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Amazing Species: Sumatran Orangutan

The **Sumatran Orangutan**, *Pongo abelii*, is listed as 'Critically Endangered' on the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species™. Previously more widespread across South East Asia, this large ape is now restricted to the north of Sumatra, Indonesia.

Once hunted relentlessly, the main threat to the Sumatran Orangutan is now habitat loss, with its forest habitats being extensively logged, converted for agriculture and oil palm plantations, and fragmented by roads. Orangutans are also illegally captured for the pet trade, and are still occasionally hunted for food. As a result of these threats, the species has declined by an estimated 80 per cent over the last 75 years.

The Sumatran Orangutan is listed on Appendix 1 of CITES which makes it an offence to trade this species internationally; it is also protected by law in Indonesia. A major stronghold is the Leuser Ecosystem conservation area, within which is the designated 900,000 hectare Gunung Leuser National Park. However, this mountainous range supports only 25 per cent of the orangutans, and outside of this there are no notable large protected areas containing the species.



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