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MANED THREE-TOED SLOTH

Hi, I am the maned three-toed sloth, one of the rarest of the six sloth species and I am only found in Brazil. Read on to discover more interesting facts about me.

Where
I live

I live in a coastal rainforest in Brazil, in the states of Bahia, Espírito Santo, Rio de Janeiro and Sergipe. I inhabit tropical evergreen forests at low elevations, especially those with a closed canopy.
worldwildlife.org/species/sloth



CHARACTERISTICS

- I have a black mane of hairs, each up to 15 centimetres long, running down the back of my neck and over my shoulders.
- My fur is coarse, long and shaggy and I have long limbs, a short body and a stumpy tail.
- I have curved claws, measuring up to 4 inches long and are ideally shaped to hook around tree branches.
- I weigh 3.6-4.2kg.
- I am an extremely slow and sluggish mover in the trees, travelling an average of 38 metres a day, and sleeping for around 15 hours of the day!

DID YOU KNOW

Whilst sloths are among the most common mid-sized mammals in Central and South American rain forests, the maned three-toed sloth is very rare.

MY FAMILY

Females give birth once a year to a single offspring. The young clings to the mother's belly and is carried for up to six months, until it is strong enough to hang from branches unaided. There is a strong bond between the female and her young which is important for learning and development and the young inherit a portion of the mother's home range. Even when the young leaves the mother's home range, it maintains contact through calls.



VIDEO

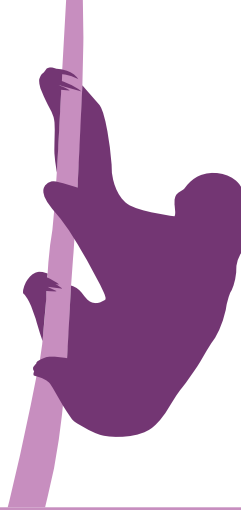
Watch footage of me:

- arkive.org/maned-three-toed-sloth/bradypus-torquatus/video-00.html
- Check out my claws: arkive.org/maned-three-toed-sloth/bradypus-torquatus/image-G8415.html



FEEDING

- I am a herbivore.
- I feed strictly on leaves, twigs and buds. I crop leaves with my hard lips, as I do not have any sharp teeth for cutting (incisors) only big flat teeth (molars) for grinding up my food.

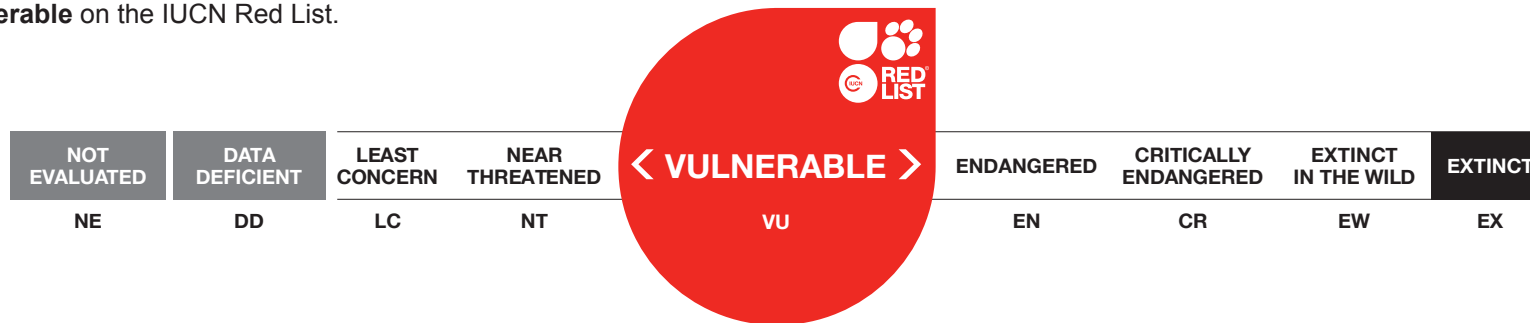


DID YOU KNOW

I spend most of my time hanging upside down from branches and as a result, many of my internal organs are in different positions from other mammals, even my fur grows in the opposite direction to that of most mammals.

CLASSIFICATION

I am classified as **Vulnerable** on the IUCN Red List.



STATUS

My habitat in the tropical coastal forests of Brazil is threatened by logging, charcoal production, urbanisation, industrialisation and clearance for plantations.

I was previously hunted for my meat, and even though I am now protected by law, my species numbers have been dramatically reduced and have not recovered.

There have also been reports of captured members of my species being found in tourist areas where people pay to have their photograph taken with them, indicating that hunting is not totally under control.

