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Animal Fact Sheet

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Pangolin

Manis spp.

The pangolin is the only mammal covered in scales — and they are not bone but keratin, the same protein as fingernails and rhino horn, which is why the traditional-medicine trade in them has no pharm…

Quick facts

Classification: Mammal
Family: Manidae
Habitat: Tropical and subtropical forests, savannas, and grasslands
Diet: Insectivore
Conservation status: Critically Endangered
Lifespan: 10-20 years
Weight: 1.6–33 kg (3.5–73 lbs) depending on species
Scientific name: Manis spp.

Did you know?

- Pangolins are the most trafficked mammals in the world, with their scales and meat highly sought after in illegal wildlife trade.
- Pangolin scales are keratin — the same material as your fingernails — so the medicinal trade in them is baseless. Its tongue can be longer than its b…

What I learned

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