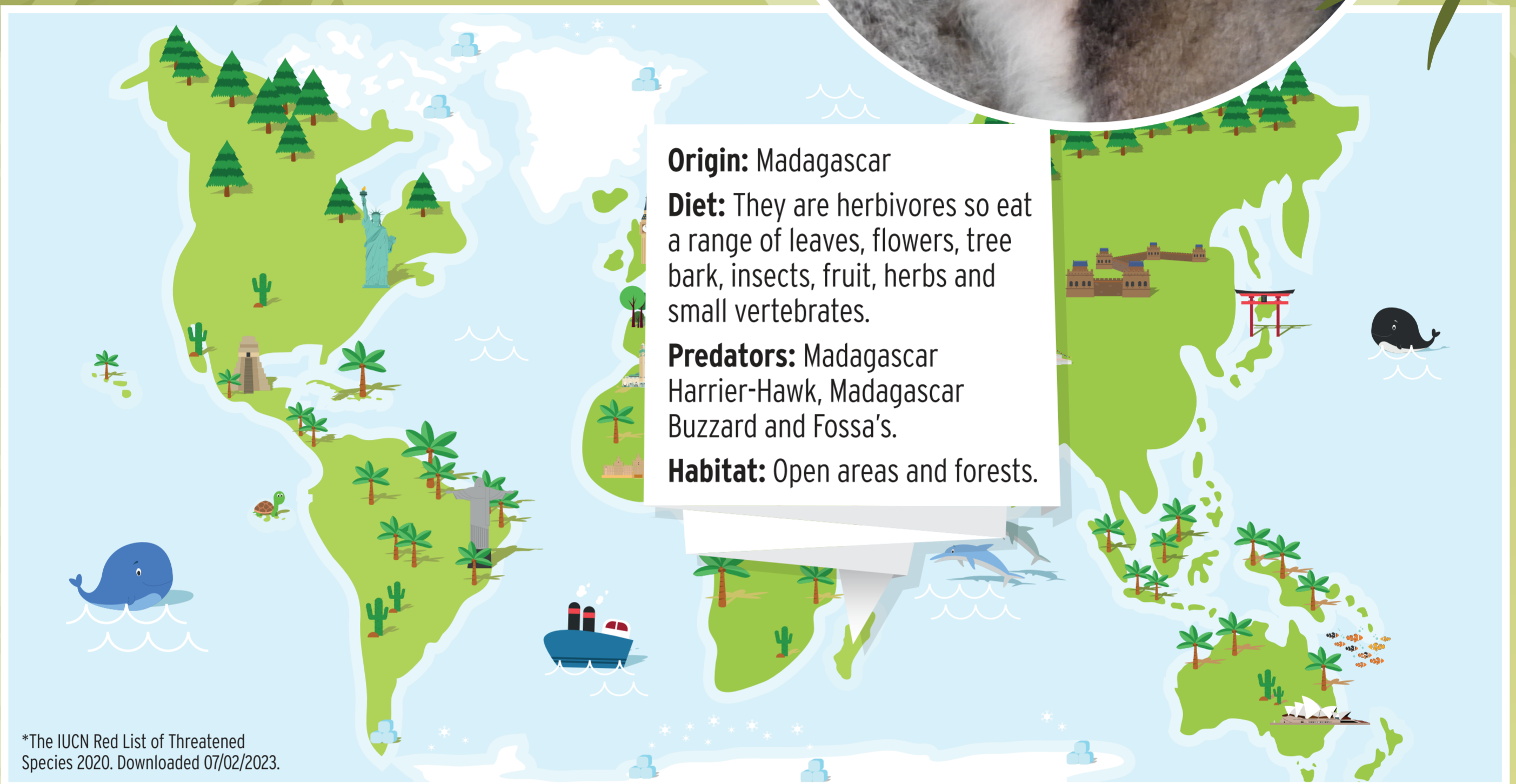


RING-TAILED LEMUR

(LEMUR CATTAL)

CONSERVATION STATUS: ENDANGERED*

WE ARE MAMMALS
with a lifespan of 19 years in the wild, up to 27 years in captivity



Origin: Madagascar

Diet: They are herbivores so eat a range of leaves, flowers, tree bark, insects, fruit, herbs and small vertebrates.

Predators: Madagascar Harrier-Hawk, Madagascar Buzzard and Fossa's.

Habitat: Open areas and forests.

*The IUCN Red List of Threatened Species 2020. Downloaded 07/02/2023.



Height

43-46cm with a 56-63cm tail



Weight

3-5kg



Top Speed

12mph

DID YOU KNOW?

They communicate by using facial expressions. They are the most vocal primate using several different alarm calls to alert other members of their group to danger.

They stay in big groups from 3 to 25 individuals.

Females are dominant.

They are diurnal so are active during the day.

They cover their tails in smelly secretions to determine which lemur has a more powerful smell making them more dominant.

ADAPTATIONS

They have scent glands with a unique odour on their wrists and chests which they use to scent mark their territory to put predators off. They keep their tails raised in the air like flags to keep the group together. They have six lower teeth that stick straight out from the jaw forming a comb to groom their own fur.

REPRODUCTION

The mating season is mid April, with infants being born in August and September. Females will give birth to their first baby at three years old, then once a year every year after that. They usually only give birth to one baby, but twins occur occasionally. The babies will cling to the mothers until 6 months when they are weaned off and become independent.

PLEASE DO NOT FEED THE LEMURS