

Rainforest Animals in Danger

Tip Sheet

Together, We Protect Wildlife!



Pre-visit



Find out what your children can do to help animals in danger. Watch this video to plan your learning journey.

Before your visit, discuss the concept of threatened animals with your students.

Share the threat of deforestation faced by rainforest animals. Here are resources to help you facilitate the discussion:

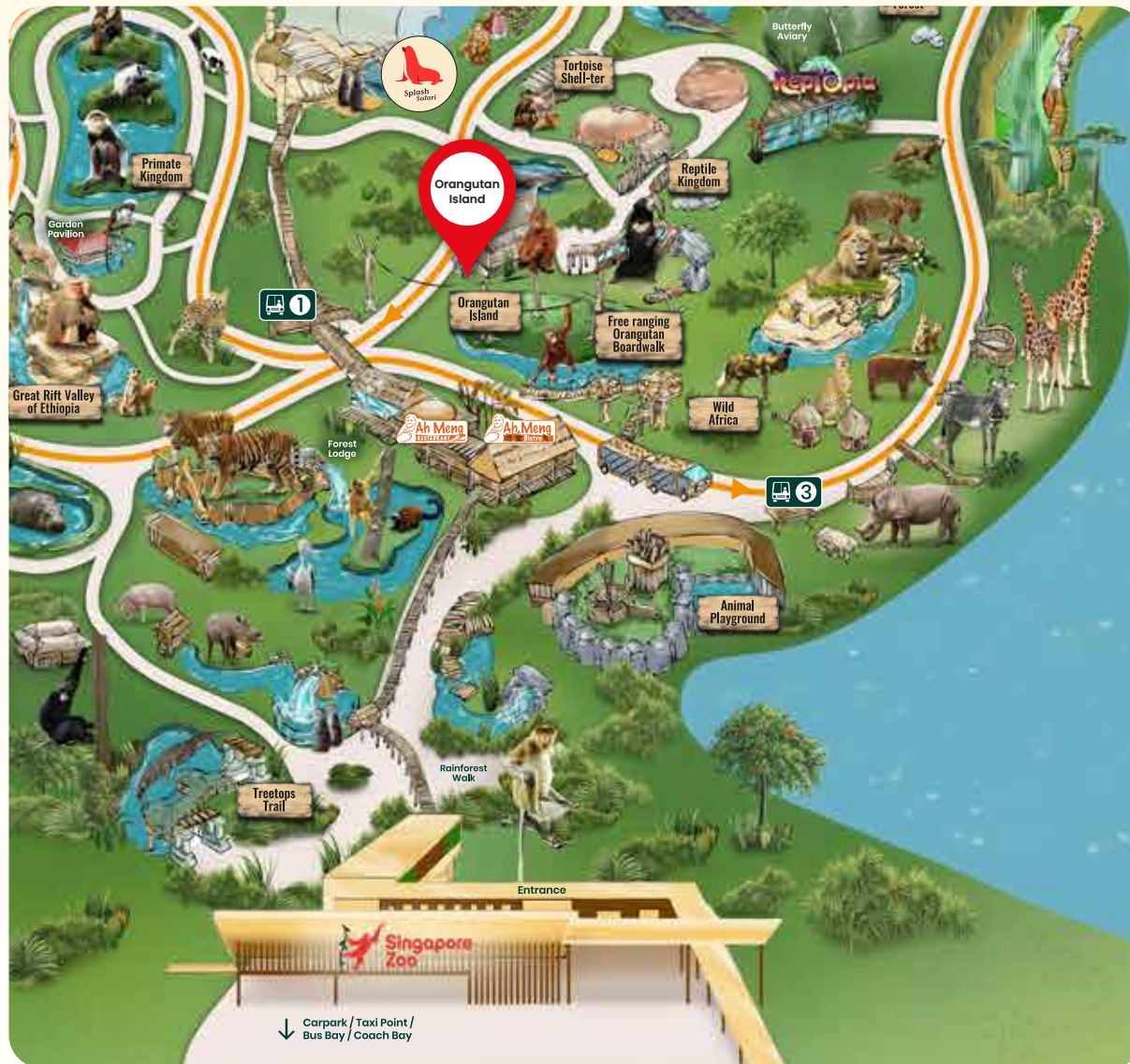
Rainforest animal in focus

- [Orangutan](#)
- [Animals We Love - Orangutans](#)

Ranger Buddies Fight Deforestation

- [Resource](#)
- [Virtual Show](#)

Getting To Orangutan Island



From the entrance, follow the covered walkway past Ah Meng restaurant until you see Tram Station 1 on the left. Orangutan Island is on your right. The walk will take you about 15 minutes.



Download the Mandai App to view the map on mobile

During Visit

Who lives here?



Use the See-Think-Wonder Thinking Routine to observe the animals and features on Orangutan Island.

Additional prompting questions:

1. What other animals can you see living in the same space as the orangutans? (Otters and gibbons.)
2. Where do you think they like to hang out the most?
3. I wonder if they get along with one another.

What's happening to my home?



Introduce threats and challenges faced by orangutans in the wild.

Additional activity:

Discuss with your children why trees are cut down. Have children think critically about how they might be part of the equation.

- To create farmlands and plantations so that we have food to eat.
- To create more space for houses, malls, and schools.
- To make paper and other products that we use.

How can I help?



Encourage children to design posters to raise awareness on deforestation.

Additional call-to-action:

List ways we can protect animals and their homes.

- Visit Singapore Zoo or our [webpage](#) to find out more.
- Practise kindness to all animals you see, even insects.
- Use quiet voices around animals.
- Call for help if you spot injured wildlife.

Word Bank

Here are some words that might be new to your class.

Essential Agreements

Simple guidelines to regulate your children's behaviour that you get your class to agree to.

Threats

Threats are things that can cause damage or danger. Animals are facing threats such as deforestation, pollution, and poaching. Threats can cause more and more animals to disappear.



Threatened Animals

Threatened animals are at risk of disappearing from Earth in the near future. This usually means there are very few of these animals left, or that they are dying at a much faster rate than usual.

Arboreal

Animals that are arboreal lives in trees. They rarely visit the ground. Arboreal animals are also called tree-dwelling animals.



Deforestation

Deforestation occurs when large amounts of trees are cut down. Forests are cleared for many reasons, including the need to create farmlands and plantations, or to make space for buildings.

Plantation

Plantations are large pieces of land where crops are grown to produce rubber, coffee, tea, sugar, etc.

I Spy

Orangutans are not the only animals that live on Orangutan Island.
Can you spot all these rainforest animals?



Orangutan



Pileated gibbon



Asian small-clawed otter



Asian arowana

Post-visit

Extend learning in your classroom

Invite your children to find out more about one local animal and the threats that it faced in Singapore. Do a show-and-tell for their peers.

Some suggestions:

Find out more about local animals through videos listed under Additional resources.

- Include a home-school project that requires parents' participation.
- Provide children with recycled materials or nature's loose parts to create their own props.
- Encourage children to share why it is important to take care of nature.

As a class, discuss the possible calls-to-action that children can take:

- Share their favourite local animal with friends and families.
- Remind adults to drive slowly around forested areas.
- Dispose of rubbish properly. Do not litter.
- Call for help when encountering injured animals.

Additional resources

Find out more about how Singapore Zoo rescues and protects local wildlife:

- [🔗 Springle the pangolin](#)
- [🔗 Naputri the greater mousedeer \(Part 1, Part 2, Part 3, Part 4\)](#)
- [🔗 Stevie the common palm civet \(Part 1, Part 2, Part 3\)](#)
- [🔗 Read Along / Audio books on local wildlife](#)

Watch the Ranger Buddies virtual shows to learn more about the following topic:

- [🔗 Protecting native wildlife – Singapore WOWlife](#)