



# Amazing Animals Fact sheets

## Lemurs



### Ring-tailed Lemur

These cheeky lemurs can be easily recognised by their long black and white-ringed tails. They are very social and live in troops which are lead by the dominant female lemur. Yes that's right, the girls are the boss of Lemur troops! Troop sizes range from 11 to 17 generally, however numbers into the high 20s have been recorded. They live in multi male, multi female groups centred around related females and their offspring.

#### Habitat

Ring-tailed Lemurs live along the south and south western portion of Madagascar. They can be found in a variety of forests such as, rainforests, gallery, deciduous and spiny bush forests.

#### Diet

Their diet consists of fruit, leaves, flowers, other plant parts and the occasional insect and small vertebrates.

**Australia Zoo Ring-tailed Lemur profiles**

### Betafo

Betafo is much like your average teenage boy; head strong, thinks he is invincible and is always up to something that he probably shouldn't be. He is extremely protective of the members of his troop and loves to play in the afternoons as it cools down. He always wants to participate in enrichment activities and is very inquisitive. Despite all this action in his life I would say that he loves nothing more then sunning himself in the morning with the rest of his troop.

### Threatened Species!

Lemurs are facing extinction within the next fifty years.

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