

PANGOLINS

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1. At first glance, they are clearly different from all other mammals - they are the only ones with a body covered in scales. Where do we classify pangolins from the aspect of biological systematics?

- a) Among the Xenarthra with their closest relatives being anteaters.
- b) They form a separate group along with armadillos.
- c) They form a separate group, and their closest relatives are probably carnivores.

2. How many pangolin species are there in the world?

- a) There are two species of pangolins in the world, one in Africa and one in Asia.
- b) There are twenty species of pangolins in the world, all living in Africa.
- c) There are eight species of pangolins living in the world, four species in Asia and four in Africa.

3. Which of the following statements about pangolins is true?

- a) They are solitary animals, only forming pairs during the mating season.
- b) They live in groups, with a dominant male leading the group.
- c) Pangolins form lifelong pairs, with both parents caring for the young.

4. What are the scales that cover the pangolin's body made of?

- a) The scales are made of chitin.
- b) The base of the scales is a protein called keratin.
- c) The scales are mainly made of calcium.

5. What do pangolins eat in the wild?

- a) Small vertebrates and larger invertebrate species
- b) Fruits, sap and leaves
- c) Ants, termites and insect larvae



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6. Which of the following statements is true?

- a) Pangolins have no teeth, and their sticky tongue can be longer than their entire body.
- b) Pangolins have peg-like teeth, and their tongue is short and pointed.
- c) Pangolins have more teeth than any other mammal and their sticky tongue is as long as their tail.

7. How do pangolins defend themselves when threatened?

- a) When threatened, pangolins mostly curl up into an armoured ball and hide their vulnerable head and belly. They also release a foul-smelling secretion or swish their tails.
- b) When threatened, pangolins attack predators with long canines, sharp claws and swish their tails with sharp-edged scales.
- c) When threatened, they curl up into a ball and are perfectly protected from predators by the spines and tough hairs that cover their entire body.

8. What is currently the main threat to pangolins?

- a) Bacterial infections decimating entire populations of pangolins.
- b) The illegal trade in their scales and meat.
- c) Forest fires and destruction of their natural habitat.

9. What is the name of Prague Zoo's in-situ project in Cameroon aimed at reducing the hunting of endangered animals (including pangolins) by raising awareness and educating the local population?

- a) Rescue Bus
- b) Wandering Bus
- c) Return of the Wild Pangolins

10. How many zoos in Europe are currently keeping pangolins?

- a) Prague Zoo is one of only two zoos in Europe that keep pangolins.
- b) They are often kept in zoos in Europe.
- c) In Europe, there are five zoos with pangolins.



SOLUTION

LEARNING ABOUT ANIMALS WITH **PRAGUE ZOO**



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Answers: 1c; 2c; 3a; 4b; 5c; 6a; 7a; 8b; 9b; 10a

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