



Temminck's Ground Pangolin (*Smutsia temminckii*)

Size: Body length, 40 - 70 cm; tail, 40 - 70 cm **Weight:** 7 - 18 kg **Habitat:** Found primarily in savanna woodlands with moderate or dense scrub **Surviving number:** Unknown



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Roll with it. When a predator threatens, Temminck's ground pangolin simply rolls into a ball and counts on its sharp scales for protection. The shy and solitary insectivore's own favored prey are ants and termites, which it snatches up with its long tongue. But in searching for the next meal, it all too often has a fatal encounter with an electrified fence or

runs afoul of poachers. No armor can prevent the pangolin from being captured and sold for the traditional medicine trade, which uses virtually every body part.

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