

Orang-utans

... soon
to be
extinct?

Orang-utans, the
vegetarian forest apes
of South-East Asia, may
disappear by 2025.



There were 60,000 orang-utans in the wild 20 years ago; now their population has halved. Why?

Mainly because their habitat is being destroyed by deforestation: trees are cut down for wood and paper, as well as to make space for agriculture and gold mines.

Orang-utans' slow reproduction rate makes the situation worse: it takes 12-15 years for a female to become fertile, and then she waits an average of 8 years between births.



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and humans are close relatives



	Orang-utans only	Orang-utans and humans – their similarities	Humans only
Diet – what orang-utans and humans eat			
Habitat – where orang-utans and humans live			
Babies	<p>Hairy</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Long breast-feeding and weaning times ◆ Years of learning skills from mother ◆ There may be problems if a mother and baby are permanently separated 	
Reproductive cycles			