



Saving the slow loris How you can help

The survival of species such as the slow loris is in your hands, everyone can make a difference.

- **Please do not buy or keep slow lorises as pets.**
- **Become an advocate for helping Indonesia's native animals.**
Gain awareness of the issues facing the slow loris and many other beautiful species in Indonesia – then tell your friends and family.
- **Preserve the habitat for the animals.**
The main driver for deforestation is the multi-million dollar palm oil industry. This poses a direct threat to lorises. Petition your supermarkets to stock products that only use palm oil from sustainable forests.
- **Support the work of International Animal Rescue in Indonesia.**
- **If you find slow lorises on sale or in people's houses, please contact us on 025 138 9232.**

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Have you ever seen such beautiful eyes?

These are the eyes of a loris. This rare nocturnal species with big eyes is also a PRIMATE, just like you and me...

Thousands of slow lorises are being poached from the wild and illegally sold in animal markets not only in Indonesia but all around the world. People buy them to keep as pets. These harmless little animals suffer terrible stress from exposure to the sunlight at these markets where they are dumped in cramped cages. These timid creatures normally move about quietly in the darkness of the night.

The markets, where they are surrounded by other animals and people, are a nightmare for them. Tragically, many of them die from trauma even before they have been sold.

To prevent them from using their venomous bite, traders cruelly cut their teeth using wire cutters. This ghastly mutilation causes terrible infections, often leading to a slow and painful death.

In some areas of Indonesia, slow lorises are brutally killed for use in traditional medicine. This is having a huge impact on wild loris populations.

Numbers of this endangered primate are difficult to assess; status surveys have found them to occur in dramatically low densities when compared to other primates inhabiting the same forests. In some countries where they were known to be abundant, few to no lorises can be found in the wild today, suggesting that illegal trade may be the cause of population decline.

Listed as Vulnerable or Endangered by the IUCN¹ guidelines, they may soon be included in Appendix I of CITES² to give them full protection. If their populations continue to be diminished, soon no one will be able to see these beautiful eyes...

What we do

International Animal Rescue Indonesia is working to put an end to the trade in slow lorises. A new rescue facility specialising in the care of this species has been built in Ciapus (Bogor, Indonesia). Working closely with universities and scientists the aim, whenever possible, is to return these animals to the wild. In order to do that, intensive studies must be carried out on the genetics, taxonomy and the origin of these primates.

Eventually we will create a network throughout the whole country and even internationally. International Animal Rescue will also provide lifelong sanctuary for those animals that have had their teeth knocked out and are no longer able to survive in the wild.

1. International Union for Conservation of Nature
2. Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species

About the slow loris

Slow lorises are primates of the suborder Strepsirrhini. Their latin name is *Nycticebus* which means 'night monkey'. They are completely nocturnal and sleep during the day curled up in hollow trees, crevices, or simply along a branch.

Nycticebus is a small primate, measuring between 250 and 380 mm for head and body. Individuals typically weigh less than 2 kg. They have a lifespan of up to 20 years.

Slow lorises are nocturnal predators and feed mainly on insects, bird eggs, and young birds or sleeping birds and mammals. However, they will readily eat fruits and other parts of plants. They move slowly toward their prey so as not to frighten it away, but once they are within striking range, lorises move quickly to subdue their prey. The grip of the slow loris's hind feet is so strong that it often gathers food hanging upside down using its front paws to capture and hold prey. Lorises have been observed to make sharp twittering noises when annoyed.

This species can give a toxic bite to defend itself from predators and to stun their prey when hunting. A bite from a slow loris could result in serious illness and even prove fatal if it caused an allergic reaction.

