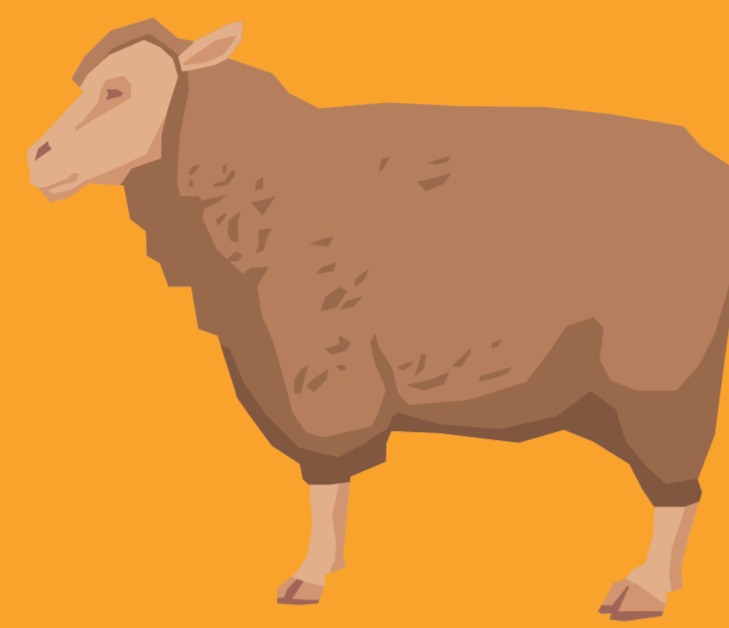


Preventive measures

To coexist with bears, it is crucial to limit their access to food sources in the village as much as possible.



How?

Effective tools can prevent bear damage, and their proper use across the area can make a crucial contribution to coexistence.

Electric fencing

These devices help protect beehives, livestock, and crops. Electric fences act as barriers for bears: when trying to cross, the animal receives a painful but harmless shock. It is crucial that the fence is always on and working properly, so the bear receives a shock every time it touches it. For the fence to be effective, the fear of the shock must outweigh the attraction of what is inside. Proper maintenance is essential for correct functioning.

Protection dogs

Livestock guardian dogs (such as Abruzzo shepherds) have been selectively bred over centuries to protect livestock from predators. They usually work in groups, avoiding direct confrontation while using barking, body language, and their presence to drive predators away from the herd. If you choose to use protection dogs, it is crucial that they come from a working line and are properly integrated into the herd.

Bear-proof coops

Chicken coops can strongly attract bears into villages, which is why bear-proof coops are recommended. These specially designed shelters are built to withstand bears. They can house up to ten chickens while ensuring animal welfare and following modern standards.

Waste management

In areas with door-to-door waste collection, do not leave garbage outside for long; keep it indoors until collection time. Where waste is disposed of in bins, use bear-proof containers.

Harvesting ripe fruit

To prevent bears from approaching vegetable gardens and orchards, ripe fruit should be harvested promptly. It is also important to collect fallen fruit to avoid leaving food accessible to bears.



If you are interested in adopting these measures, you can contact the staff of the protected areas or local associations in the area!

