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All About Orangutans



Male orangutan

Orangutans are a type of ape.

A female orangutan is ready to have a baby when she is about 15 years old.

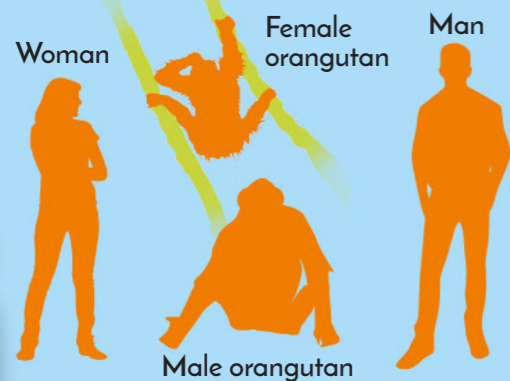
An adult male orangutan has large, leathery cheek pads.

Father orangutans do not help take care of their babies.

Orangutans eat about 300 different types of rainforest fruits.

Sometimes, orangutans eat mushrooms, bird eggs, caterpillars, spiders and spider webs.

Orangutan Size



Orangutan Weight

Adult male:
100 kg

Adult female:
35 to 45 kg

Newborn baby:
1.4 to 1.8 kg

Where Do Orangutans Live?



Orangutans live wild in small areas of rainforest on the islands of Sumatra and Borneo in South-east Asia.

Orangutans in Danger

Sometimes, people kill mother orangutans. Then they capture their babies to be sold as pets.

The rainforests where orangutans live are cut down for wood to make paper and furniture.

The forests are also cut down to make space for farmland.

Orangutans need the rainforests to be their home.

You can go online to find out how to help orangutans:
http://www.orangutans-sos.org/kids/orangutan_facts