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Animal Fact Sheet

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Slow Loris

Nycticebus coucang

Slow lorises (genus Nycticebus) are the only venomous primates and one of a very short list of venomous mammals. A gland on the inside of the upper arm secretes an oily fluid; the loris raises its ar…

Quick facts

Classification: Mammal
Family: Lorisidae
Habitat: Tropical and subtropical rainforests
Diet: Omnivore
Conservation status: Vulnerable
Lifespan: 15-20 years
Weight: 0.27–2.1 kg
Scientific name: Nycticebus coucang

Did you know?

- The slow loris licks or rubs its toxin onto its fur and can deliver a venomous bite, which can cause severe allergic reactions in humans.
- The loris's arm-raising posture, widely shared online as "tickling", is actually the animal reaching for its venom gland. Mothers lick venom into the…

What I learned

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