

RED PANDA

Ailurus fulgens fulgens



FUN FACTS

- Brandywine Zoo's red pandas, Merry & Gansu, were born at the Detroit Zoo.
- The word panda is derived from a Nepalese term 'ponya' for "eater of bamboo;" the Chinese name for the red panda is "HUNHO," which in English means firefox.
- Unlike other carnivores, red panda molars have an elaborate crown pattern, an adaptation for chewing bamboo.

THREATS AND CONSERVATION

Deforestation (commercial logging, demand for firewood, clearing for habitation and farming, jhum (slash-and-burn shifting cultivation) by hill tribes, grazing of domestic stock, monoculture forest plantation) has led to reduced food supply for the red pandas, and habitat fragmentation threatens their ability to move about their territories. Red pandas are also hunted for their fur.



class <i>mammal</i>	biome <i>mountain</i>	diet <i>omnivore</i>	body temp <i>endotherm</i>
biorhythm <i>nocturnal</i>	birth <i>viviparous</i>	interaction <i>solitary</i>	habitat <i>arboreal</i>