

My Rainforest Animal Presentation

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What Animal Did I Choose?

Out of all the living things in the rainforest , I have chosen one animal:

The Sloth

Questions I Will Answer During My Report

- ❖ What kind of animal is the sloth and what does it look like?
- ❖ Where do sloths live?
- ❖ What do sloths eat?
- ❖ How do sloths adapt to living in the rainforest?

What kind of Animal is The Sloth?

➤ Sloths are **mammals**.

✓ Mammals are warm-blooded, they have fur or hair, and most mammals give birth to live young (rather than laying eggs.)

Are There Different Kinds of Sloths?

There are 5 different subspecies of sloths but the main 2 kinds are:



Three-toed
Sloth



Two-toed
Sloth

What are the physical Characteristics of Sloths?

- ✓ Sloths have a round head.
- ✓ Sloths have sad-looking eyes.
- ✓ Sloths have tiny ears.
- ✓ Sloths have stubby tails.
- ✓ Sloths have long arms and shaggy fur. They kind of look like a monkey. They are closely related to armadillos and ant eaters.
- ✓ Adult sloths can be 2 to 2.5 feet long and weigh anywhere from 8 to 17 pounds.



Three-toed sloths

Three-toed sloths have facial coloring that makes them look like they are smiling all the time.



They also have extra neck vertebrae that allow them to turn their heads around 270 degrees.

They like to sit up right in the forks of tree limbs.

Two-toed Sloths

Two-toed sloths tend to be slightly bigger than their cousins the three-toed sloth.



They like to spend their time hanging upside down in trees.

Where Does the Sloth Live ?



**Sloths live in the
tropical
rainforests of
Central and South
America.**

Where Does the Sloth Live ?

- All sloths are built for life in the treetops.
- Mommy sloths carry their babies with them in the trees for the first 9 months.
- They spend nearly all of their time up in the air, hanging from branches with a powerful grip aided by their long claws.
- Sloths even sleep in trees, and they sleep a lot—some 15 to 20 hours every day.



What Do Sloths Eat and Drink?

- ✓ Sloths are **herbivores**.
 - ✓ An herbivore is an animal that only eats plants. They do not eat the meat from other animals.
 - They eat plant leaves, young trees, and fruit.
 - ✓ They get most of their water from the plants they eat.



How Do Sloths Adapt to their Environment?

- ✓ Sloths are built for life in the tree tops. They have sharp long claws that help them grip the trees. They eat, sleep, mate, and give birth in the trees.
- ✓ Sloths have algae that grows on their fur which is like camouflage and lets them blend in with the green leaves.
- ✓ While they are very clumsy on land, sloths are excellent swimmers. They often fall straight from the tree into the water to avoid having to crawl on land.
- ✓ Sloths are the world's slowest mammal!! Scientists think that sloths developed their slow- motion life style so they would be less noticeable to predators such as hawks and cats which rely on their eyesight to catch prey.

Help Save the Sloths!!



Some subspecies of sloths are classified as endangered. Not much is known about their population numbers. What is known is that the jungles these gentle creatures call home are being cut down at a rapid rate. It is likely that their numbers are being reduced.

Fast Facts

1. There are 5 subspecies of sloths. The main 2 types are the three-toed sloth and the two-toed sloth.
2. Sloths are mammals.
3. Sloths are herbivores.
4. Sloths live almost their entire lives in trees.
5. They resemble a monkey with their long arms and fur.
6. Sloths are clumsy on land but are excellent swimmers.
7. They are constantly in slow motion to help ward off predators.

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