

Norway to ban fur farms by 2025

April 10 2019



Norway is going ahead with plans to ban fur farms

Norway's government on Wednesday detailed plans to ban fur farms by 2025, offering financial compensation to farmers who blasted it as a "historic betrayal".

A [bill](#) presented to parliament would render it illegal after 2025 to

possess animals for the purpose of killing them "for the sale or any other use of their fur."

The proposed ban is the result of an agreement reached in January 2018 when the right-wing [government](#) expanded to include the small Liberal Party, which insisted on the measure.

While the fur sector has largely come to terms with the idea of a gradual dismantling of their industry, it was critical of the compensation the government was offering farmers, calling it a "historic betrayal".

"We're being offered a few kroner, which is far from compensating for the planned dismantling of farms," Guri Wormdahl, a spokeswoman for the fur farmers' organisation Norges Pelsdyrslag, told AFP.

"The way it has been designed, it will lead farmers straight to bankruptcy," she said.

The government has estimated it will have to pay farmers around 500 million kroner (52 million euros, \$54 million) in compensation for either the dismantling or reconversion of their businesses.

According to Norges Pelsdyrslag, the country's fur farming industry employs around 500 people and has annual sales of 300 million kroner.

Norway accounts for around one percent of global mink fur production and between two and three percent of fox fur production.

© 2019 AFP

Citation: Norway to ban fur farms by 2025 (2019, April 10) retrieved 28 April 2024 from <https://phys.org/news/2019-04-norway-fur-farms.html>

This document is subject to copyright. Apart from any fair dealing for the purpose of private study or research, no part may be reproduced without the written permission. The content is provided for information purposes only.