

PANGOLIN INFORMATION



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PANGOLINS ARE AMAZING CREATURES.

Pangolins are the only mammals in the world covered in scales.

Pangolin are active and feed at night. They have the ability to curl up into a ball to protect themselves from large predators.

This animal has no teeth, but uses a long and sticky tongue to eat ants and termites – their favorite food in the wild.

Pangolins can consume up to 200,000 ants per day!

Mother pangolins breast feed and keep their young close. Mother pangolins carry pups safely on their tails when they venture out at night to hunt for ants and termites.

Worldwide, there are eight pangolin species: four species in Asia and four species in Africa. Vietnam is the habitat of two species: **Sunda Pangolin** *Manis javanica* and **Chinese Pangolin** *Manis pentadactyla* – both species are listed as **Critically Endangered** in the IUCN Red List.

IDENTIFYING FEATURES

SUNDA PANGOLIN

(*Manis javanica*)

The tail is long, with 24-28 lined rows of scales

Claws on the front feet are nearly the same length or 1.5 time longer than on the hind feet.



Distribution in Vietnam: Found from Nghe An to the Southern provinces

World: Brunei, Cambodia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Indonesia, Vietnam, Singapore and Thailand

• Small ears

CHINESE PANGOLIN

(*Manis pentadactyla*)

Distribution in Vietnam: Found from the Northern provinces to Nghe An

World: Bangladesh, India, Laos, Myanmar, Nepal, Taiwan, Thailand, China and Vietnam



• **Claws** on front feet much 2-4 times longer than on the hind feet.

• **The tail** is short, with less than 20 rows of scales along the tail.

Bigger ears •

THE FUTURE DOESN'T LOOK BRIGHT FOR PANGOLINS.

Pangolins are the most illegally trafficked mammal in the world.

Every year, approximately 100.000 individual pangolins are poached from the wild to supply illegal domestic and international trade, primarily in their scales, which are used for traditional medicine, and meat, which is considered a delicacy.

Because of this, pangolins could disappear before most of the world has even heard of them.



From left to right:

43 pangolins were confiscated and kept in Forest Protection Department of Yen Thuy district, Hoa Binh province.

Pangolin wine.

Pangolin scales for traditional medicine.

Pangolins are poached for meat consumption.

JOIN US TO SAVE PANGOLINS

If we work together, this amazing species can be protected from the risk of extinction. We call on you to help save them. You can save the pangolins by:

- Make a donation
- Become a volunteer
- Become a wildlife ambassador – spread the word
- Report wildlife crime via hotline: **+84 (0) 978 331 441**
- Visit our **Carnivore and Pangolin Education Center**
- Learn and share our information with your community at our website: **<http://svw.vn>**



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