

Sumatran Orangutan - *Pongo abelii*



Least Concern

Near Threatened

Vulnerable

Endangered

Critically Endangered

Extinct in Wild

Extinct

About the Sumatran Orangutan

What's not love about 'Ranga's': the big eyes, the spiky orange hair, and those incredible hands. They're clever creatures as well, arguably the most intelligent of the great apes, being great students and having the ability to communicate with us hard-of-hearing humans. They are also very adept tool users and are incredible escape artists.

Orangutans were once widespread throughout the forests of Asia but are now confined to just two pockets – Sumatra and Borneo. The population of wild Sumatran Orangutans has declined drastically from over 12,000 in 1994 to 6,500 in 2008. The main reason for their decline has been illegal pet trade and habitat loss, with the rain forests that they call home having been reduced by 20% over the last 20 years.

Without action the Sumatran Orangutan would probably become extinct within 10 years. The Indonesian government and various environmental organisations are working to protect these beautiful animals. The most important action that needs to be taken is to expand their habitat by creating more parks and Orangutan conservation areas.



 Distribution

How to Help

Sumatran Orangutans Society
<http://www.orangutans-sos.org/help/>

Sumatran Orangutan Conservation Program
<http://www.sumatranorangutan.org/>

Australian Orangutan Project
<http://www.orangutan.org.au/>



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