***Common Name***: Golden lion tamarin (Brazil)
***Scientific Name***: Leontopithecus rosalia[[1]](#footnote-0)

***Physical Description***: The Golden lion tamarin is golden in color. They weigh about 14 to 29 oz, 7.5 to 8.75 in tall, and have a tail of about 10.25 to 13.5 in[[2]](#footnote-1). They have long flat claws that help them cling to the side of trees.

***Current Population***: The Golden lion tamarin has a population of about 3,500 spread across southeastern Brazil, and a population of about 490 among 150 zoos.

***Nearest Location***: The closest location to Anderson County, South Carolina the Golden lion tamarin can be found is in South America,[[3]](#footnote-2) however most live in forests along the Pacific Coast line in the Southeastern part of Brazil.[[4]](#footnote-3)

***When It Became Endangered***: The Golden lion tamarin was placed on the endangered list in 1992, and then later moved up to the critically endangered in a short time later.[[5]](#footnote-4)

***What Caused It To Become Endangered***: The Golden lion tamarin is endangered due to logging activities[[6]](#footnote-5), Habitat Loss, Overexploitation, captured as pets, medical research, displayed in zoos, and hunted for food.[[7]](#footnote-6)

***What are the Conservation Measures***: Poço das Antas Biological Reserve was started by conservationists to protect the Golden lion tamarin, and reintroduce them back into the wild. The first step in reintroducing them are zoo free ranging programs, in which they have access to explore the entire zoo.

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