

FACTS YOU NEVER KNEW ABOUT PANGOLINS

1. PANGOLIN MEANS 'ROLLER'

The word Pangolin comes from 'penggulong,' the Malay word for roller – the action a pangolin takes in self-defense. A startled pangolin will cover its head with its front legs, exposing its scales to any potential predator. If touched or grabbed it will roll up completely into a ball, while the sharp scales on the tail can be used to lash out.

Pangolins are also referred to as 'scaly anteaters' because of their preferred diet - ants.

2. THERE ARE EIGHT SPECIES OF PANGOLIN

Four species of pangolin can be found in Africa, and four in Asia.

3. PANGOLINS ARE THREATENED

All eight pangolin species are protected under national and international laws, and two are listed as Critically Endangered on the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species.

4. PANGOLINS ARE THE MOST TRAFFICKED MAMMALS IN THE WORLD

In China and Vietnam, pangolins are highly prized by consumers for their meat and their unique scales. While they are a potent defence against predators, their scales are useless against poachers, and all eight species in Asia and Africa are now under threat.

Over the past decade, over a million pangolins have been illegally taken from the wild to feed demand in China and Vietnam. Their meat is considered a delicacy, while their scales are used in traditional Chinese medicine as they are believed to treat a range of ailments from asthma to rheumatism and arthritis.

5. YOU CAN HELP PANGOLINS

The Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) recently voted to end international commercial trade in all pangolins through listing the eight species in Appendix I of the Convention, a ruling that will come into force early this year.

However, the illegal wildlife trade is still a threat to pangolins. You can help protect them by reporting wildlife crime, raising awareness, protecting their habitat, conducting regular monitoring and research.



Distribution range



Defensive posture



Pangolin's burrow



Promote awareness

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