The images below show the three major threats to slow lorises: 1. they are killed for use in traditional medicines, considered to cure more than 100 diseases (J. Holden); 2. not only are the culled from the wild to be sold as pets, but then the teeth of these, the world's only venomous primates, are crudely clipped, meaning they can never be reintroduced back to the wild (A. Knight) 3. they are paraded as photo props; their fear response causes them to go into a passive mode, leading passers-by to think they are docile and cute (P. Osterberg)









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# **PRIMATES NOT PETS**

- Slow lorises are small nocturnal primates from SE Asia—all species are threatened with extinction, and all are protected by law in the countries in which they occur
- Slow lorises are listed on CITES Appendix I, forbidding all international commercial trade (e.g. pets)
- Slow lorises live 15-20 years; their young do not leave the mother until they are 12-20 months old, depending on the species
- Young slow lorises drink milk from their mother for 6-12 months
- Do not buy lorises because you feel sorry for them; every loris bought means another taken from the wild
- Young lorises for sale without their mother, usually means the mother was killed
- Keeping a slow loris as a pet results in a fine or imprisonment

## **EMERGENCY MEASURES**

 If you see a loris in a market, do not buy it—contact the authorities or a local NGO who can contact the authorities for you

### IF YOU HAVE BOUGHT A LORIS

- Contact a rescue centre as soon as possible and surrender your loris into the hands of experts...in the meantime, see below
- Check if your loris has teeth—most lorises have their teeth cruelly removed with nail clippers or wire cutters, leading to deadly infection the loris may need urgent medical care
- Lorises need a diverse diet of insects, gum and sap. Too much fruit will cause tooth decay, obesity and diabetes. Feed commercial vegetables instead of fruit. Feed crickets & meal worms coated in milk powder with a pet vitamin supplement
- Give your loris plenty of branches and small tubes to hold on to; never keep it in an empty cage or on cushions—it needs to climb freely
- Do not encourage others to buy lorises

In Indonesia, the following can help:

### Jakarta Animal Aid Network (JAAN)

http://jakartaanimalaid.com/info@jakartaanimalaid.com

#### Cikananga Wildlife Rescue Centre (PPSC)

http://www.cikanangawildlifecenter.com/id/ info@cikanangawildlifecenter.com

#### **Aspinall Foundation**

http://www.aspinallfoundation.org/conservation/conservation/overseas-conservation-work/java

#### International Animal Rescue

http://www.internationalanimalrescue.org/projects/25/ Saving+the+slow+loris.html; +62 (0) 251 8389232



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