

## TAXONOMIC CLASSIFICATION OF THE ANDEAN BEAR

**CLASS:** MAMMALIA

**ORDER:** CARNIVORA

**FAMILY:** URSIDAE

**SUBFAMILY:** TREMARCTINAE

**GENUS:** *Tremarctos* Gervais, 1855

**SPECIES:** *Tremarctos ornatus* (F. Cuvier, 1825)

**Dental Formula:** Incisives: 3/3  
Canines: 1/1  
Premolars: 4/4  
Molars: 2/3  
Total of Teeth: 42



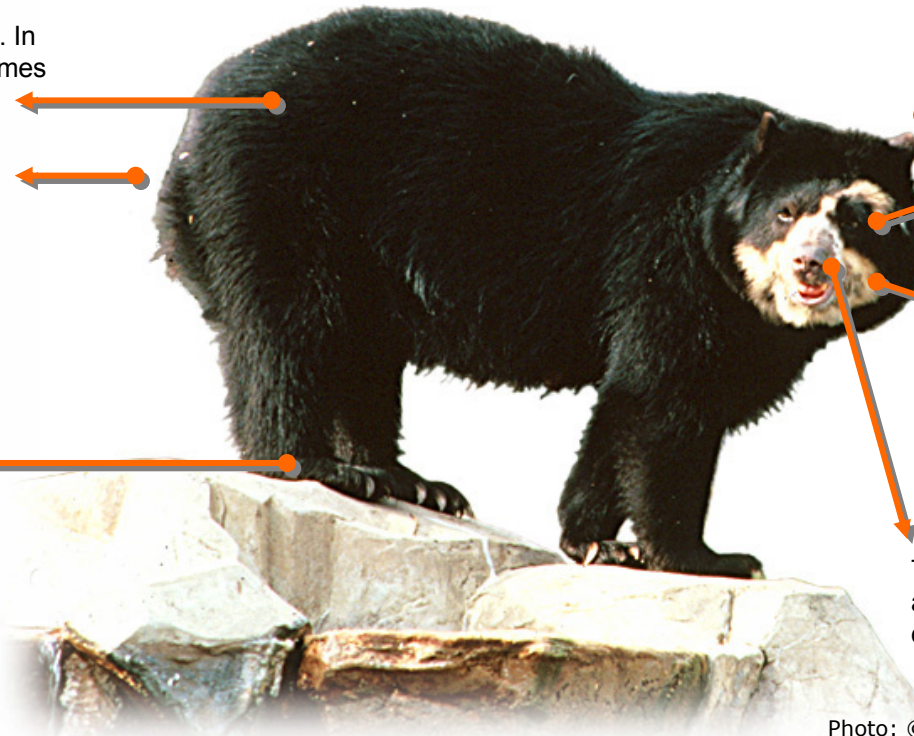
**Number of Chromosomes:** 2N= 52

**Longevity (life period):** up to 35 years (in captivity).

Black coat, abundant and rough. In some individuals the color becomes dark brown.

Very small tail, more or less 8 cm. of length, almost always hidden among the coat.

Five fingers in each paw with curved and non retractile claws.



Small and rounded ears. Excellent sense of the hearing.

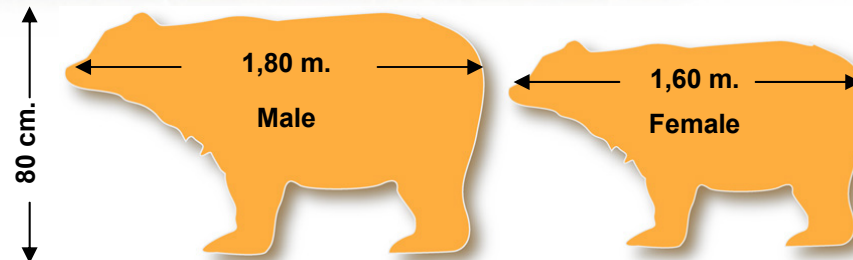
Small eyes generally of brown color. Contrary to the sense of smell, the vision is quite limited.

White-yellowish color stains in the muzzle, forehead, around the eyes, throat, neck and chest. The pattern and extension of these stains varies among the individuals.

The sense of smell is the most important. It allows it to identify other individuals, to avoid dangers and to locate foods.

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**Weight:** The males weigh about 170 Kgs on the average while the females about 60 Kgs.



They show sexual dimorphism related to the size, this it mean the males are bigger than the females.



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