

Red Panda

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Red Panda Latest News

Recently, under a conservation programme at the Himalayan Zoological Park near Sikkim's capital, Gangtok red panda cubs were born after a 7 years gap.

About Red Panda

- It is also **known as the lesser panda** which is primarily a **herbivorous, shy**, solitary and arboreal animal.
- It uses its long, bushy tails for balance and to cover them in winter, presumably for warmth.
- It is considered an **indicator species** for ecological change.
- **Appearance:** It is the size of a house cat, the red panda is famous for its cute face and adorable defense stance.
- **Distribution:** It is mainly found in the mountainous forests of Bhutan, China, India, Myanmar, and Nepal.
- **Conservation status**
 - **IUCN Red list:** Endangered
 - **CITES:** Appendix I

- **Wildlife Protection Act 1972:** Schedule I
- **Threats:** The loss of nesting trees and bamboo in the Eastern Himalayas which is causing a decline in red panda populations across much of their range.

What are Indicator Species?

- Indicator species are a species, or group of species, that **reflect the biotic or abiotic state of an environment**.
- They reveal the possible **evidence and impact of environmental change**, and indicate the diversity of other species, taxa, or entire communities within an area.
- Indicator species can provide an early warning of environmental changes.
- They can be used to **assess the health of an environment** or ecosystem – they are often termed ‘bioindicators’.
- They can be a useful management tool.

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