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Feeding ecology
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In-situ conservation



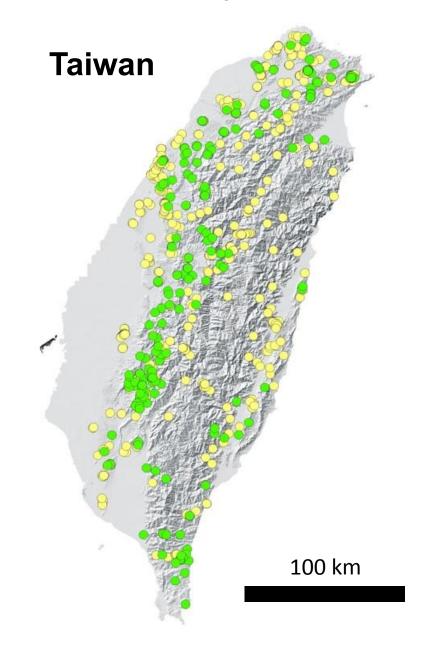




camera that detects pangolin

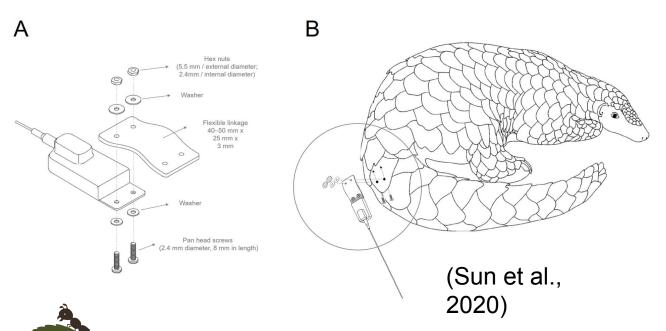
Chinese pangolin (Critically Endangered)



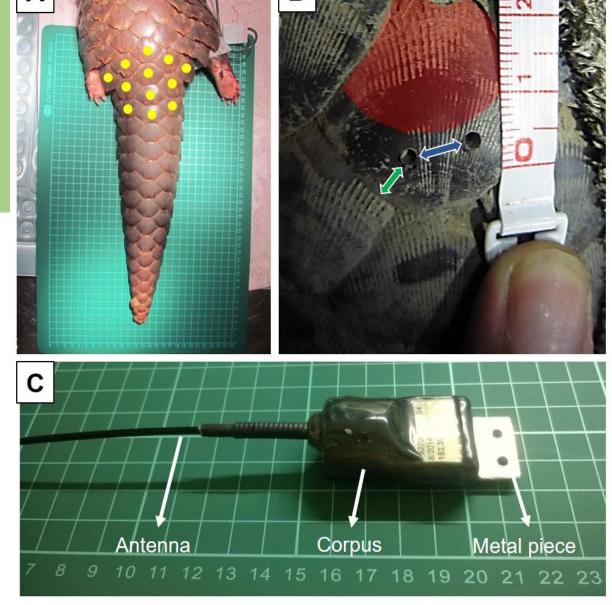




Tagging a radio tag



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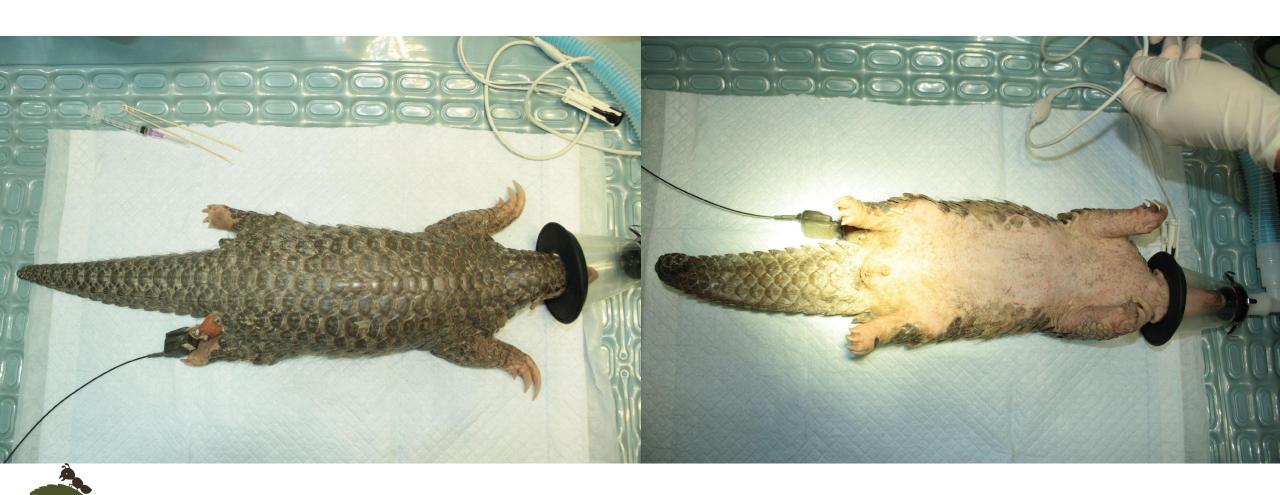
Tracking duration for free-ranging Chinese pangolin from 2009~2014

Animal ID	Sex	Average mass (kg)	Duration of tracking	Duration (days)	Number of observations
LM1	male	5.4	02/22/2010-12/31/2014	1774	495
LM11	male	4.4	05/01/2011-02/09/2012	284	60
LM14	male	4.9	01/02/2013-12/31/2014	729	145
LM15	male	4.7	10/03/2011-07/21/2012	293	74
LM18	male	5.1	2012/01/18-2012/09/13	240	73
LM26	male	4.9	03/07/2013-06/15/2013; 03/14/2014-12/01/2014	364	107
LF1	Female	4.7	06/03/2009-09/05/2009; 09/14/2012-04/18/2013	308	98
LF2	Female	4.4	07/10/2009-09/02/2009; 04/29/2013-12/31/2014	667	123
LF3	Female	5.6	07/20/2009-11/26/2009; 02/03/2010-05/15/2010	239	87
LF4	Female	5.0	09/02/2009-12/25/2009; 01/13/2010-08/10/2010	327	156
LF5	Female	5.3	09/06/2009-03/31/2010	204	81
LF12	Female	3.7	02/09/2011-10/01/2012	601	178
LF19	Female	2.9	11/06/2011-06/08/2013	581	157
LF28	Female	3.0	10/04/2012-01/21/2013; 01/10/2014-12/31/2014	466	102

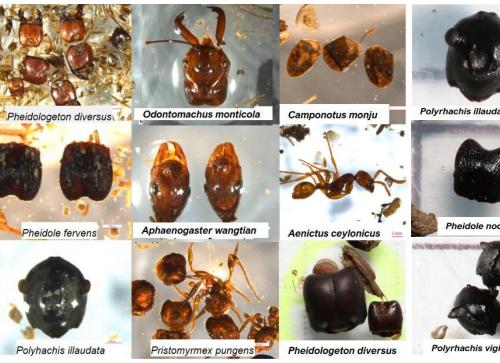
Retrieve pangolin periodically

Lab of Myrmecophagy (LOM)

- Check body condition
- Check tag firmness
- Collect feces and analyze fecal composition

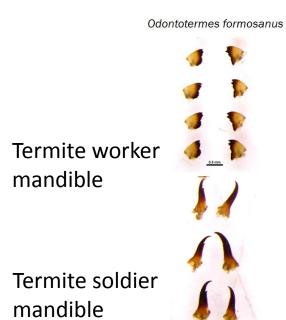




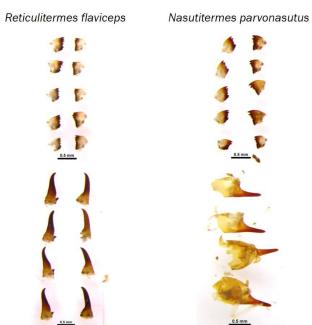










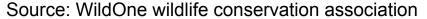


Objects for post-release monitoring

- 1. Pangolin attacked by feral dogs
- 2. Pangolin injured by a gin trap
- 3. Orphaned pangolin









Source: Endemic species research institute

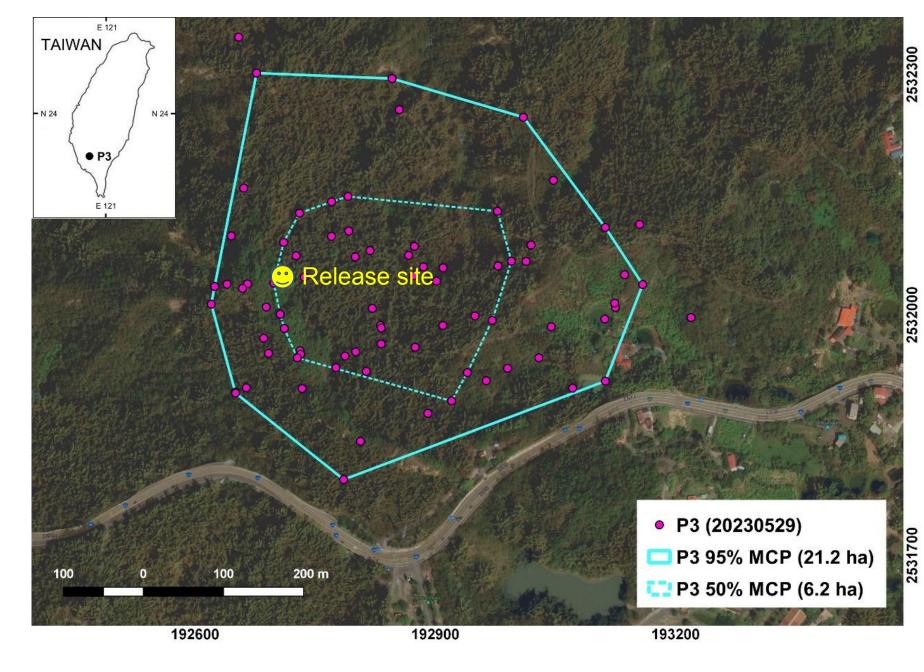


Home range and dispersal of pangolin orphan P3

■ Tracking days: 216

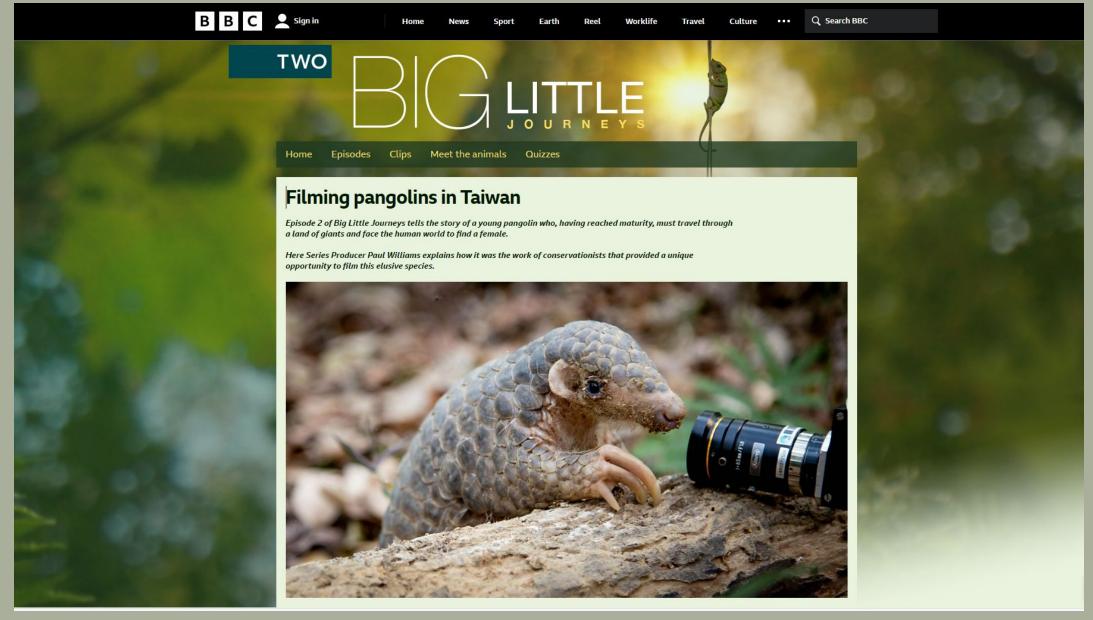
■ Home range size: 21.2 ha

■ Results of monitoring: continue











"Formosan pangolins spend about 20 hours in the burrow, so I have developed a durable radio tag system that attaches to their scales to allow long-term tracking. By applying this technology I can find their natal burrows and monitor nursing behaviour as well as their home range and habitat use." Nick is part of a network of dedicated individuals and rescue centres across Taiwan who are actively involved in Pangolin conservation.

a durable radio tag system







Dr Nick Sun (centre) and Veterinary surgeons at Pingtung rescue centre where a Pangolin is being assessed prior to release.



Thank you!







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