

Pangolin

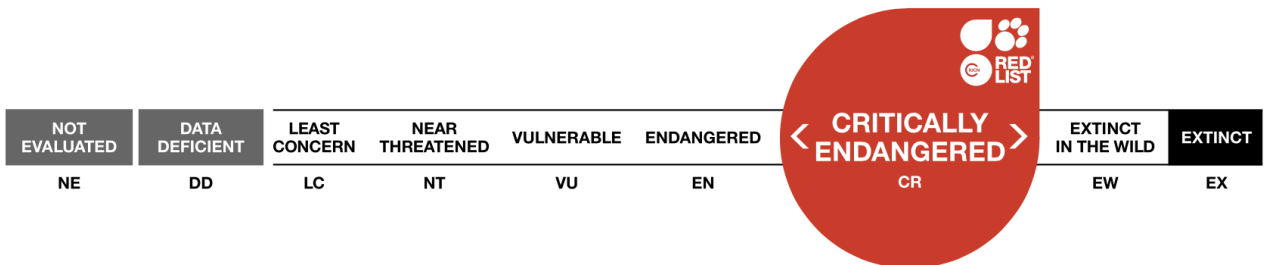


Pangolin sketch by Harry Clohessy, age: 10 (2020)

Scientific Name:
Manidae

Estimated number of individuals:
Unknown

Habitat:
Forest, shrubland and savannah



Top 5 Pangolin Facts

- 🦨 There are 8 species of pangolins: 4 found in Asia which are listed by the IUCN as **critically endangered** and 4 African species which are listed as **vulnerable**.
- 🦨 Pangolins are mostly covered in scales that are made up of keratin, the same as our fingernails and hair; the same as rhino horn!
- 🦨 Although they look and act a lot like anteaters and armadillos, pangolins are actually more closely related to bears, cats, and dogs.
- 🦨 They have long snouts and even longer tongues, which they use to lap up ants and termites.
- 🦨 Tens of thousands of pangolins are poached every year, killed for their scales for use in traditional Chinese medicine and for their meat, a delicacy among some ultra-wealthy in China and Vietnam.