

Common Name : Golden lion tamarin (Brazil)

Scientific Name : Leontopithecus rosalia¹

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 in². 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 however most live in forests along the Pacific Coast line in the Southeastern part of Brazil.⁴

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

What Caused It To Become Endangered : The Golden lion tamarin is endangered due to logging activities⁶, Habitat Loss, Overexploitation, captured as pets, medical research, displayed in zoos, and hunted for food.⁷

What are the Conservation Measures : Poço das Antas Biological Reserve was started by conservationists to protect the Golden lion

¹ "Golden Lion Tamarin." Golden Lion Tamarin - Wikipedia. N.p., n.d. Web. 31 Jan. 2017. (<http://bit.ly/2jqAczl>)

² "Golden Lion Tamarin." National Geographic. N.p., 24 Jan. 2017. Web. 31 Jan. 2017. (<http://on.natgeo.com/2kn4gvk>)

³ "Golden Lion Tamarin." Rainforest Alliance. N.p., n.d. Web. 31 Jan. 2017. (<http://bit.ly/2kLvjyf>)

⁴ "Golden Lion Tamarin-Endangered Animals List-Our Endangered Animals | KONICA MINOLTA." Golden Lion Tamarin-Endangered Animals List-Our Endangered Animals | KONICA MINOLTA. N.p., n.d. Web. 31 Jan. 2017. (<http://bit.ly/2kcyQpr>)

⁵ "Golden Lion Tamarin: An Endangered Amazon Rainforest Monkey." Earth's Friends. N.p., 10 Sept. 2014. Web. 31 Jan. 2017. (<http://bit.ly/2jyLe0S>)

⁶ "Golden Lion Tamarin | Endangered Monkeys." Wild Republic. N.p., n.d. Web. 31 Jan. 2017. (<http://bit.ly/2kNLvSR>)

⁷ "Golden Lion Tamarin: An Endangered Species." Bagheera. N.p., n.d. Web. 31 Jan. 2017. (<http://bit.ly/2kmNHju>)

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.