

# Prehensile-tailed Porcupines



**Habitat: Tropical rainforests and dry forests in South America**

**Size: 20-24 inches long; weigh 4-13 pounds**

**Life Span: 10-12 years**

**Diet: leaves, stems, blossoms, roots, bark, flowers and fruit**

**Reproduction: 1 young born after a 7 month gestation**

## Conservation Status

Extinct

Extinct in the wild

Critically Endangered

Endangered

Vulnerable

Near Threatened

Least Concern



**Threats:  
Habitat loss**

## Did You Know?

These porcupines help to disperse the seeds of various plant species that have to pass through the digestive tract of an animal to propagate.