

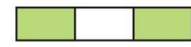


SPECIES OF THE DAY : ENVIRONMENT

Sloth Bear

(*Melursus ursinus*)

30 centimeters



12 inches



SLOTH BEARS

ASPECTS	DESCRIPTION
About	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Sloth bears are one of the eight bear species found globally.2. These bears have long, shaggy dark brown or black fur and curved claws, which are the longest among bear species.3. Sloth bears are mostly nocturnal, foraging for food at night and resting in secluded locations during the day.
Habitat	Sloth bears live in a variety of dry and moist forests and tall grasslands, where boulders, scattered shrubs, and trees provide shelter.
Distribution	They mainly inhabit regions of India, Nepal, Sri Lanka, and presumably Bhutan.



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Diet	They are myrmecophagous, meaning they primarily consume bugs and termites.
Conservation effort	Daroji Sloth Bear Sanctuary in Karnataka and the Jessore Sloth Bear Sanctuary in Gujarat are dedicated sanctuary for sloth bears.
Conservation status	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. IUCN: Sloth bears are listed as Vulnerable.2. Wildlife Protection Act, 1972: They are included in Schedule I.3. CITES: Sloth bears are listed in Appendix I.

