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FACTSHEET



Maned Wolf

Scientific Name: Chrysocyon brachyurus

Habitat: Maned Wolves are naturally found in central and eastern South America, including northern Argentina, south and central Brazil, eastern Bolivia, Paraguay, and south eastern Peru. A variety of open habitats are utilized, including savannah, grassland, scrubland, swamps, marshes, and agricultural land.

Description: The fur blends from reddish brown to golden orange on the sides, with long, black legs and a distinctive black mane. The coat is further marked with a whitish tuft at the tip of the tail and a white "bib" beneath the throat. The mane is erectile, and is typically used to enlarge the wolf's profile when threatened or when displaying aggression. Adults stand almost 1m tall at the shoulder, and weigh 20 to 25 kg

Status: Vulnerable.

Interesting facts:

- Diet: Maned wolves are omnivorous (eating both plants and animals such as rodents and birds)
- Group Structure: Maned wolves live in pairs (having one partner for life) and only interact during the breeding season.
- Reproduction: 62 – 66 days pregnancy after which a litter of 2 -5 pups are born.
- In captivity, males help raise pups by regurgitating food.
- Lifespan: 12-15 years
- Maned wolves are nocturnal (most active in the night) preferring to rest under forest cover during the day and hunt until sunrise.
- Maned wolves are very shy and only attack humans when they feel threatened or afraid.
- Maned wolves rotate their large ears to listen for prey animals in the grass. They tap the ground with a front foot to flush out the prey and pounce to catch it.

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