



Free and Wild

Pangolins

There are eight species of Pangolin in the planet:

Spanish: Pangolín

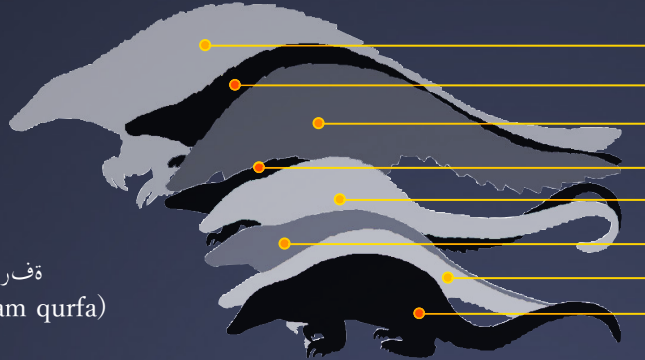
French: Pangolin

Italian: Pangolino

Chinese: 穿山甲

(Chuānshānjiǎ)

Arabic: عفرق م أو يوح لو غن ب ل ا
(albnghul hiwan 'am qurfa)



- Giant Ground Pangolin: *Smutsia gigantea*
- Cape Pangolin: *Smutsia temminckii*
- Indian Pangolin: *Manis crassicaudata*
- Long-Tailed Pangolin: *Uromanis tetradactyla*
- Three Pangolin: *Phataginus tricuspis*
- Chinese Pangolin: *Manis pentadactyla*
- Malayan Pangolin: *Manis javanica*
- Phillipine Pangolin: *Manis culionensis*



They live in Asia and Africa.

Habitat: Woodlands, floodplain grasslands, dry and sandy areas and rocky slopes.

Classification: Mammal

Diet: Insectivore



Life span

12 to 20 years
(in captivity and depending on the species)

Weight

Up to 40 pounds
(18 kg)

Length

Up to 3,2 feet
(97,5 cm)



Pangolins have five toes on each foot and very sharp claws, which are very useful for digging and searching the insects they eat. And they eat lots of them:



They also have a very long, rod-shaped and sticky tongue, but they don't have teeth. So they swallow sand and small stones along with the insects, in order to facilitate their digestion.



Up to 70 million insects per night!
They usually eat 90 times during a night (but every meal lasts only one minute).



They are nocturnal and solitary animals.



Besides humans, Pangolins' predators are lions, tigers and leopards. They defend themselves by curling up into a ball, exposing their sharp scales. They can also spray the predator with a substance produced by their anal scent gland.



Pangolins have poor eyesight, but they have an excellent sense of smell.



Baby Pangolins travel with their mothers, by riding on the base of her tail.

Pangolins are currently **the most trafficked wild mammal** in the planet.

People kill them because of their scales (very popular in Chinese traditional medicine) and their meat (considered a delicacy)

At least **218,100 Pangolins**

where seized between 2000 and 2012 and about a million of them could have been traded over the past decade.

You can help!

Raise awareness: ask your friends and family if they know about pangolins, and teach them what you have learned. Enter this page and learn even more: <http://wildaid.org/program/pangolins>