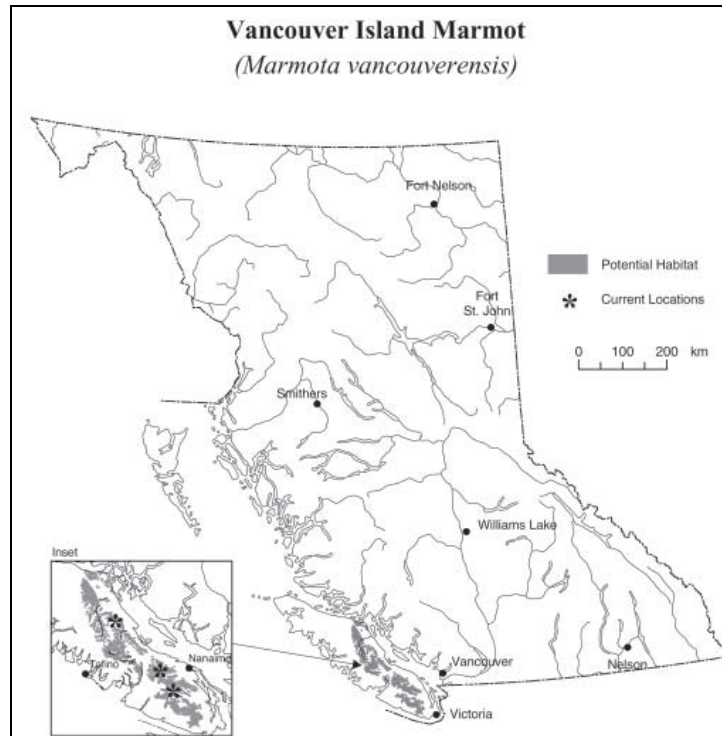


Vancouver Island Marmot in British Columbia

Distribution of Vancouver Island Marmot in B.C.



Identified Wildlife 2004

Summary of population size and trend

The September 2001 estimate for the Vancouver Island Marmot population was less than 30 animals in the wild and 46 in captivity, a drastic decline from a high of 235 in 1984 (Identified Wildlife 2004, see links below for references). Forestry concentrates marmots into a small geographic area increasing their vulnerability to disease; changes in vegetation and climate; and predators such as golden eagles, cougars and wolves (Environment Canada 2004).

For more information on Vancouver Island Marmots in British Columbia:

- B.C. Species and Ecosystems Explorer:
<http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/atrisk/toolintro.html>
- Identified Wildlife Management Strategy:
http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/wld/frpa/iwms/documents/Mammals/m_vancouverislandmarmot.pdf
- Vancouver Island Marmot Recovery Foundation:
<http://www.marmots.org/>
- Environment Canada Species At Risk:
http://www.speciesatrisk.gc.ca/search/speciesDetails_e.cfm?SpeciesID=136

Criteria for selection of the Vancouver Island Marmot for indicator:

- A species designated as Identified Wildlife under the *Forest and Range Practices Act*; and
- A species at risk where timber management is a known major threat.