

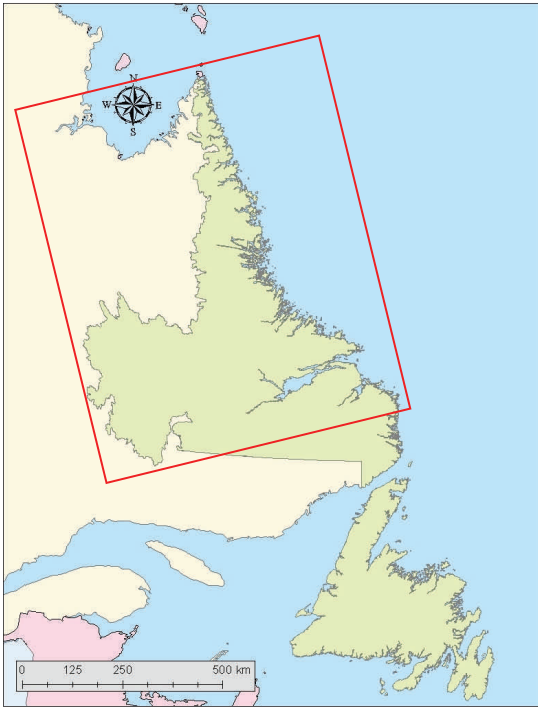
## Wolverine

(*Gulo gulo*)

- The wolverine is a medium-sized carnivore (15-25 kg) which looks like a small bear.
- Two yellowish stripes start at their head and meet at their rump.
- They are the largest terrestrial member of the weasel family in North America.
- They survive on small mammals and the carcasses of large animals, like moose and caribou.



### Provincial Distribution



### Habitat/ Range

Wolverine use a variety of forested and tundra habitats across northern North America. In this Province they have only been found in Labrador.

### Population Trends

Wolverine exist in several populations, the eastern population (those found in Québec and Labrador) seem to be isolated from other populations. There have been no verified reports of wolverine in Québec or Labrador for approximately 25 years, but each year there are unconfirmed wolverine reports. The wolverine is either extremely rare or extirpated in this Province.

### Limiting Factors and Threats

Populations of wolverine are limited by their vulnerability to incidental harvest, disruptions in prey abundance, and disturbance of denning areas.

### Special Significance

Wolverine is a native mammal of Labrador that serves a unique role in the ecosystem, that of a scavenger. They play an important role in the culture, mythology, and folklore aboriginal peoples for their ferocity and cunningness.

### You can help protect the wolverine:

- Report any sightings to the Wildlife Division.
- Learn something new about a species at risk in Newfoundland and Labrador and tell a friend!

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