

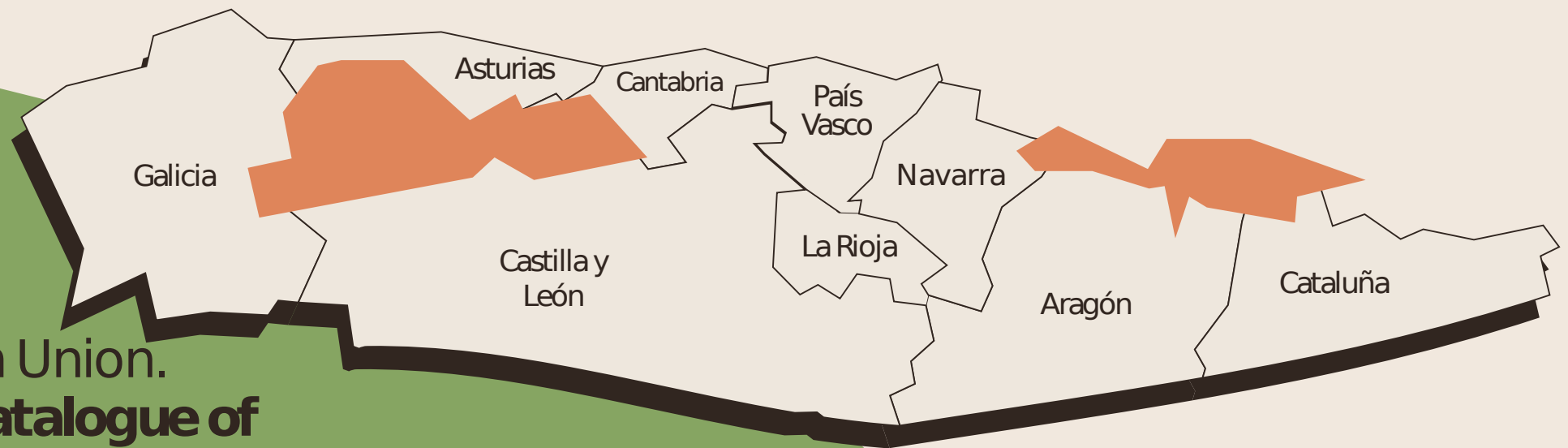
BEARS AND CLIMATE CHANGE

What to do when hunting in bear areas



THE BROWN BEAR AND ITS CURRENT DISTRIBUTION

The **brown bear** is a priority species for the European Union. In Spain the brown bear is included in the **National Catalogue of Threatened Species**, under the category of “**Threatened with Extinción**”.



MORE ACTIVE BEARS IN WINTER

With climate change, **winters** are becoming **shorter**, milder and more irregular.

This increase in the temperatures leads **bears to hibernate for shorter periods** or not to all. As a result, more bears are expected to be active during the winter.

RECOMMENDATIONS IN BEAR HABITATS

In dense vegetation and under the pressure of a hunt, it's possible to mistake a bear's silhouette for that of a wild boar.



It is **CRUCIAL** not to shoot until the **target is completely visible**, as it could even be a person.

Shooting a bear is **illegal** and can have **criminal consequences**.

...and if the bear approaches the hunting post:



Never allow the bear to get too close to your position.

If it approaches, **make your presence known, avoid sudden movements or shouting**, make yourself visible and audible from a safe distance so the bear can identify you. The bear will change direction.



Do not fire into the air to scare it away.

The bear might feel threatened and react aggressively.



If you spot a bear, **inform your companions via radio** and follow the instructions of the hunting supervisor.



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