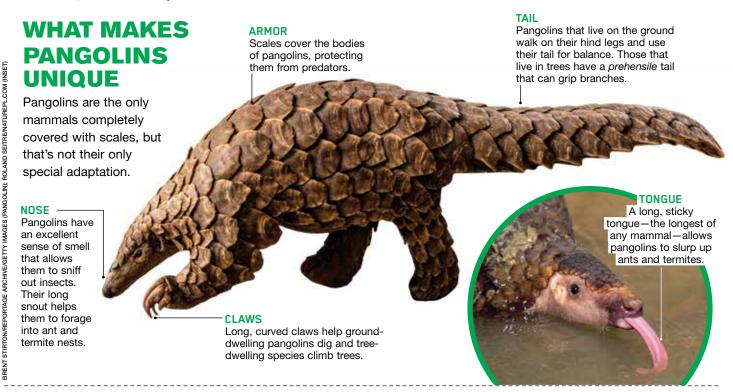


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UNUSUAL MAMMALS

In "Plight of the Pangolin" (p. 14), you learned that the high price for pangolins' scales is one reason the animals are under threat. The diagram below describes some of the other features of these unusual mammals. Use the diagram, along with the article, to answer the questions below.



QUESTIONS

- **1.** How are pangolins different from most mammals?
- **4.** In what type of habitat would you expect to find animals that have prehensile tails? Explain your thinking.
- **2.** Describe two adaptations that help pangolins find and catch insect prey.
- **5.** Explain how pangolins defend themselves when threatened. How does this put the animals at risk from poachers?
- **3.** Some pangolins live in trees and some live on the ground. Choose a feature shown in the diagram. How does its function vary between the two types of pangolins?

TAKE IT FURTHER: Platypuses are another unusual mammal. Research the different adaptations and body structures that platypuses have. Create a platypus diagram like the pangolin one above. Then research and describe threats to their survival.