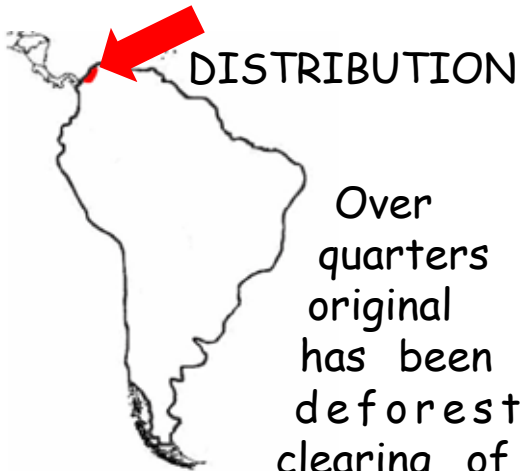


COTTON-TOP TAMARIN



Over three-quarters of its original habitat has been lost to deforestation, clearing of forest habitat by people is the main problem and populations were also depleted by taking them for the pet trade and for scientific research.

Sanguinus oedipus

NOW RANKED AS ONE OF THE TOP 25 RAREST PRIMATES IN THE WORLD!



Twins born 20th August 2009 to mum Medelin and dad Kane at Linton Zoo.

FACTS & FIGURES	
Where found	Northwest Columbia
Habitat	Tropical rainforests, open woodlands.
Diet	Insects, fruit, seeds.
Average size	15-20cm (tail 25cm)
Average weight	400-450g
Gestation period	135-145 days
Lifespan	13-16 years in the wild, longer in captivity

The males usually carry the young, giving them back to the female for feeding.



Tamarins are well known, along with Marmosets, for giving birth to twins, although single births due occasionally occur. In the wild Tamarins live in groups of 2-9 individuals with only one female per group that breeds during a particular breeding season.

International Union for Conservation of Nature RED LIST for the Cotton-Top Tamarin

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