



### **Conservation Status**

[IUCN Red Data List for \*Pongo abelii\*](#)  
and [Pongo pygmaeus](#)

### **Where found**

#### **Bornean orangutan (*Pongo pygmaeus*)**

Occurs in Central Kalimantan (Indonesia) and Sabah (Malaysia), with smaller populations in West and East Kalimantan and Sarawak (Malaysia). By 2004, the area of Bornean orangutan habitat remaining was around 86,000 km<sup>2</sup> in total.

#### **Sumatran orangutan (*Pongo abelii*)**

Occurs predominately to the north of Lake Toba on the Indonesian island of Sumatra. The most viable populations are found in the Leuser Ecosystem of Aceh and North Sumatra (the large landscape within which is set the Gunung Leuser National Park), particularly in the coastal swamps and certain lowland parts of the Alas Valley.

### **Habitat**

Orangutans are most common in peat-swamp forests and forests in flood plains, close to streams, rivers and swamps, probably because of the higher incidence of preferred fruit trees there.

### **Diet**

They eat mainly sugary, ripe fruit and seeds, and occasionally leaf shoots, insects, flowers, bark and soil.

### **Numbers surviving**

The latest population estimate for the Sumatran population in late 2004 is about 7,500 and declining, down from an estimate in 1997 of 12,770. For Borneo, population estimates are 57,000 in total, distributed within three subspecies in fragmented islands of habitat.

### **Threats**

Deforestation for palm oil plantations, illegal logging, forest fires (often deliberately lit to clear the forest), and killing the adults to capture infants for the wildlife trade.

### **Organisations involved in their conservation**

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