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Animal Fact Sheet

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Greater Bamboo Lemur

Prolemur simus

Prolemur simus is a bamboo specialist so committed that it eats almost nothing else, and in doing so it consumes a plant most animals cannot touch: the growing shoots of giant bamboo are laced with c…

Quick facts

Classification: Mammal
Family: Lemuridae
Habitat: Tropical rainforest and bamboo forest
Diet: Herbivore
Conservation status: Critically Endangered
Lifespan: 12-17 years
Weight: 2.2-2.5 kg
Scientific name: Prolemur simus

Did you know?

- Despite eating bamboo loaded with cyanide daily, the Greater Bamboo Lemur has a unique physiological tolerance that prevents poisoning.
- Fossil and subfossil evidence shows the greater bamboo lemur once ranged across most of Madagascar, so its current pinprick distribution is a recent …

What I learned

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