



Tapanuli Orangutan (*Pongo tapanuliensis*)

Size: Head and body length, approx. 68 - 130 cm **Weight:** Approx. 40 - 90 kg **Habitat:** Lowland and mid-elevation hill and submontane forest **Surviving number:** Estimated at fewer than 800



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A call says it all. The male Tapanuli orangutan uses his specialized throat sac to produce a booming call with a dual purpose: to warn off rivals and attract mates. Each female answers the call only once every five to ten years, as she spends about six years caring for her young. With the longest interval between births of any mammal and a small population, this

great ape is vulnerable to habitat loss, hunting for food and illegal trade, and conflict with farmers over crop-raiding. Last call may be near.

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