

Roadkill incidents in Mandai

Work for the Mandai hub of five wildlife parks started early last year. Since then, there have been three rare animals killed by vehicular collisions in the vicinity.

Sunda pangolin

(*Manis javanica*)

Status: Critically endangered in Singapore and worldwide

The pangolin's only defence is its suit of armour. When it feels threatened, it tends to roll up into a ball, so its keratin scales envelop its soft parts. Unfortunately, this defence mechanism does not help it avoid being killed by vehicles.



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Leopard cat (*Prionailurus bengalensis*)

Status: Critically endangered in Singapore

Earlier research by mammal scientist Marcus Chua had estimated that there are at most 20 leopard cats living on mainland Singapore, in the nature areas located within the Safti Live Firing Area, as well as at the Central Catchment and Bukit Timah nature reserves. The animals can also be found on Pulau Tekong.

Sambar deer (*Rusa unicornor*)

Status: Vulnerable to extinction worldwide

In Singapore, they are typically found in the Central Catchment Nature Reserve. Researchers estimated in 2010 that there were fewer than 20 sambar deer in Singapore.

