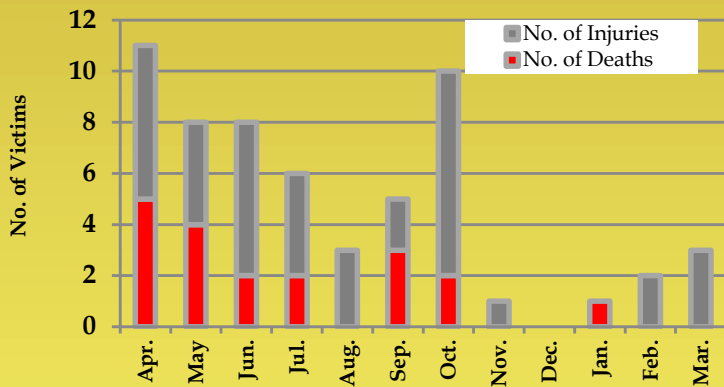


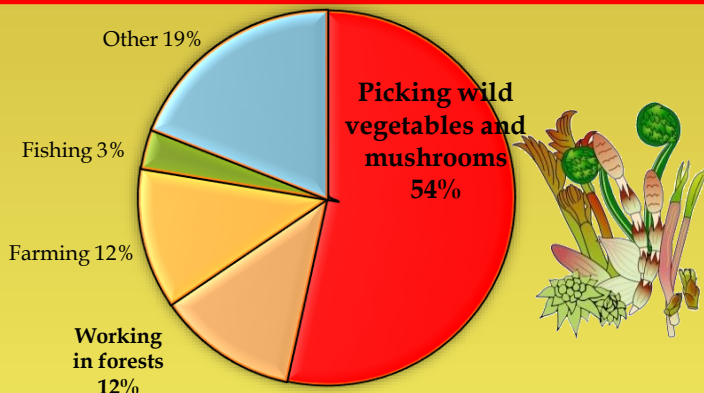
Warning: Brown Bear Activity Higher in Spring

Most bear attacks on humans occurred in spring and autumn



No. of People Attacked by Brown Bears by Month
(from FY 1989 to the end of Jan. in FY 2023, excluding cases in which hunters were attacked)

Two-thirds of the incidents happened while people were picking wild vegetables and mushrooms



Activities of the victims at the time of the attacks
(from FY 1989 to the end of Jan. in FY 2023, excluding cases in which hunters were attacked)

Use Extreme Caution: Spring Brown Bear Increased Activity Period April 1 (Sat) - May 31 (Wed), 2023

The best way to prevent becoming a victim of an attack is to avoid an encounter with a brown bear
Therefore, please be keep in mind:

Always take your food and garbage with you out of the forest

Never enter a forest alone

Always make noise when walking in a forest

Check brown bear sighting information

prior to entering any forest

Avoid activities when it's dark

Turn back when you see bear droppings

and footprints

※ If you witness any brown bears near residential areas, please contact your municipal office or the police.

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