



CONSERVATION  
OPTIMISM

# PHENOMENAL PANGOLINS

People and Pangolins - Guardians of the Forest



## FACT FILE

- Pangolins are solitary, primarily nocturnal animals, with a full armour of scales.
- They are native to regions across both Asia and Africa. Nepal is home to two species of pangolin: the Chinese pangolin and the Indian pangolin.
- Pangolins are endangered and the most trafficked mammal in the world.
- Pangolins eat ants and termites and are therefore "good friends of farmers", as they biologically control these populations which harm crops and they also protect forest areas from termite destruction.

### DID YOU KNOW?

Pangolins are the only scaly mammals in the world.



When pangolins are in danger, they can roll into a ball, exposing their tough scales for protection.

## THREATS

- Poaching and hunting
- Habitat loss
- Forest fires - over 3,000 fire incidents each year in Nepal caused by climate change and human activity.

"Our major goal is to motivate local communities to take ownership of pangolin conservation at local levels."



## CONSERVATION

Integrating community needs with conservation priorities



- Dr. Tulshi Laxmi Suwal founded the Small Mammals Conservation and Research Foundation (SMCRF) in 2009.
- They run conservation awareness campaigns and educational workshops in the Bagmati Province in Nepal, and work closely with local communities and government officials to facilitate pangolin rescue and release.
- Tulshi has helped to inspire women in Nepal to lead and advocate for the local level conservation of pangolins.
- Tulshi and her team are looking to assess pangolin populations and the impact of forest fires, plant 20,000 tree saplings to restore habitats and create community-led pangolin conservation groups.



# TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE



**1** Pangolins are primarily nocturnal animals.

- True
- False

**2** How many different species of pangolin are found in Nepal?

- A** 5
- B** 2
- C** 1

**3** On which continents are pangolins native?

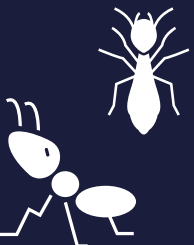
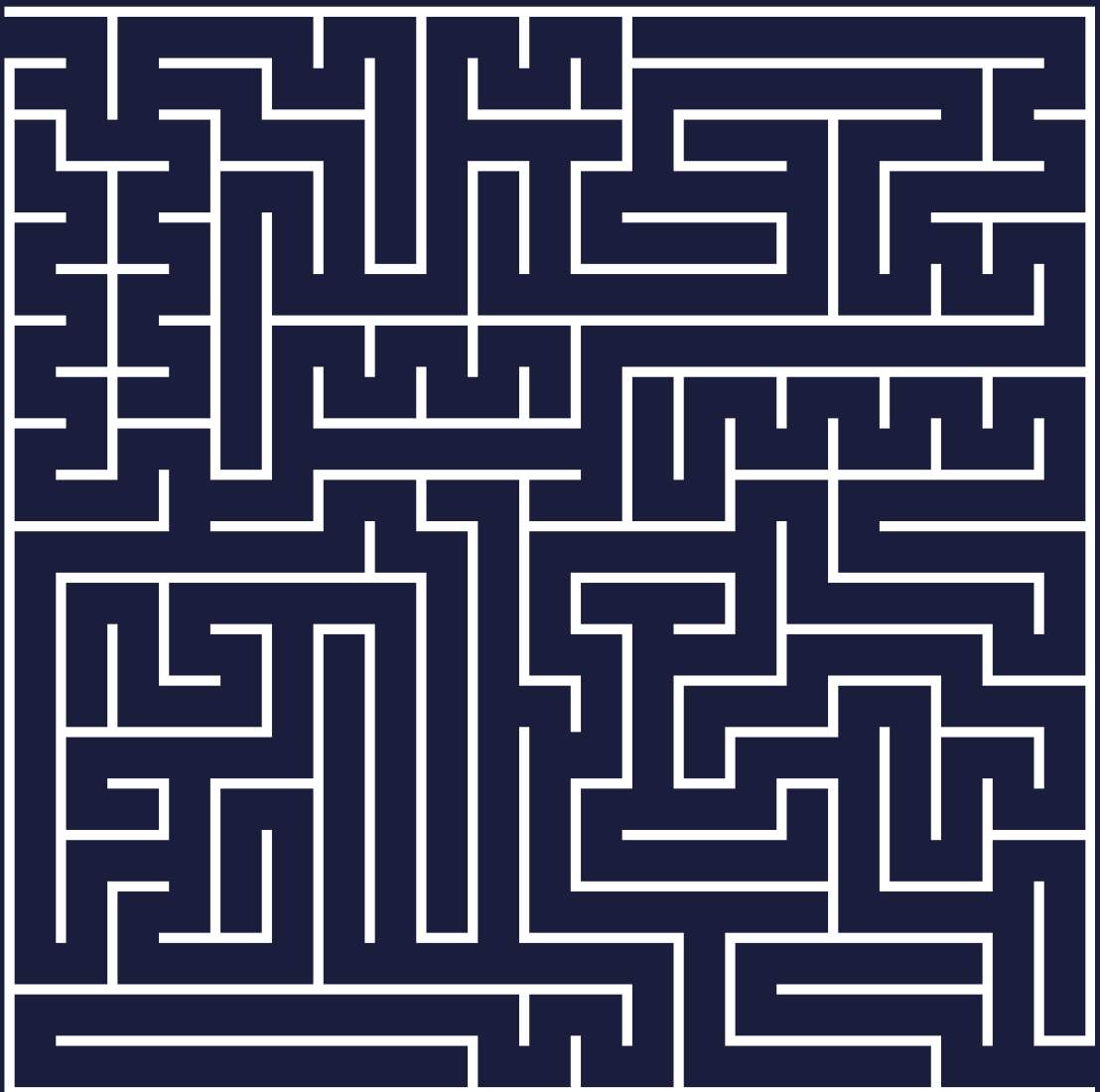
- A** Europe & Asia
- B** South America & Africa
- C** Africa and Asia

**4** What are conservationists doing to help pangolins?

- A** Creating community-led pangolin conservation groups
- B** Planting tree saplings to restore pangolin habitats
- C** Facilitating pangolin rescue and release

**Fun Fact!**  
The word pangolin comes from 'penggulung,' the Malay word for roller – the action pangolins take in self-defence.

## HELP THE PANGOLIN FIND FOOD!



# WORDSEARCH



Top tip -  
The words may be  
hidden vertically  
and horizontally.

Can you find the 12 different words  
hidden in the puzzle?

S F F O R E S T Y K C V T O W E Z M  
T R A F F I C K E D B J I Q F Y Z W  
K A P M C B N O C T U R N A L O V O  
A J A B Q L K E T S C A L E S B H G  
Y G N J G G I R A U Y F P T C X O T  
Y G G D X C O N S E R V A T I O N M  
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Q G L G U A R D I A N S G N F Z U M  
J E I N R A H A B I T A T S F N W M  
Q J N R O C F G D D Q Y P Z D Z Q A  
W K R T X O Q D G N G N E P A L F L  
A V C O M M U N I T I E S Q D K T I



COMMUNITIES  
CONSERVATION  
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FOREST  
GUARDIANS  
HABITATS

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NEPAL  
NOCTURNAL  
PANGOLIN  
SCALES  
TRAFFICKED

# ANSWERS

## Quiz:

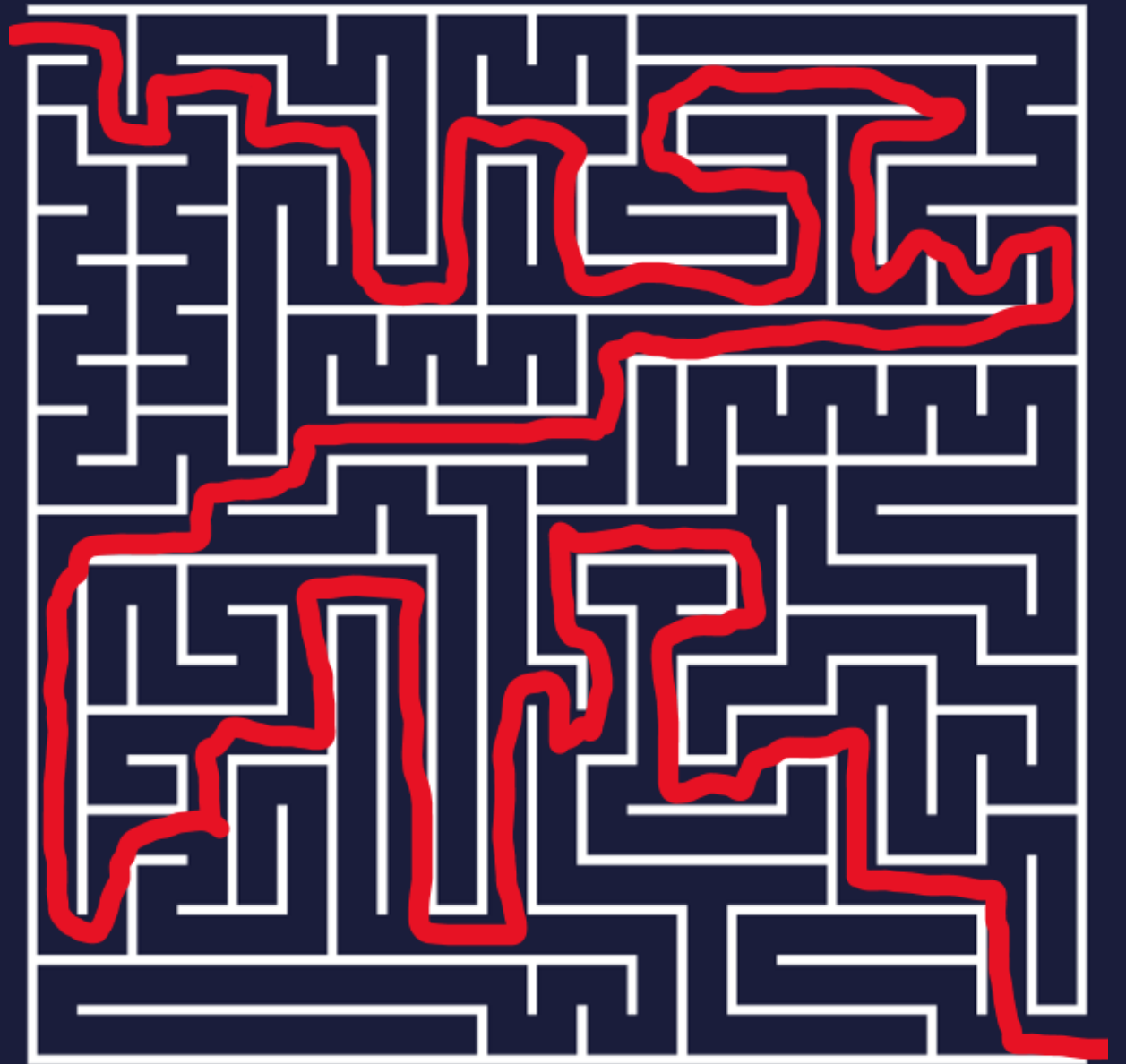
**1** = TRUE

**3** = **C**

**2** = **B**

**4** = ALL THREE!

## Maze:



## Wordsearch:

