

# Beaver named Animal of the Year 2020 in Latvia

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RIGA - The Eurasian Beaver (*Castor fiber*) has been named Animal of the Year 2020 in Latvia, Polina Skinke, a representative of the Latvian Museum of Natural History, told LETA.

The nomination of the animal of year 2020 took place at the Latvian Museum of Natural History on Thursday with the participation of Vilnis Skuja, a senior expert at the Nature Conservation Agency, Janis Ozolins, a researcher at the Latvian State Forest Research Institute Silava and Martins Zilgalvis, a supervisor at Riga National Zoological Garden.

In Latvia, the beaver population is stable and there are no hunting limitations for this species. The beaver's most conspicuous feature is its teeth which continue to grow throughout the animal's lifetime and sharpen themselves in the process of chewing trees. Beavers feed on various plants, tree bark and twigs. They do not eat fish.

People are invited to report their sightings of beavers or beaver activity on the nature observations website [www.dabasdati.lv](http://www.dabasdati.lv).