

FEEDING

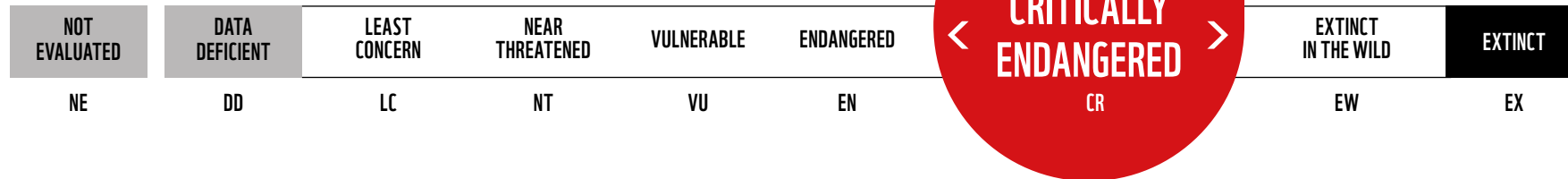
- Orangutans' diet includes hundreds of different types of food including fruit which forms around 60% of their diet.
- They will also feed on leaves, shoots, insects, tree bark, soil, and sometimes even eggs and small vertebrates.
- They obtain water not only from fruit, but also from tree holes.

DID YOU KNOW

Bornean orangutans are a 'gardener' of the forest, playing a vital role in seed dispersal.

CLASSIFICATION

Classified as **Critically Endangered** by the IUCN Red List.



STATUS

Habitat destruction, degradation and fragmentation, together with hunting in Indonesian Borneo, are by far the greatest threats to their population. Their lowland forest habitats are quickly disappearing. Between 1973–2010, 98,730 sq km of prime orangutan habitat was lost in Borneo and less than 60% of Borneo's remaining forests are suitable for orangutans. They are being cut down for timber or burned to make

way for oil palm plantations and other agricultural developments.

The species has experienced sharp population declines over the past few decades. It's estimated that there are about 104,700 Bornean orangutans remaining in the wild.

Because they are large and slow, they are an easy target for hunters either for meat or in retaliation

to stop crops being raided. Young orangutans are also kept as pets, but there are conservation efforts to bring an end to this illegal wildlife trade as well as help conserve their habitat and promote sustainable forestry and agriculture.

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