

Animal Fact Sheet

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Southern Tamandua

Tamandua tetradactyla

The Southern Tamandua is a medium-sized anteater native to South America, recognizable by its distinctive long snout and prehensile tail. Its coarse fur is typically pale yellow with a black 'vest' p...

Quick facts

Classification: Mammal

Family: Myrmecophagidae

Habitat: Forests and savannas of South America

Diet: Insectivore

Conservation status: Least Concern

Lifespan: 9-12 years

Weight: 4-8.4 kg

Scientific name: *Tamandua tetradactyla*

Did you know?

- Unlike many mammals, the Southern Tamandua has no teeth—it uses its tongue and strong stomach muscles to process its insect prey.
- Southern Tamanduas can consume up to 9,000 ants and termites in a single day. Their long, sticky tongue can extend up to 40 centimeters to reach inse...

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