

Formosa Bear Conservation

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The Formosan black bear is a special animal that lives in Taiwan. It has black fur and a white mark on its chest. The mark looks like the letter V. People say it looks like the moon. This bear is the largest animal that lives on land in Taiwan.

These bears live in the mountains and **forests**. They like quiet places far from people. They eat fruit, nuts, leaves, and small animals. They are good at climbing trees. They can also swim in rivers.

Sadly, the Formosan black bear is in danger. There are only about 200 to 600 bears left. Many bears lose their homes when people cut down trees. Some bears get hurt in **traps** that hunters set for other animals.

Many people in Taiwan want to **protect** these bears. Scientists study them and put small radios on them. The radios help scientists know where the bears go. Workers also teach children about the bears. They want children to love and save this **rare** animal.

You can help too. Do not buy things made from bear parts. Tell your friends about the Formosan black bear. If we all work together, we can save this beautiful animal. The bears need clean **forests** and safe homes. We hope these bears will live in Taiwan for many years and that more babies will be born in the **wild**.

A. Vocabulary

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| 1. forests ____ | a. chance that something bad will happen |
| 2. traps ____ | b. people who catch or kill animals |
| 3. protect ____ | c. not seen or found very often |
| 4. rare ____ | d. move up something using hands and feet |
| 5. wild ____ | e. tools used to catch animals |
| 6. mountains ____ | f. keep something safe from harm |
| 7. hunters ____ | g. natural places where animals live freely |
| 8. scientists ____ | h. very tall hills made of rock |
| 9. danger ____ | i. people who study nature and learn new things |
| 10. climb ____ | j. large areas of land covered with many trees |

B. True or False

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| ___ 1. The Formosan black bear lives in Taiwan. | ___ 2. The bear has a white mark on its chest. |
| ___ 3. The white mark looks like a star. | ___ 4. Formosan black bears like to live in big cities. |
| ___ 5. These bears can climb trees. | ___ 6. The bears only eat meat. |
| ___ 7. There are millions of Formosan black bears today. | ___ 8. Some bears get hurt in traps. |

___ 9. Scientists use small radios to study the bears.

___ 10. The Formosan black bear is the smallest animal in Taiwan.

C. Fill in the Blanks

Word Bank: forests, traps, protect, rare, wild, mountains, scientists, danger

1. The Formosan black bear lives in the _____ of Taiwan.
2. Hunters set _____ to catch animals in the woods.
3. Many people want to _____ the bears from harm.
4. The Formosan black bear is in _____ because there are very few left.
5. _____ study the bears to learn where they live.



D. Comprehension Questions

1. What does the Formosan black bear look like?
2. Why are Formosan black bears in danger?
3. How do scientists help the bears?

E. Discussion Questions

1. What other animals in your country need protection, and how can people help them?
2. Why do you think it is important to save rare animals like the Formosan black bear?

Answer Key

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A. Vocabulary: 1-j, 2-e, 3-f, 4-c, 5-g, 6-h, 7-b, 8-i, 9-a, 10-d

B. True/False: 1-T, 2-T, 3-F, 4-F, 5-T, 6-F, 7-F, 8-T, 9-T, 10-F

C. Fill Blanks: 1-mountains, 2-traps, 3-protect, 4-danger, 5-scientists

D. Comprehension:

1. It has black fur and a white V-shaped mark on its chest that looks like the moon.
2. They lose their homes when people cut down trees, and some get hurt in hunters' traps.
3. Scientists put small radios on the bears to learn where they go and study them.

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