

Orangutans

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Pongo abelii



Sumatran ~13,000 remain

Pongo tapanuliensis



Tapanuli ~800 remain

Pongo pygmaeus



Bornean ~45,000 remain

Quick Facts

Population Less than 60,000
(Numbers decreasing rapidly)

Status Critically Endangered

Distribution Borneo and Sumatra Islands
(Once roamed throughout SE Asia)

Social Structure Males are mainly solitary
Females stay with their infants/young

Weight Males 200-250 lbs; females 90-130 lbs

Height Males 4.5 ft tall; females 3.5 ft tall

Reach Arm span of adult males can reach 8 ft

Lifespan 30-50 years

Diet Omnivorous
(Eat a variety of fruit, bark, leaves, insects)

Locomotion Brachiation
(Reach and swing branch to branch in treetops)

Physical characteristics Hair (not fur); individual fingerprints;
Adult males grow long, dreadlocked hair and have throat sacs;
Dominant males develop cheekpads (flanges)



Threats

Hunting

- As nuisance animals
- For bush meat

Capture

- To be kept as illegal pets
- For sale in the wildlife trade

Deforestation

- Logging
- Agriculture
- Palm Oil

Reach out and save
the orangutans!

