



## Ring-Tailed Lemur

*Lemur catta*

**Geographical Range:** The ring-tailed lemur inhabits southern Madagascar.

**Habitat:** The lemur is a forest dweller that can sometimes be found in thinly wooded territory.

**Exhibit Location:** Located in Vanishing Animals South.

**Physical Characteristics:** The ring-tailed lemur has a fox-like face and long arms and legs. They have gray body fur and a long, black and white striped bushy tail. The tail is longer than the body and is held aloft as a signal to other lemurs. The lemur has leatherlike palms and opposable thumbs as well as grooming claws on its hind feet. The eyes are large, forward-facing, with a brilliant yellow iris.

**Diet:** In the wild, ring-tailed lemurs feed on wild figs, fig thistles and bananas. In captivity, they are fed primate biscuits, canned primate diet, apples, oranges, bananas, carrots and sweet potato.

### Did you know?

- The eyes of a newborn ring-tailed lemur are blue, not the brilliant yellow of adults.
- All lemurs are endangered because of habitat destruction and heavy poaching. The ring-tailed lemur inhabits at least six protected areas.

**Status:** Endangered or Threatened Internationally - CITES, US Endangered or Threatened SSP