

# HELP DECIDE THE FUTURE OF PANGOLINS IN INDIA: #ChooseYourSide on #WorldPangolinDay



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## MEET THE PANGOLIN: THE FARMER'S FRIEND

► **INDIAN PANGOLIN** *Manis crassicaudata* & **CHINESE PANGOLIN** *Manis pentadactyla*: Two species found in India.

► **TOOTHLESS** and **SCALY**, pangolins are considered farmer's friend as they keep a check on ant and termite populations, and help improve soil quality.

► **CURLS ITSELF INTO A BALL** as self-defence against predators such as lion.



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## MEET THE PANGOLIN: WORLD'S MOST TRAFFICKED WILD MAMMAL

► **PANGOLINS** are considered **THE MOST TRAFFICKED WILD MAMMAL** worldwide. They are **NETTED, TRAPPED, SHOT OR SNARED** for their **SCALES WHICH ARE USED AS AN INGREDIENT IN TRADITIONAL CHINESE MEDICINES**, and for their **MEAT WHICH IS CONSUMED AS A DELICACY**.

► TRAFFIC's study found **MORE THAN 650 PANGOLINS IN ILLEGAL WILDLIFE TRADE IN INDIA EVERY YEAR**. This is a conservative estimate as only a fraction of illegal wildlife trade is detected, the actual number is likely to be far higher. **MANIPUR** and **TAMIL NADU** are the **HOTSPOTS** for pangolin smuggling in India.

► **HUNTING, TRADE** or **ANY OTHER FORM OF UTILISATION** of pangolin species is a **CRIME** under India's Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 **PUNISHABLE FOR UP TO 7 YEARS OF IMPRISONMENT**. International trade is also prohibited under CITES.



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### YOU CAN HELP:

1. Do not buy products or derivatives made from pangolins and their body parts.
2. Spread awareness about pangolins in India by sharing information on social media platforms. Follow TRAFFIC India on **FACEBOOK: TRAFFIC, India Office**; **TWITTER: @TRAFFIC India** . #HelpStopIllegalWildlifeTrade #EndWildlifeCrime
3. Report poaching, smuggling or illegal trade to the Wildlife Crime Control Bureau (WCCB), local Forest and Police Departments.

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