

# Brown-Throated Sloth

## Did you know?

### Where do they live?

Brown-Throated Sloths live in the tropical forests of Central and South America, spending nearly all their time in trees and only visiting the ground once a week to go to the loo.

### What is their size?

They are around the size of a cat, weighing about 8lbs or 4kg. They can rotate their heads up to 90 degrees, and their mouths are shaped to always look like they are smiling!

### They look a bit green!

Despite its name, the Brown-Throated Sloth is actually often tinged with green, due to the algae that grows in its fur, especially in the rainy season.

### What do they eat?

They have a low nutrient diet, causing them to have barely any energy and move so slowly! After a sloth eats, it can take them up to a month to fully digest their meal and they can sleep for nearly 20 hours a day, but only generally rest for 10 hours a day in the wild.

### They need our care

They are currently considered of least concern, yet Brown-Throated Sloth populations are becoming threatened by deforestation, hunting and illegal pet trade. They are also easy targets for predators, like jaguars, because they are such slow moving animals.

**Brown-Throated Sloths can be found here!**

