

PANDAS

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There are less than 2,000 pandas left in the wild today. Pandas are found in the middle of china. They live in forested mountains. Pandas love to eat bamboo. They can eat more than 30 pounds of bamboo each day. I know it's a lot. Over time much of China's bamboo forests were cut down to make room for farmland. Nearly 80 percent of bamboo forests were cut down. As a result, Pandas need our protection. How can we help them?

Pandas are amazing creatures. They are good at climbing and swimming but they are very slow on land. Giant pandas are two to three feet tall when on all fours. Giant pandas can weigh up to 200 pounds. Wild pandas can live up to 20 years. When a cub (cubs are baby pandas) is two years old it leaves its mother. One of the things that people do to help pandas is to make reserves to protect them.

Pandas are losing a lot of habitat. The Chinese government banned logging in the pandas habitat in 1998. Bamboo Naturally Dies every 40-120 years depending on the type. In the past, pandas could migrate to new areas in search of food, but nowadays they are no longer able to 'follow' the bamboo. Did you know that pandas use at least 12 different sounds to communicate? According to the World Wildlife Fund, China has a network of 67 panda reserves, which safeguard almost two-thirds of the giant pandas. Pandas are getting hunted.

Poaching. Pandas fur looks so cool that people would hunt them for it. Luckily hunting the animals for their fur has declined due to strict laws. Some pandas are accidentally injured or killed by traps set for other animals.

Pandas are amazing animals, pandas are losing habitat, pandas are getting hunted. People are helping pandas in many different ways. one way is Making reserves. They ban logging, but people still hunt them for their fur. One way you could help pandas is to work at a panda reserve or buy some land in China so people can't cut down the bamboo. I hope you help too.

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