



## Indian Pangolin

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- Pangolin is a mammalian nocturnal animal. It lives in burrows and termites and ants are its main food. **The pangolin is the most trafficked mammal in the world.** Indian Pangolin is included in the category of 'Endangered' in the Red List of IUCN.
- The body size of the Indian pangolin is the largest among the eight species of pangolin found in the world. **Pangolin is an animal that is able to fold its body to form a protective shield to protect itself from any external attack.**
- **The Forest Department of Odisha has done 'radio tagging' of a pangolin** to standardize its rehabilitation protocol in the state.
- This pangolin was kept under observation in 'Nandankanan Zoological Park' for a few days. After this it was released in 'Nandankanan Wildlife Sanctuary'. Earlier in Madhya Pradesh too, the pangolin was tagged and released into the forest.
- It is to be noted that **'Nandankanan Zoological Park' is the only center for 'Conservation and Breeding' of Indian Pangolin.**