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**Towards better
human coexistence
with wolves.**



Why?

The coexistence of people and wolves in specific regions causes concerns, fears and occasionally losses of dogs and domestic animals. For a long time, wolves lived mainly in Eastern Finland. During the last decade, the species has spread more evenly throughout Finland. Wolves are a hot topic, and there are as many opinions on the management of the wolf population as there are people who present them.

The wolf is a threatened species in Finland, and the wolf population is not at a favourable protection level. Reaching and maintaining a vital wolf population is a challenge if people feel that they cannot coexist with wolves.

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1. reduces negative impacts associated with the existence of wolves,
2. increases the acceptability of wolves in society, and
3. develops tools for wolf population management, such as preventing the illegal killing of wolves.



Collection and monitoring of DNA samples

The collection of DNA samples will expand to all wolf pack territories during the project. DNA samples help to estimate population sizes in more detail. Volunteers will be trained to collect samples.



Interaction and cooperation in wolf regions

The network of large carnivore contact persons will expand and strengthen, project planners will give information to people living in wolf regions and the operations of territory cooperation groups will be developed.



Police and game warden patrol in Eastern Finland

The joint police and game warden patrol prevents criminal activities directed at natural resources and the illegal killing of wolves.



Prevention of losses

The project conveys information about the biology of wolves and the prevention of losses caused by wolves. The project also develops practical means to prevent losses, such as dog vests to protect hunting dogs. In addition, the project provides help for animal farms to protect domestic animals.



Modelling tools for wolf population management

Different goals and situations need to be addressed in wolf population management. The project develops tools for building action plans and impact forecasts.



Communication

People, media and Parliament will have access to a range of up-to-date research information about wolves.