



*slow loris having its teeth removed (no anaesthetic!)*

## A cruel and destructive trade

All slow loris species are endangered in the wild due to deforestation and the illegal wildlife trade.

Lorises are shy, nocturnal primates that roam large rainforest territories and eat a complex variety of plants, nectar, fruits and insects. In the wild they process toxins from their diet which they secrete from glands and mix with their saliva to produce a venomous bite. As a result they are very difficult to care for in captivity so are fed an unsuitable diet and have their teeth cut out without anaesthesia. Most don't survive long.

# Say 'NO' to the cruel exploitation of wild animals

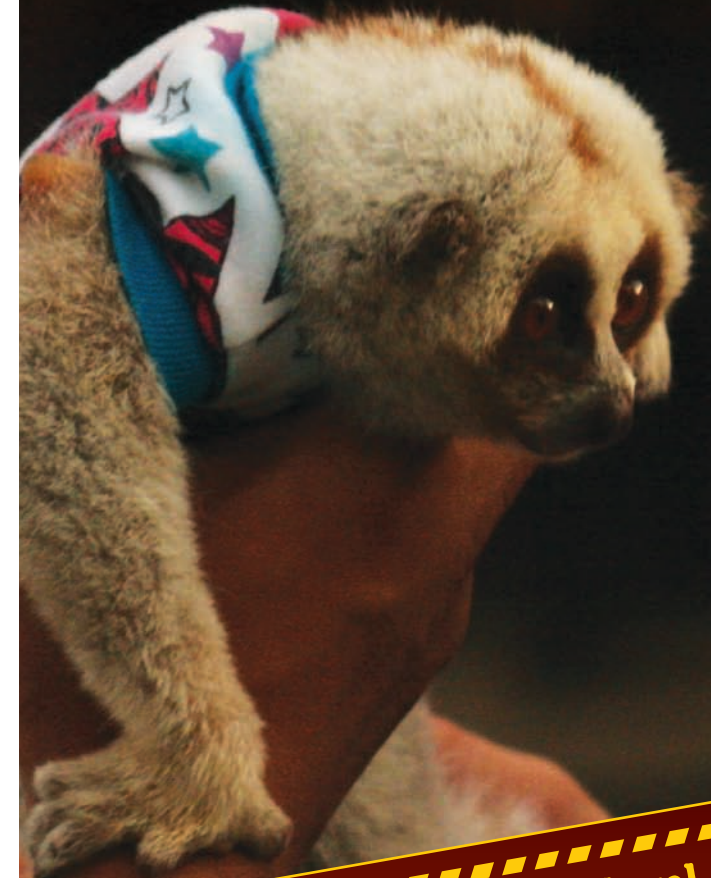


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# SUFFERING FOR SOUVENIRS



## Please don't support the illegal wildlife trade in slow lorises!



## Slow lorises in danger

Recently there has been an explosion in the use of lorises as photo props to make money from tourists in Phuket. Endangered lorises are taken from their forest homes and traded illegally all across South and South East Asia and are now also brought to Phuket to entertain tourists.

**Paying for souvenir photos with wild animals supports a cruel and illegal trade**

When paying for a photo with a loris you are contributing to a cruel trade which is pushing these amazing animals towards extinction.

*never pay to have your photo taken with a loris*



**These shy animals are stolen from their forest home and subjected to a short life of flash photography and loud music**

## How can you help?

- ▶ Don't pay to have your photo taken with any wild animals as it supports the cruel and illegal wildlife trade in endangered species.
- ▶ Never purchase any wild animals whilst in Thailand - it may seem like rescuing them but in fact it boosts the trade.
- ▶ Avoid bars and restaurants where these animals are used as tourist attractions.
- ▶ Thailand has a great National Park system - go trekking in the forest to see animals in their natural environment.



*a loris being exploited on the streets of Patong*