



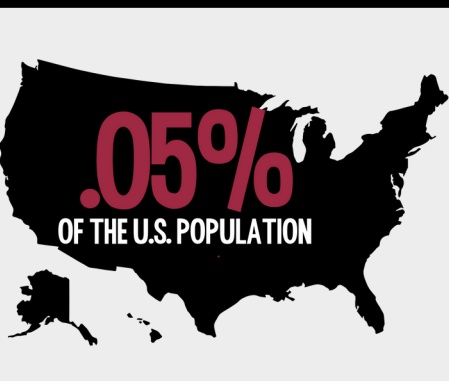
TRAPPING IS CRUEL

Trapping inflicts severe stress, pain, and suffering for any animals unfortunate enough to step into them. Animals caught in traps are prone to environmental elements, starvation, dehydration, and predation. If an animal somehow breaks free – usually by chewing off the trapped limb – they do not survive due to blood loss and infection.

TRAPPING IS INDISCRIMINATE

Trappers cannot guarantee that the animal which gets caught in their traps will be the targeted species. Even posted signs around trapping areas do not stop household pets and even children from falling victim to these deadly devices. According to reports submitted to Born Free USA, hundreds of household pets and even eleven people have been injured by traps.

REPORTED INCIDENTS



ONLY 1 IN 5 TRAPPERS



SAY IT IS AN IMPORTANT SOURCE OF INCOME



TRAPPERS ARE A TINY FRACTION OF AMERICANS

According to a 2014-2015 survey conducted by the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (AFWA), there were approximately 176,573 licensed trappers in the United States. Comparing that statistic against the 2018 population estimates of 327.2 million, trappers only make up .05% of Americans, or one in every 2,000 people.

TRAPPING DOESN'T PROVIDE MEANINGFUL INCOME

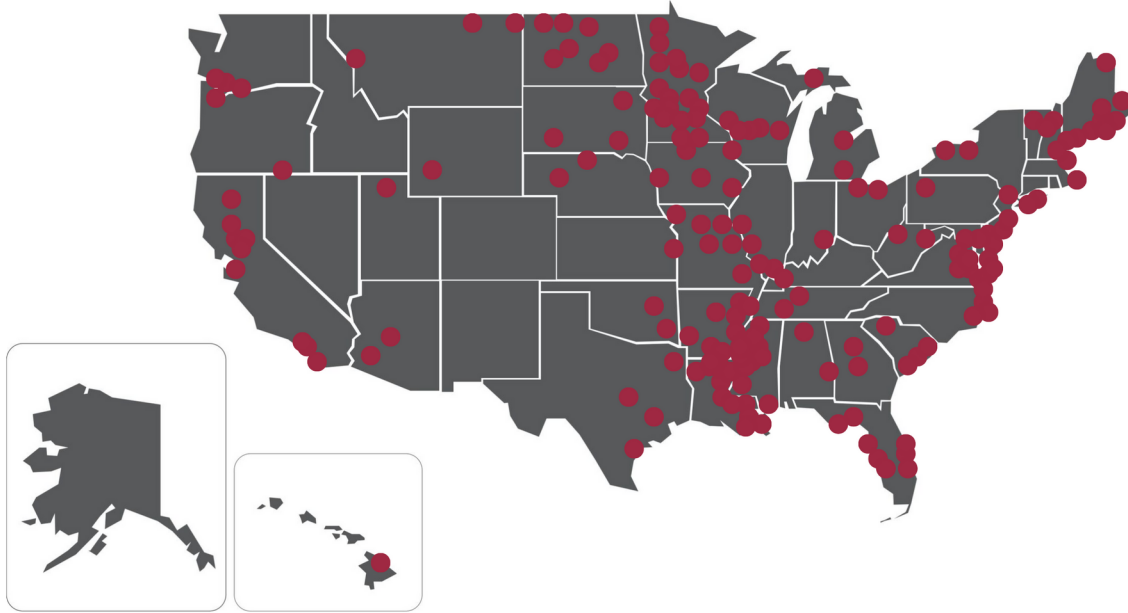
Trapping apologists often argue that any ban or limitation would negatively affect the livelihoods of those who participate in this heinous "hobby," but the facts do not support their claims. According to the AFWA's 2018 *Characteristics of Trappers* report, only 21% of trappers said their trapping has been a very or somewhat important source of income over the past 3 years. 23% of trappers did not even sell their furs.

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TRAPPING IS ALLOWED IN APPROXIMATELY 1/3 OF NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGES

Trapping is currently allowed in 177 out of 567 or 31.2% of National Wildlife Refuges. This is absolutely counter to the purpose of a refuge, the definition of which is “a condition of being safe or sheltered from pursuit, danger, or trouble.” The American public strongly disagrees with these practices, as according to the Animal Welfare Institute, 79% of Americans believe trapping on National Wildlife Refuge lands should be prohibited, while 88% believe wildlife and habitat preservation should be the highest priority of the refuge system.



Source: www.fws.gov/refuges/visitors/trapping.html

SUPPORT FEDERAL LEGISLATION TO COMBAT TRAPPING

Born Free USA urges anyone who cares about wildlife to support the three federal trapping bills that are set to be introduced in Congress that will prohibit and restrict certain trapping practices which could make the difference between life and death for millions of animals across the country.

Refuge From Cruel Trapping Act

This bill would prohibit the possession or use of body-gripping traps within the National Wildlife Refuge system.

Limiting Inhumane Federal Trapping (LIFT) Act

This bill would restrict the use of body-gripping traps on public lands administered by the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture and the Dept. of the Interior. This bill will also prohibit personnel from both departments from setting these brutal traps.

Public Safety and Wildlife Protection Act

This bill would ban the import, export, and interstate commerce of leg-hold and conibear traps. This bill would also ban the sale, acquisition, and purchase of any leg-hold or conibear trap that was transported in violation of the commerce ban.