

MEXICAN WOLF

Canis lupus baileyi
Nelson & Goldman, 1929



CLASSIFICATION

Class: Mammalia

Order: Carnivora

Family: Canidae

13 other subspecies



APPENDIX II



Species Survival Plan

VERY RARE



LEAST CONCERN

Identification : Up to 130 cm body length, weight up to 62 kg. Biggest canid species. This subspecies is one of the smallest and has a longer, clearer fur.

Range: This subspecies occurs in south-west USA and Mexico. The species is found in Europe, most of Asia and north America.

Habitat : Montane tropical and subarctic forests, arid areas, tundra.

Behavior: The species lives in packs and is an opportunistic feeder, sometimes chasing big herbivores, sometimes eating carrion or even fruits and berries.

Status in the wild: The species is treated as least concern by IUCN but is persecuted throughout its range. This subspecies is extinct in most of its range. Habitat fragmentation because of human activities is also a major source of concern.

In captivity: This subspecies is targeted by a breeding program in American zoos, thanks to which it was saved from total extinction. It has never been displayed outside USA and possibly Mexico. Occasionally bred but remains not numerous in captivity.