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YOUR FIELD REPORT



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The beautiful Qinling mountains, home to your adopted pandas

“ WITH YOUR SUPPORT, WE’VE BEEN HELPING TO PUSH THIS CRUCIAL COLLABORATION FORWARD BY GIVING FOREST MANAGEMENT TEAMS TECHNICAL ADVICE AND TRAINING ”



Local people learn about pandas



The bears rely on a healthy forest



The passing panda was in a hurry

You’ve funded further work towards improving protection for giant pandas, including cleaning snares from their habitats

Last year, the Chinese government announced its ambitious plan to bring together 67 panda reserves across three provinces into one huge national park, spanning over 27,000 sq km. This includes eight reserves in the Qinling mountains that are home to your adopted black-and-white bears.

PANDA PARTNERSHIP

Creating one big national park means better protection for giant pandas and other wildlife. Not only will it bring together panda habitats, it will unite the teams that manage them – enabling them to pool their knowledge and use the same methods and technology to improve conservation efforts.

With your support, we’ve been helping to push this crucial collaboration forward by giving forest management teams technical advice and training.

DID YOU KNOW?

GIANT PANDAS CAN LIVE FOR UP TO 20 YEARS IN THE WILD, AND MOST OF THEIR TIME IS SPENT EATING OR SLEEPING!

We’re thrilled that the eight reserves in Qinling have now formalised their exciting alliance, by establishing the Qinling Giant Panda Xinglongling Core Population Conservation Union. The teams are already exchanging information and organising joint activities to monitor and protect pandas and their habitats.

Recently, teams from Foping and Guanyinshan reserves in central Qinling got together to clear snares from local forests. These snares aren’t meant for pandas. Local people set them to catch deer and other animals for food. But they can accidentally trap and harm the bears instead, and they need to be removed.

The teams systematically checked the forest and found and removed 36 snares. While doing so, they also saw lots of amazing wildlife, including two giant pandas, 24 takins and two groups of golden monkeys. It’s good to know that, for the time being at least, the forest is a safer place for these incredible animals.

BEAR AWARE

In the east and west of Qinling, forestry teams cleared snares from the forests too. They also carried out some positive panda-awareness activities – using banners, radio broadcasts and leaflets to tell villagers about the new, united way of working, and why protecting giant pandas is vital.

These brilliant bears help to keep their mountain forests healthy by spreading seeds in their droppings, enabling vegetation to thrive.

By combining their skills and resources, forest management teams have a much better chance to control activities that can upset the natural balance, such as people taking too much bamboo and medicinal plants from the forest. Thanks to adopters like you, we’ll keep on supporting Qinling’s Conservation Union, and doing everything we can to help local communities and assist with the new park’s development. 🐼

PANDA CROSSING

Fleeting yet fantastic footage shows a giant panda using an important wildlife corridor that you supported

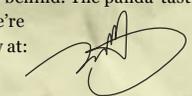
The panda-friendly corridor lies on an abandoned stretch of Qinling’s 108 national highway, and connects two previously separated panda populations.



SPEEDY PAWS

Previous camera trap monitoring you’ve helped fund has given us photographic evidence of pandas using the corridor. But this is the first ‘live’ video footage we’ve had. It shows a panda walking swiftly across the road and disappearing into the forest, leaving nothing but its telltale bamboo-coloured droppings behind. The panda-tastic footage was taken by local villagers, and we’re delighted to share it with you. Watch it now at:

www.org.uk/pandawalk





DID YOU KNOW? GIANT PANDAS

CAN EAT FOR UP TO 16 HOURS A DAY. THAT'S AN INCREDIBLE 5,840 HOURS OF CHOMPING PER YEAR, AND A MASSIVE AMOUNT OF BAMBOO!

PANDA PROGRAMME

EVER WONDERED WHAT GIANT PANDAS DO ALL DAY? ENJOY THIS FUN LOOK AT THEIR ROUND-THE-CLOCK ROUTINE AND SEE HOW YOUR DAY COMPARES

- 7.00am - 10.30am** You're probably getting up, having breakfast and heading to school or work. But wild pandas are already resting.
- 10.30am - 11.00am** Nap over. How about some tree climbing to find a safe space for another rest? Did you know that pandas are excellent tree climbers and learn the ropes at around five months old?
- 11.00am - 12 noon** Was that a tummy rumble? It must be lunchtime. These amazing bears can eat for up to 16 hours a day. That's an incredible 5,840 hours of chomping per year!
- 12 noon - 2.00pm** All that munching is very tiring. Better take another snooze.
- 2.00pm - 8.00pm** Hmmm, feeling peckish again. Just as well there's lots of juicy bamboo nearby. Wild pandas eat 25 species of bamboo, and can eat up to 39kg of new shoots in one day.
- 8.00pm - 2.00am** Time to settle down for the night.
- 2.00am - 7.00am** Rise and shine! Ready for a spot of breakfast - more bamboo anyone?



RARE BEARS

These remarkable camera trap photos are from Anzhihe Nature Reserve in south-west China



Not only are they amazing to look at, the images are living proof that giant pandas are reproducing in the wild, thanks to crucial work you support.

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your adoption supports our other vital work to help
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