

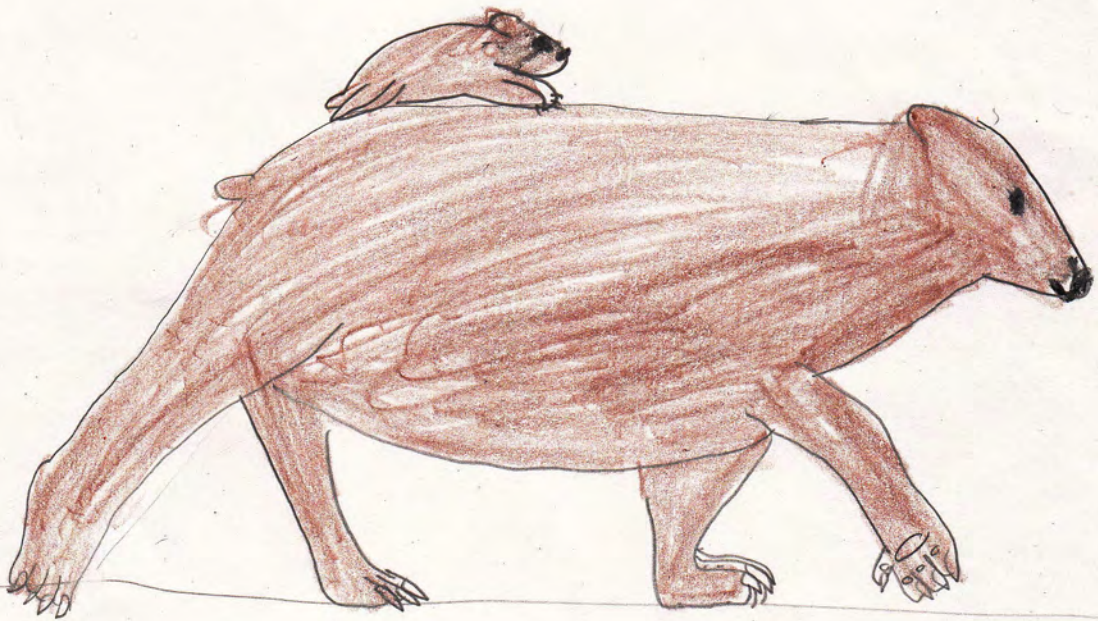
**My Rainforest Book on**  
The Sloth Bear



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Hello fellow students. My name is Wendy  
and I'm a 5<sup>th</sup> grade student at an elementary  
school in Watsonville. I'm in a special class where  
we are learning about *rainforests* and I'd like to  
share with you about what *rainforests* are, how  
*important* they are, and an *animal* of particular  
interest to me, The Sloth Bear.

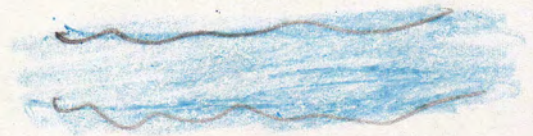




## About me...

But before I start my book, I'd like to share with you about some of my favorite things.

My favorite foods are hotdogs, hamburgers, and pizza. I like to play soccer and kick ball. I also love to swim. I love to play Angry Birds.



Okay, now I'm ready to write about what *rainforests* are, their *importance*, and facts about one of my favorite *animals*, The Sloth Bear.



First, *rainforests* are a very important ecosystem. Of all the ecosystems in the world, they have the highest biodiversity which means different kinds of plants and animals. In addition, rainforests have special characteristics such as:

- Located along the equator
- Receive ~12 hours of sunlight each day
- Receive lots of rain
- Trees are multi-layered (4-5 levels).





**Second, rainforests provide many *important* purposes, such as:**

- They provide oxygen throughout the entire planet.
- Habitat for many, many types of plants and animals.
- Largest source of food.
- Source of food (mangoes, coffee, bananas, vanilla, nuts).





Third, there is a particular *animal* of interest to me, namely the Sloth bear. I chose this *animal* because I love bears and they are my favorite animal.





In the following paragraphs, I will briefly discuss what I researched about my animal of interest, the Sloth Bear. I will cover the following: classification, common name, scientific name, physical characteristics, if the animal camouflages, range, population, status, habitat, prey, predators, and where animal fits in food web. *I hope you enjoy the book!*



## ***Classification***

The Sloth Bear is a Vertebrate because it has a backbone. It is classified as a mammal because it has fur, drinks milk from its mother, it has live births, and it regulates its body temperature.

## ***Names***

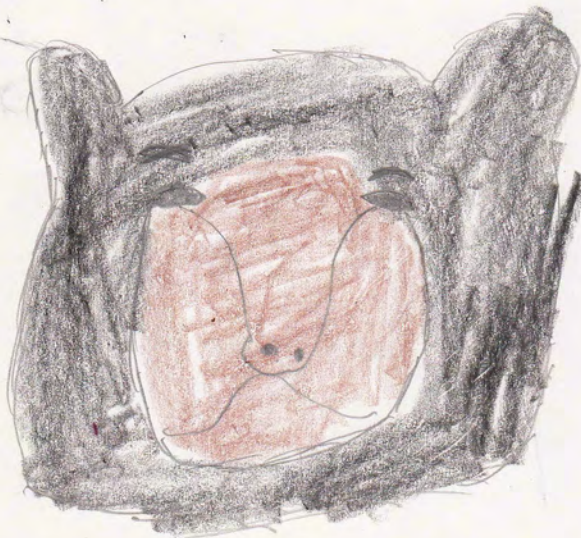
The Sloth Bear has two names. The common name is Sloth Bear, and the scientific name is Ursus Ursinus.

**In science, the *scientific name* is the genus and species of the animal or plant.**



***Physical characteristics... my animal looks like...***

My animal can weigh up to  
100kg (220 lbs). It's length is  
1.4-1.9 m. It's color is black or  
brown.



***Camouflage...does my animal blend into its environment?***

After looking at my animal and reading more about it, I realize that it my animal can  
only camouflage against brown things,  
such as the ground and tree  
trunks.



### **Range**

The Sloth Bear is found in  
South Asia.

### **Population**

The population of my animal is 565  
remaining.

### **Status**

The status of the Sloth Bear tells me  
whether it is endangered, threatened, or stable.  
What I found out is that the Sloth Bear is  
endangered. I find this  
interesting because of habitat  
destruction.



## ***Habitat...home***

The Sloth Bear's habitat is the  
rain forest•

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## ***Animal behavior***

The way I would describe the behavior of my  
animal is that the male Sloth  
Bear is gentle with its cubs•  
They also fight for food•

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***Prey and predator...(to eat and to be eaten)***

**The prey my animal eats are:** insects.

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**My animal eats other things such as:**

It also eats fruits.



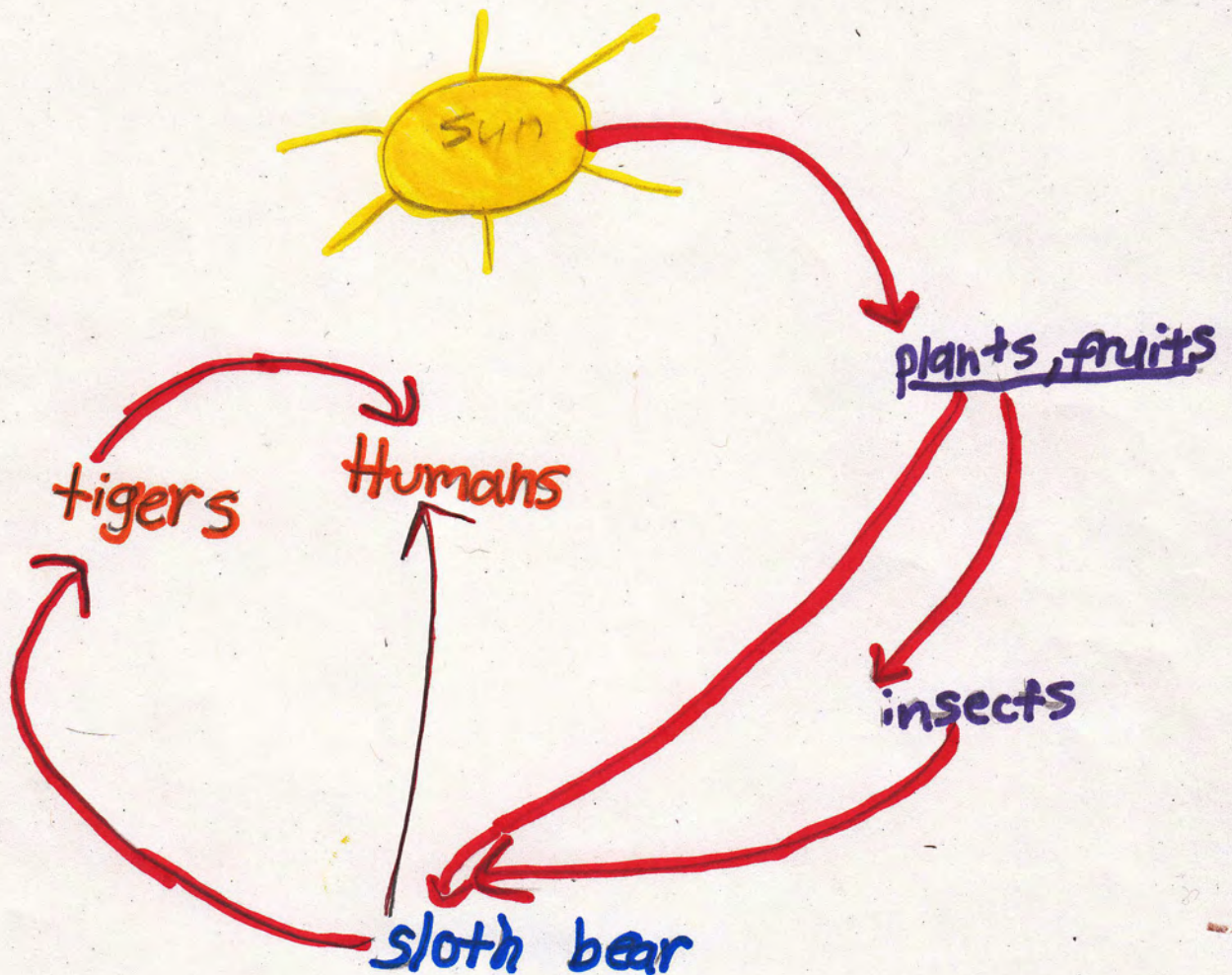
**The predators that eat me are:** tigers,  
other Sloth Bears, and humans.





## Food web

My animal is a herbivore / insectivore. The following picture demonstrates where my animal fits in the food web.





## References

(books, articles, web-sites, etc. )

WWW. wikipedia. com



Thank you for reading my book. I hope you enjoyed it and learned a lot about the Sloth Bear. Please feel free to *comment* about my book and also, test your knowledge by answering the following *questions* below. I look forward to hearing from you.

Comments for me:

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Questions for you: (See if you can answer these...)

1. What does my animal eat?
2. Where does my animal live?
3. What is my favorite animal?