



Learn about Sloth Bears!

Sloth Bears are tropical bears, native to India and Sri Lanka. They do not hibernate like the American Black Bears we have here in Arkansas. Sloth Bears are omnivores, they eat both meat and plants. Their favorite foods are insects, fruits, and honey.

Slurping up Insects

Sloth Bears have very thick and mobile lips and they are missing two of their top teeth. They use their lips to form a straw to suck up insects, like ants and termites, that they love to eat!



The Little Rock Zoo supports Wildlife SOS India, which helps to protect and research this vulnerable species in the wild!

Want to Learn more? Check out these links and activities!

Wildlife SOS India:

<https://wildlifesos.org/our-work/bear/>
<https://wildlifesos.org/conservation/dancing-bear-project/>
<https://wildlifesos.org/about-us/our-approach-to-saving-wildlife/>

National Geographic:

<https://www.nationalgeographic.com/animals/mammals/s/sloth-bear/>
Nat Geo Kids—Amazing Animals: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U8xvImdWtMs>

Other:

ZSL Whipsnade Zoo: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OdUPciRMCTk>

San Diego Zoo: <https://animals.sandiegozoo.org/animals/sloth-bear>

Sloth Bear Diets

People and Sloth Bears are both omnivores! They both like to eat both meat and plants. Think about what you like to eat and what Sloth Bears like to eat. List foods you like to eat and foods that Sloth Bears like to eat in the two circles, then put any foods that you and Sloth Bears have in common in the middle!

For extra fun, find pictures of food and past them in the circles!

My Favorite Foods

Sloth Bear Favorite Foods

