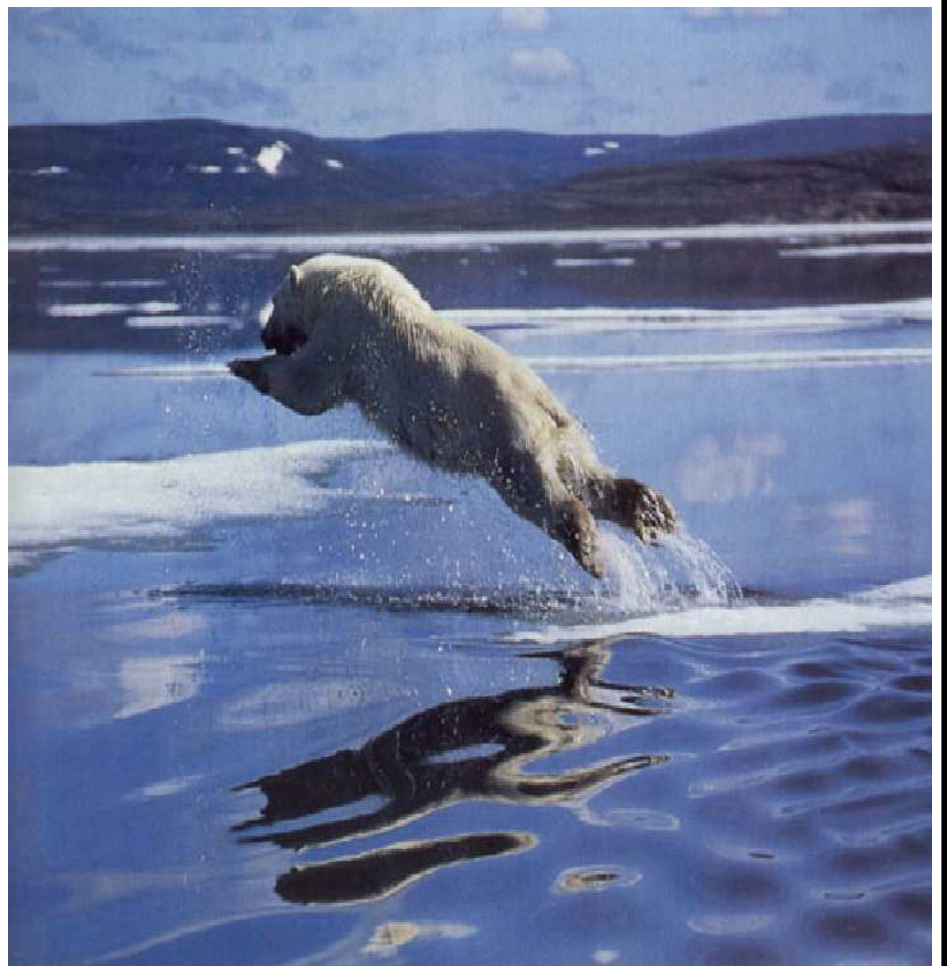


Polar bears mainly eat seals and they are the only truly carnivorous bears.



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Polar bears catch seals when the seals poke their heads up through breathing holes in the Arctic ice.

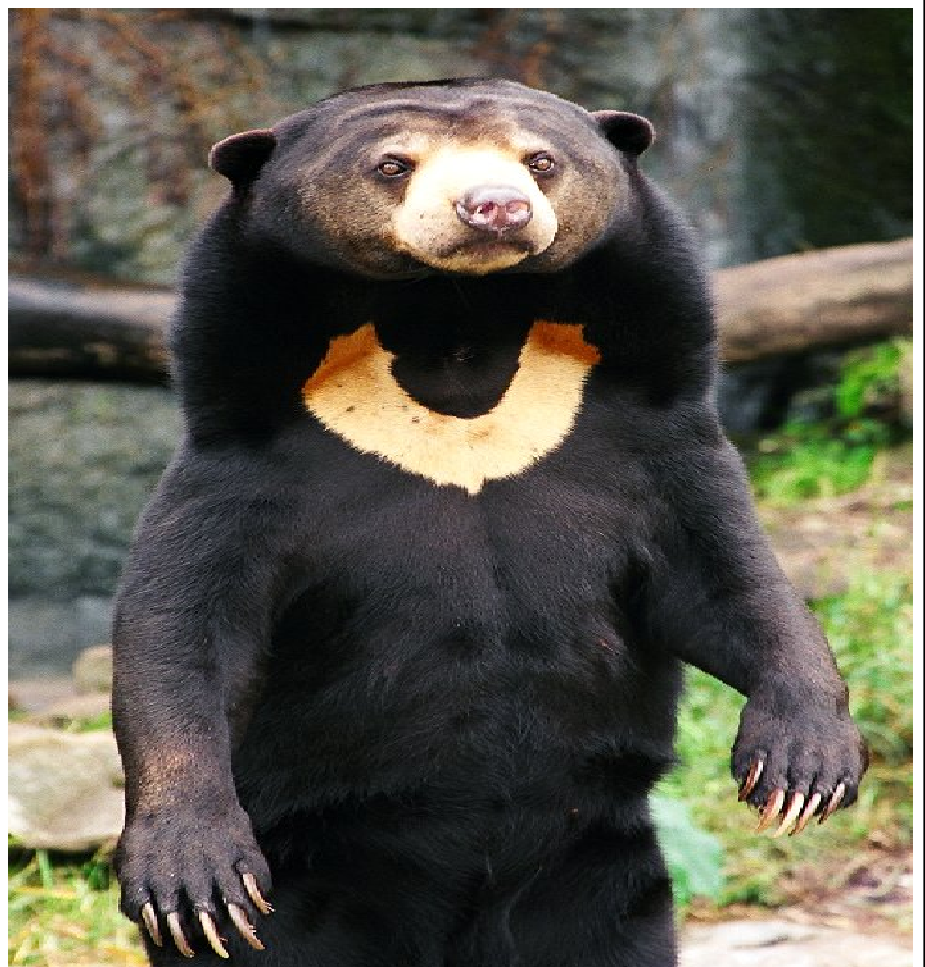


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Polar bears often swim underwater and come up under an ice floe to tip seals off. They may also chuck huge chunks of ice at seals to stun them.



The sun bear of Southeast Asia is the smallest bear, and a very good climber.



Bears and humans are among the few animals to walk on the soles of their feet.

