

CLOUDED LEOPARD FACTS



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Clouded leopards have the longest tail to body size ratio of any cat. This provides balance and stability while the animal is climbing in the forest canopy.

For their skull size they have the **longest canine teeth** of any cat.

They are one of the few cats that can fully rotate their ankles which allows them to **descend trees head first**, rather than scrambling down backwards in common with most other cat species.

Males can be up to a third larger than **females**.

Although they will **hunt primates in trees**, most prey such as pigs and small mammals are generally taken on the ground.

Key drivers for the decline of the species in the wild

Deforestation Asia has one of the fastest and most indiscriminate rates of natural habitat loss in the world.

Palm oil plantations Forests cleared and converted for the cultivation of palm oil is particularly acute in central and south East Asia.

Illegal trapping For both the fur and pet trade as well as for the use of body parts such as bones and organs for so-called traditional medicines

Classed as vulnerable by the I.U.C.N. And thought to be declining across the vast majority of its home range.

The Formosan clouded leopard (*Neofelis nebulosa brachyuran*) was declared extinct on the island of Taiwan in the 1990s.