Imperiled Predator Fund

Defenders of Wildlife is committed to working with law enforcement agencies to stop the illegal killing of imperiled species. To honor that commitment, Defenders of Wildlife established the Imperiled Predator Fund. The Imperiled Predator Fund works in cooperation with state and federal agencies to uncover information in incidents involving a variety of species, including bears, cormorants, sea otters and wolves.

Since the fund was established in 1997, Defenders of Wildlife has offered rewards totaling more than $100,000 for information leading to the conviction of those responsible for illegal killings. Illegal killings of imperiled species cripple recovery efforts and interfere with the work of state wildlife officials. Such kills pose a significant challenge to recovery efforts in nearly all regions that have imperiled species.

Rewards, such as those offered by the Imperiled Predator Fund, have proven to be an important incentive to uncover important information regarding illegal killings of imperiled species. Defenders of Wildlife's rewards have brought criminals to justice and act as a deterrent preventing further illegal acts.

ANIMAL KILLED	REWARD OFFERED
Radio collared female wolf, B-152, and an uncollared male shot about five miles southwest of Pierce in Clearwater County, Idaho	$5,000
Radio collared female wolf, B-158, killed near Mores Creek Summit north of Idaho City, Idaho	$2,500
Six Mexican gray wolves in New Mexico and Arizona	$10,000
Female wolf shot in Gogebic County near Ironwood, Michigan.	$3,000
Grizzly bear shot in Boundary County located in northern Idaho	$2,500
Sea Otter shot at Montana de Oro State Park near Morro Bay in California	$2,500*
Wolf killed in Oconto County in Wisconsin	$2,000
Six wolves shot in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan	$1,500 each ($9,000 total)
Wolf (#134 of the Jureano pack) in Idaho	$2,500
Grizzly bear shot in Montana	$2,500
Male grizzly bear shot in Idaho	$2,500
Female grizzly bear and cub in Idaho	$3,000
Male sea otter in California	$2,500
Male sea otter shot in California	$2,500
Wolf in Wisconsin	$1,500

Sea Otter in California	$2,500
Wolf in Idaho	$2,500
Sea Otter in California	$2,500
Wolf in Wisconsin	$1,500
Wolf in Wisconsin	$1,500 *
Grizzly Bear in southwest Montana	$2,500
Wolves poisoned in Idaho	$15,000
Wolf shot in Wisconsin	$1,500
Wolf in Idaho (B-96)	$2,000
Wolf in Idaho (B-57)	$2,000
Wolf shot in eastern Oregon	$2,000
Wolf shot in Michigan	$2,000
Female Grizzly Bear and two cubs in Montana	$1,500
Sea Otter shot in California	$2,500
Black bear in Louisiana	$2,500 *
800 Cormorants on Little Galloo Island, New York	$1,000
Four Mexican wolves in Arizona	$10,000 each * ($40,000 total)
Three wolves in Wisconsin, twenty wolves in Minnesota	$1,000 each * ($23,000 total)
Wolf in Idaho	$1,000
Female Wolf in Wisconsin	$5,000
Young female wolf pup in Montana	$5,000
Red Wolf in North Carolina	$2,500

Defenders of Wildlife works closely with law enforcement officials to determine an appropriate reward amount. If a reward becomes too large, false information could be provided to law enforcement officials and has the potential to compromise the case.

If you would like to help stop the illegal killing of imperiled species, please donate to Defenders of Wildlife's Imperiled Predator Fund to ensure we have the funds to bring the killers to justice.

* denote reward was granted

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