

# Malayan Tapir



## Locations:

- Country: Thailand, Myanmar, Vietnam, Malaysia, Sumatra
- Environment: Grasslands, Forests, Wetlands

**Life span:** 25 years

**Role:** fertilize and disperse plant seeds

**Diet:** leaves, fruits, twigs, soft shoots, shrubs, moss, aquatic plants

**Behavior:** solitary, shy

## **Reproduction:**

- Litter size: 1
- Gestation period : 390-403 days
- Sexual maturity: 2-5 years

## **Causes of threat:**

### - **Environmental threats**

#### ○ **Deforestation:**

- Plantations: wood, pulp plantations, palm oil
- Forest fire, housing, mining

- **Species threats:**

- **Hunting**: decrease in other prey to hunt
- **Pollution**: military exercises, recreational activities

**What can we do:**

- Reduce or stop consuming palm oil to stop deforestation



**Associations:**

- TSG Conservation Fund | Tapir Specialist Group: <https://tapirs.org/conservation/>

**Sources:**

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