

Tapanuli Orangutan

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Tapanuli Orangutan Latest News

A recent cyclone in Sumatra killed approximately 58 Tapanuli orangutans, representing about 7% of the critically endangered species.

About Tapanuli Orangutan

- It is a **species of orangutan** found in the island of **Sumatra in Indonesia**.
- It is one of three known species of orangutan, alongside the **Sumatran orangutan**, found farther northwest on the island, and **the Bornean orangutan**.
- It was described as a distinct species in 2017.
- **Appearance:** These species resemble Sumatran orangutans more than Bornean orangutans in body build and fur color.
- **Distribution:** It lives in **tropical and subtropical moist broadleaf forests** that are located south of Lake Toba in Sumatra.
- **Habitat:** These are exclusively arboreal and spend **most of their time high up in the trees**.

- **Conservation Status:** **IUCN:** Critically endangered.

Characteristics of Tapanuli Orangutan

- They **lead a solitary life** and can be seen in pairs only when a mother is raising her young.
- **Communication:** Orangutans communicate **with various sounds**.
- Both sexes will try to intimidate conspecifics with a series of **low guttural noises known** collectively as **the “rolling call”**.
- **Diet:** They are omnivores.
- **Reproduction:** Tapanuli orangutans are one of the most slowly-maturing animals in the world.

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