

# ALL ABOUT... SUN BEARS

*Helarctos malayanus*



## FUN FACTS WORD SEARCH:

Read about Sun Bears and find the words in UPPERCASE in the puzzle below.

Sun bears are the **SMALLEST** species of bear in the world. They are also known as **MALAYAN** sun bears. **KACEY** is the name of the sun bear that lives at ZooTampa.

Sun bears are excellent **CLIMBERS** and spend much of their time in trees. In fact, they sleep in **NESTS**. The Malay name for sun bear means "He who likes to sit high."

They are **OMNIVORES**, which mean they eat plants and meat. Sun bears have long tongues that average 8-9 inches! This aids them in getting **TERMITES** and **HONEY** to eat. They also eat **FRUIT** and small animals. At the Zoo, Kacey loves to eat apples, bananas, and sweet potato.

Sun bears have a very good sense of **SMELL**. It is thought to be several thousand times better than humans.

Their status in the wild is **VULNERABLE**, which means that they are at high risk of becoming extinct in the wild. They suffer from severe habitat loss due to farming and mining, as well as poaching for meat and medicine. They are even susceptible to the pet trade.

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See this line? That's how long a sun bear's tongue is! Is your tongue longer or shorter than a Sun bear's?

## LITERACY CONNECTION:

Where are you, Sun Bear: Malaysia (Global Kids Storybooks),  
by Eun-mi Choi and Seong-bin Noh

Facts about the Sun Bear (A Picture Book for Kids, Vol 328), by Lisa Strattin



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