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Geographical range

## Amazing Species: Black-bellied Tree Pangolin

The **Black-bellied Tree Pangolin**, *Uromanis tetradactyla*, is currently listed as 'Least Concern' on the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species™. It is restricted to tropical riverine and swamp forests and ranges from Sierra Leone in West Africa, eastwards through most of the countries bordering the Gulf of Guinea to Cameroon, and possibly also the Central African Republic. The core of its range lies in the Democratic Republic of Congo, Gabon and Congo, and may extend as far south as north-west Angola.

**Knowledge**  
**Experts**  
**Action**  
**Get Involved**

The smallest and most aquatic of the four African pangolin species, the Black-bellied Tree Pangolin is predominantly arboreal. The main threat to this species, and indeed all pangolins, is the bushmeat trade, and to a lesser extent the local traditional medicine trade. Habitat destruction is also a big threat, as is the increasing number of individuals that are illegally smuggled to Asia for the culinary and Traditional Chinese Medicine trade.

The Black-bellied Tree Pangolin is listed on CITES Appendix II with no international trade allowed, although illicit trade continues. This species' range is currently being determined by photographic surveys and engagement with relevant stakeholders. Negotiations are also underway to launch ecological studies to gather much-required scientific data.



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