

# STATUS REVIEW

## 1. SPECIES DESCRIPTION

Sloth bear

*Melursus ursinus*

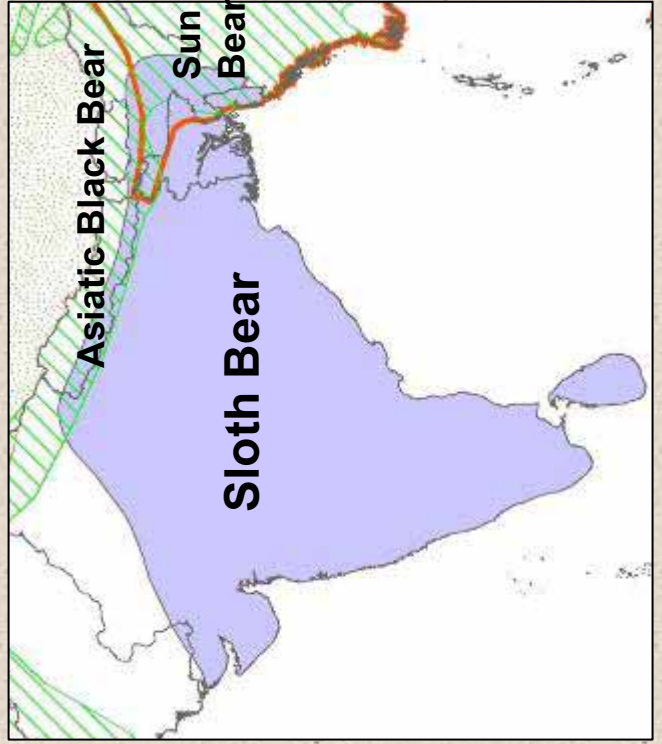


## 2. VALUES: Why save the species?

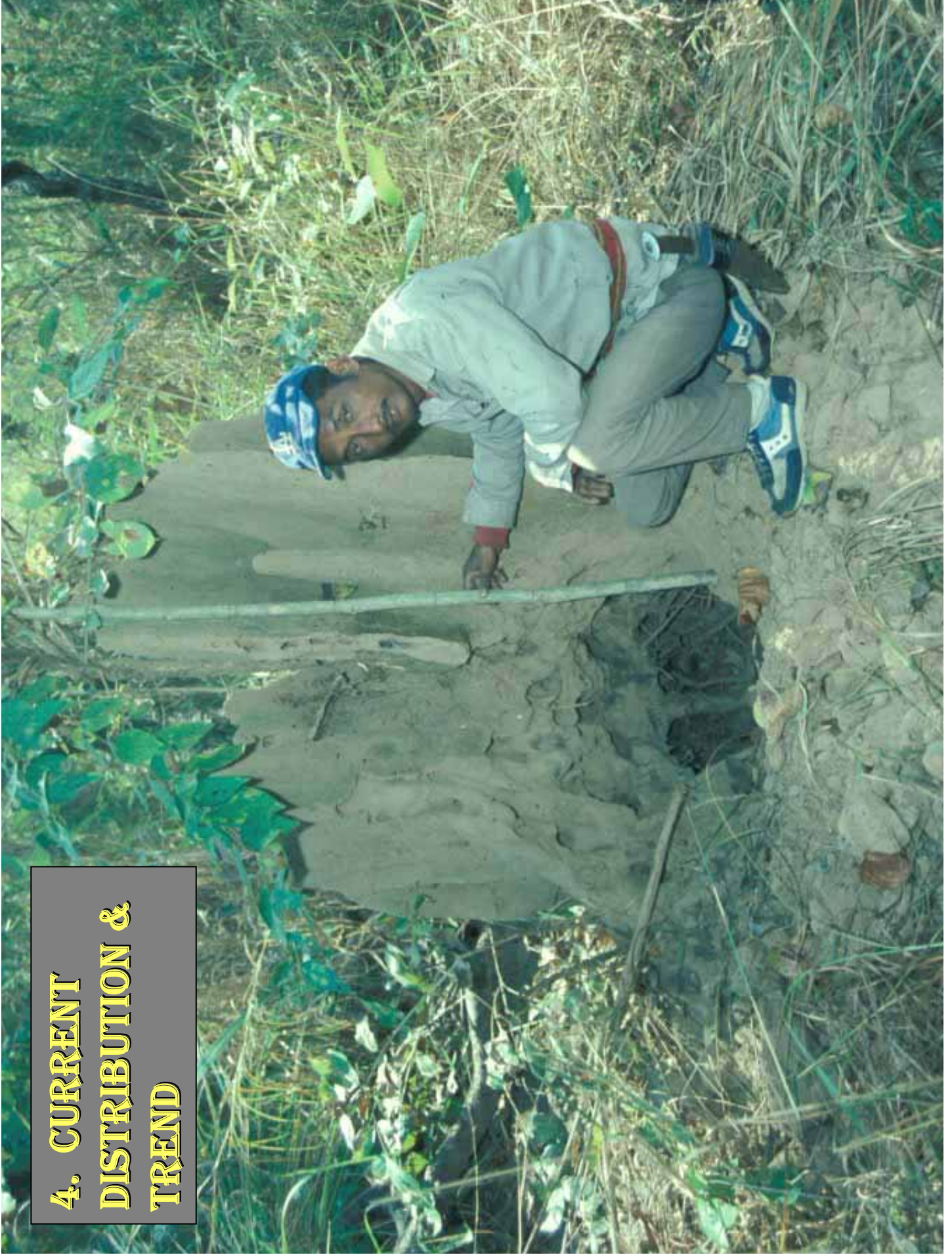


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### 3. HISTORICAL ACCOUNT



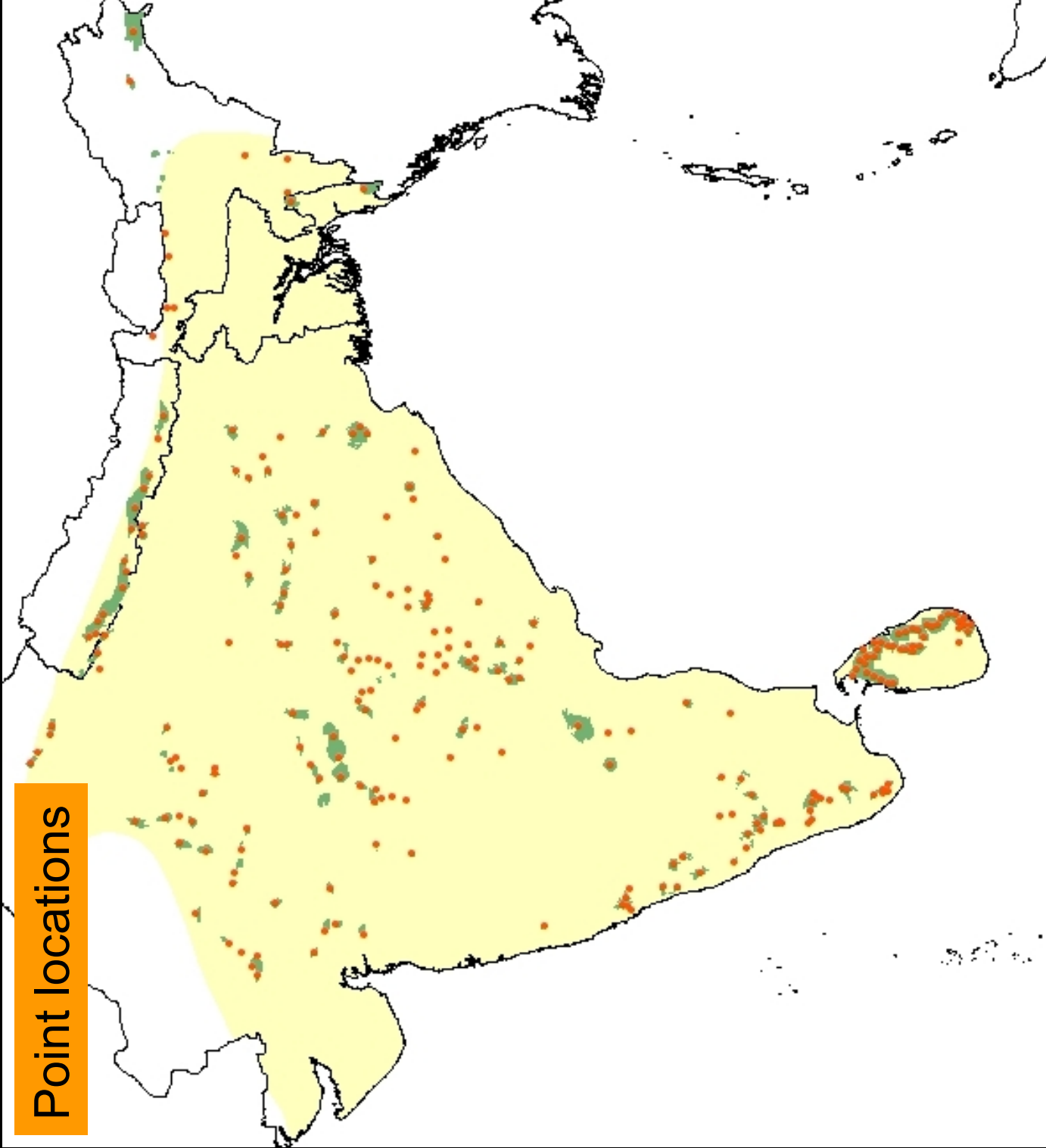
**4. CURRENT  
DISTRIBUTION &  
TREND**





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Point locations



**Definite range:** documented evidence of bears within last 10 years.

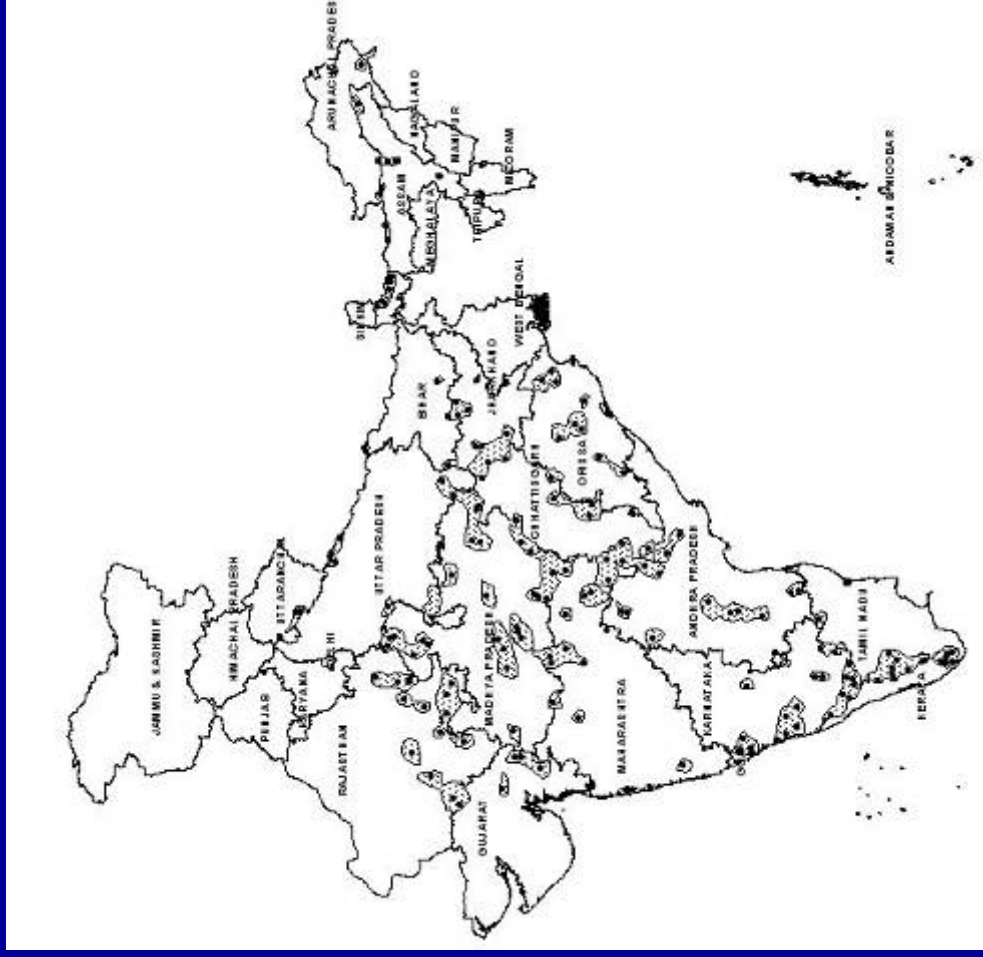
**Probable range:** Areas with good bear habitat near definite range with no evidence that bears are not present.

**Extirpated range:** Places where bears are known or very likely to have been extirpated.

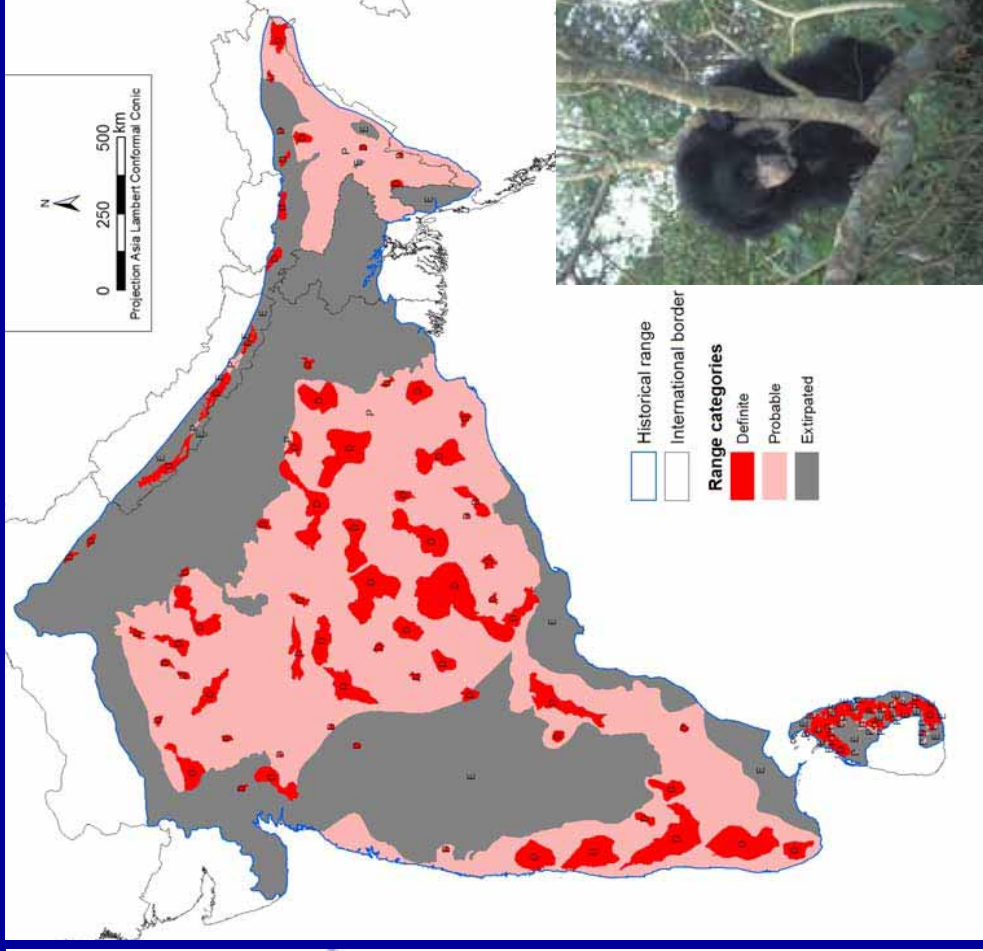
**Unknown:** Places where the status of bears (presence or absence) is not known.

**Outside historical range:** No evidence of existence of bears in past several hundred years.

Chauhan 2006 map

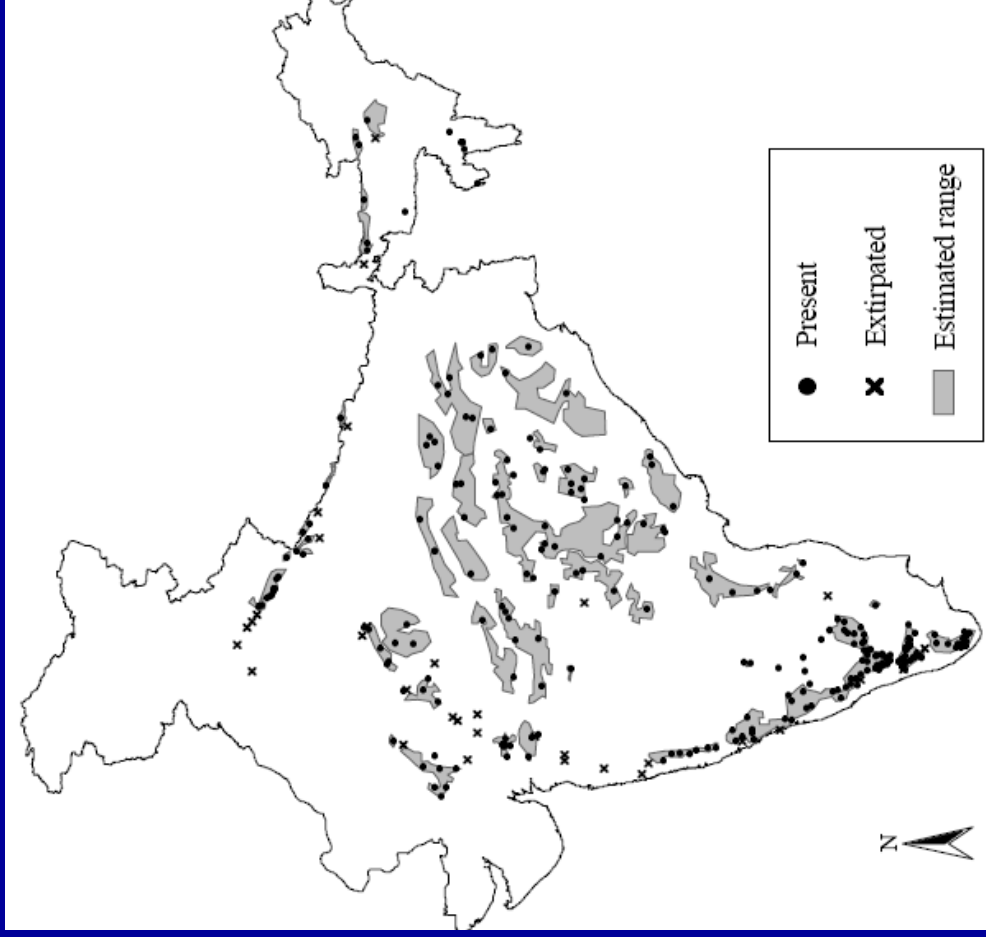


Workshop BSG map

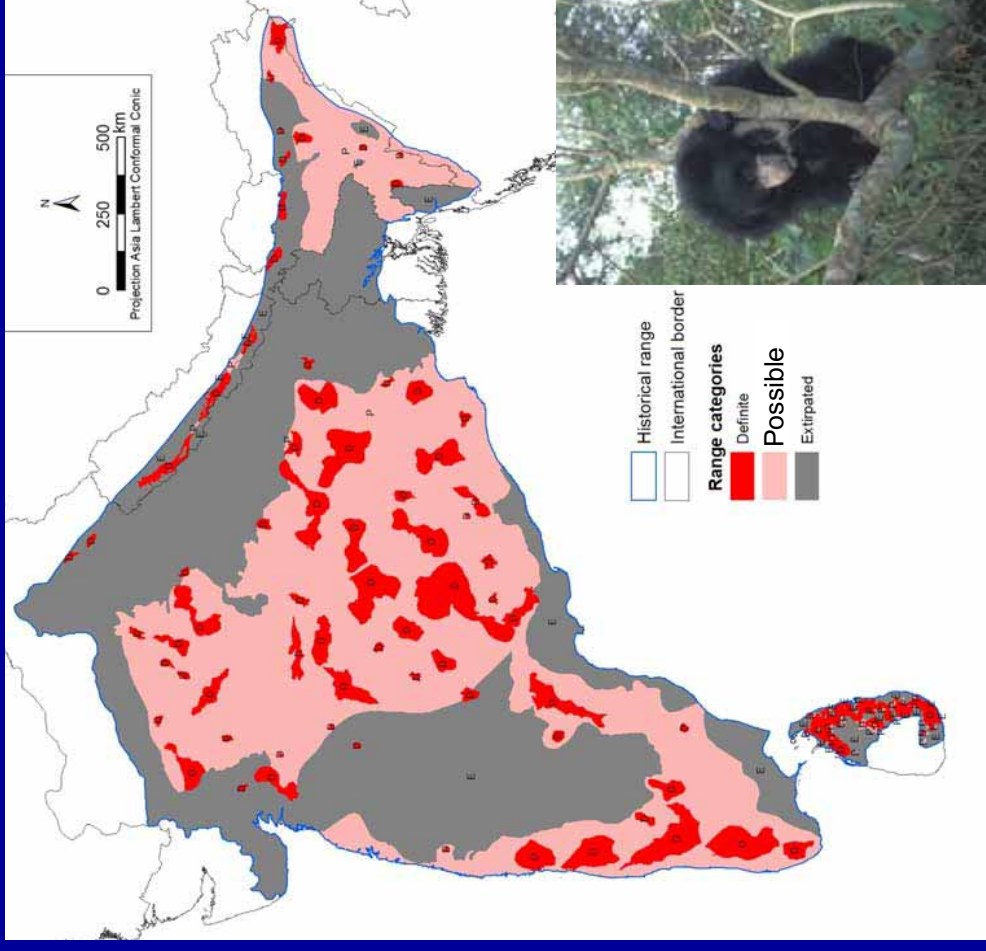


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Yoganand et al. 2006 map



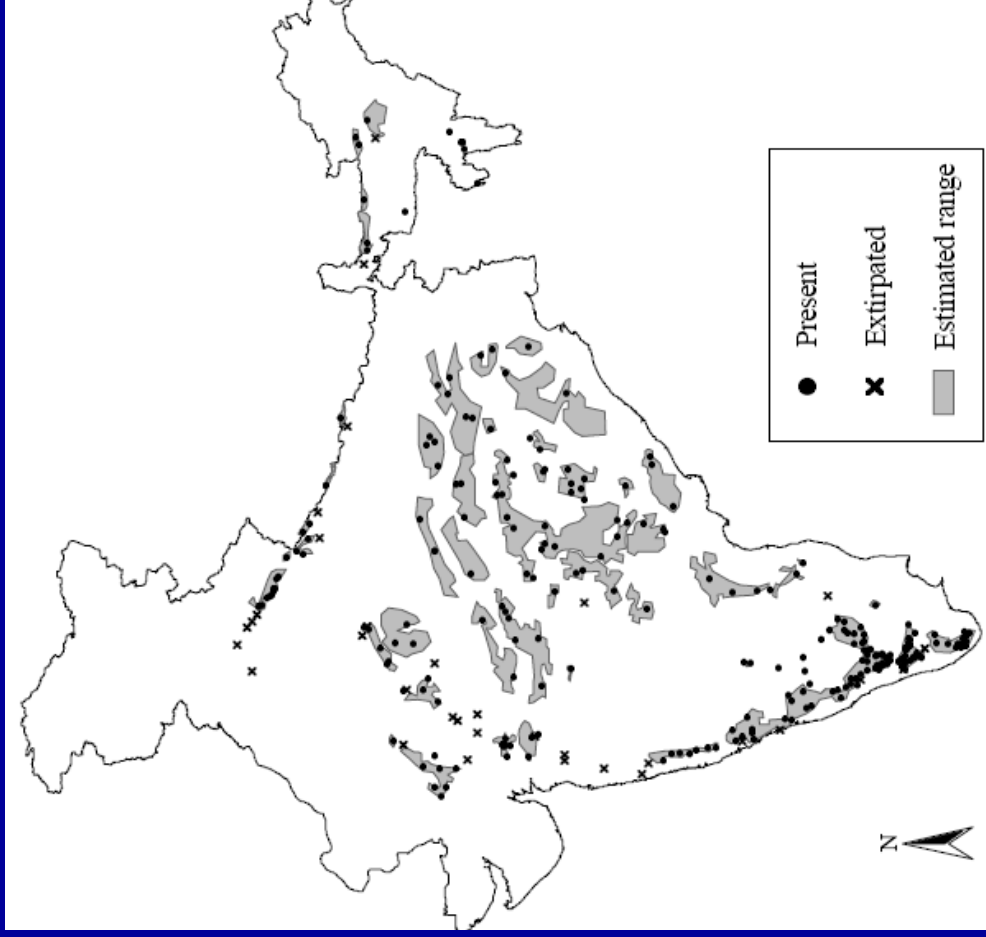
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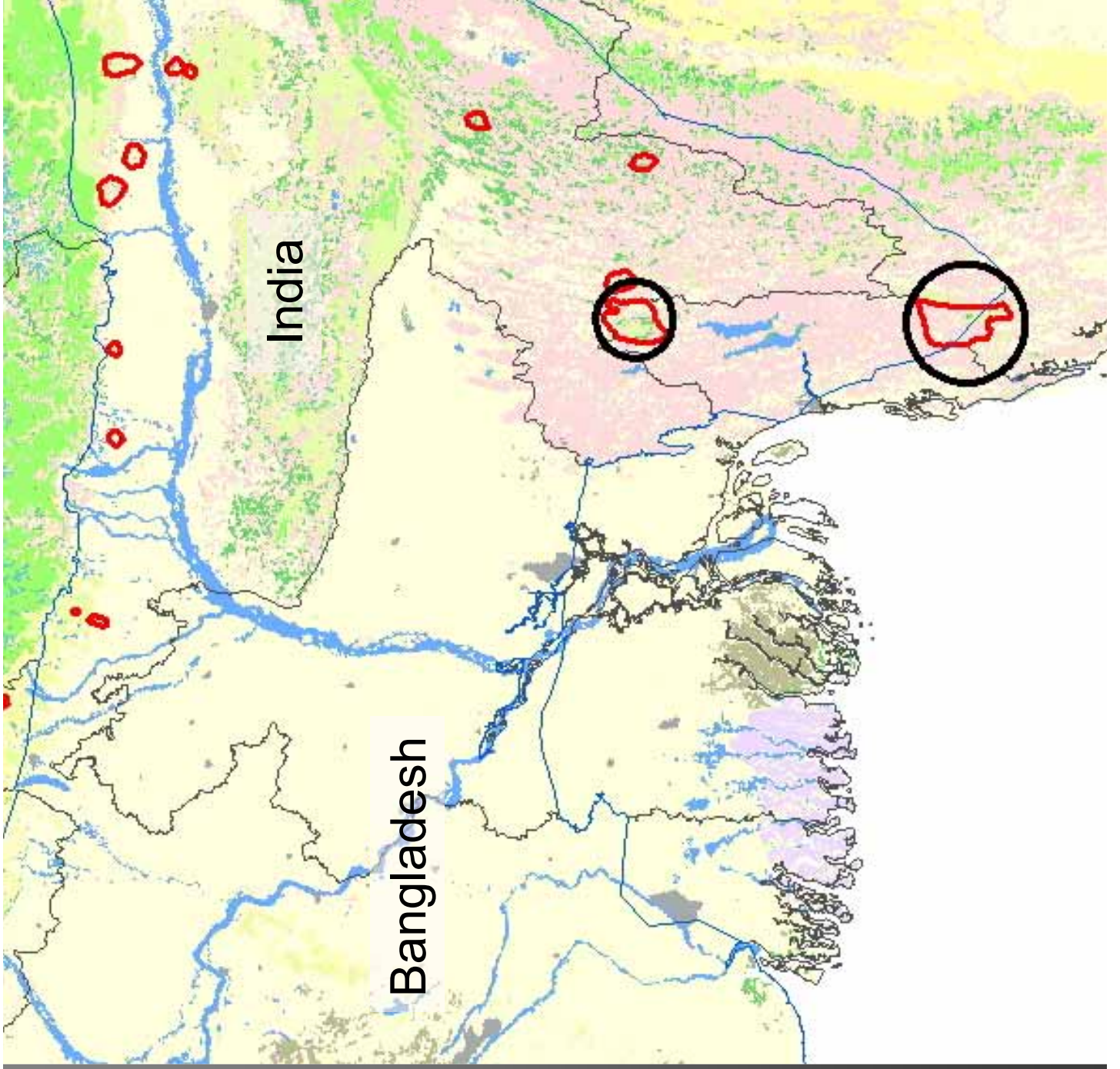


518 questionnaires &  
other records:

| Rating     | Bears/<br>100 km <sup>2</sup> |
|------------|-------------------------------|
| rare       | 1-2                           |
| occasional | 2-4                           |
| frequent   | 6-10                          |
| abundant   | 8-14                          |

**Total: 6-11,000 bears**

**Sloth Bear**

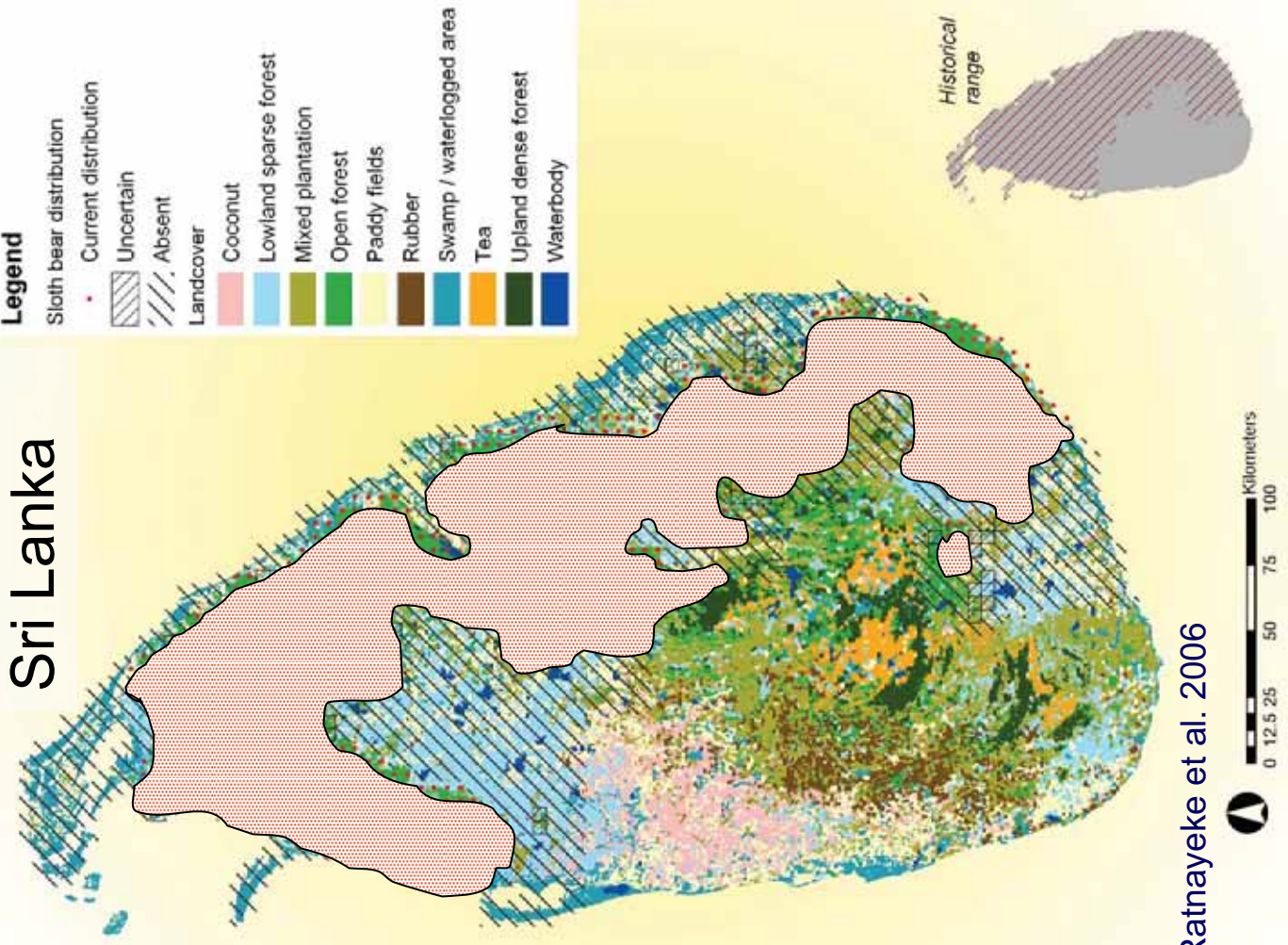
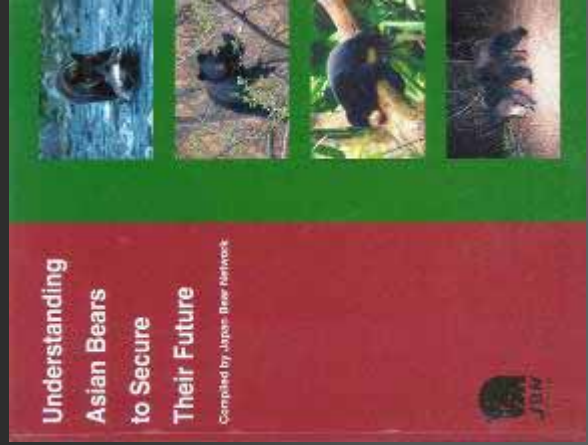




Purported  
“sloth bear”  
from  
Bangladesh

# 5. HABITAT & RESOURCE ASSESSMENT

What is the capacity of the Earth to support the species?



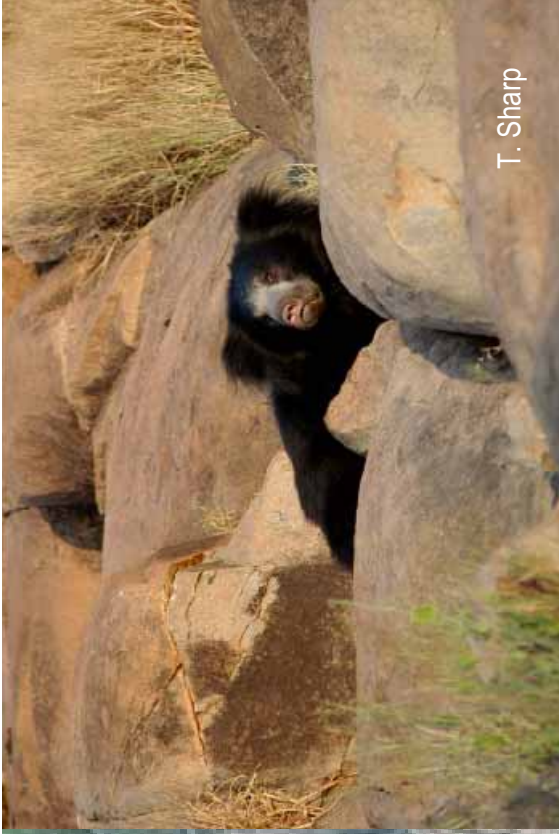
## 6. THREATS



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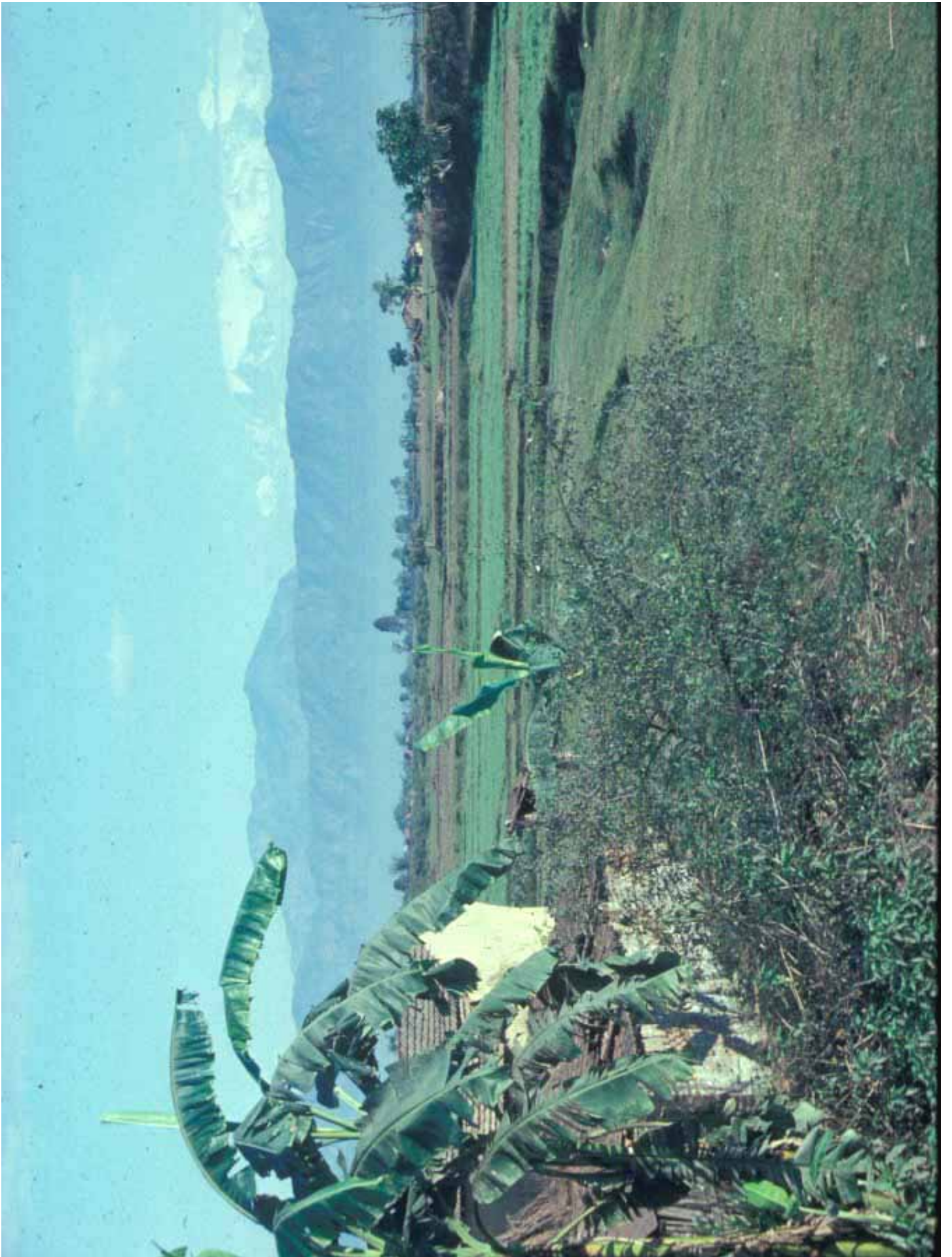
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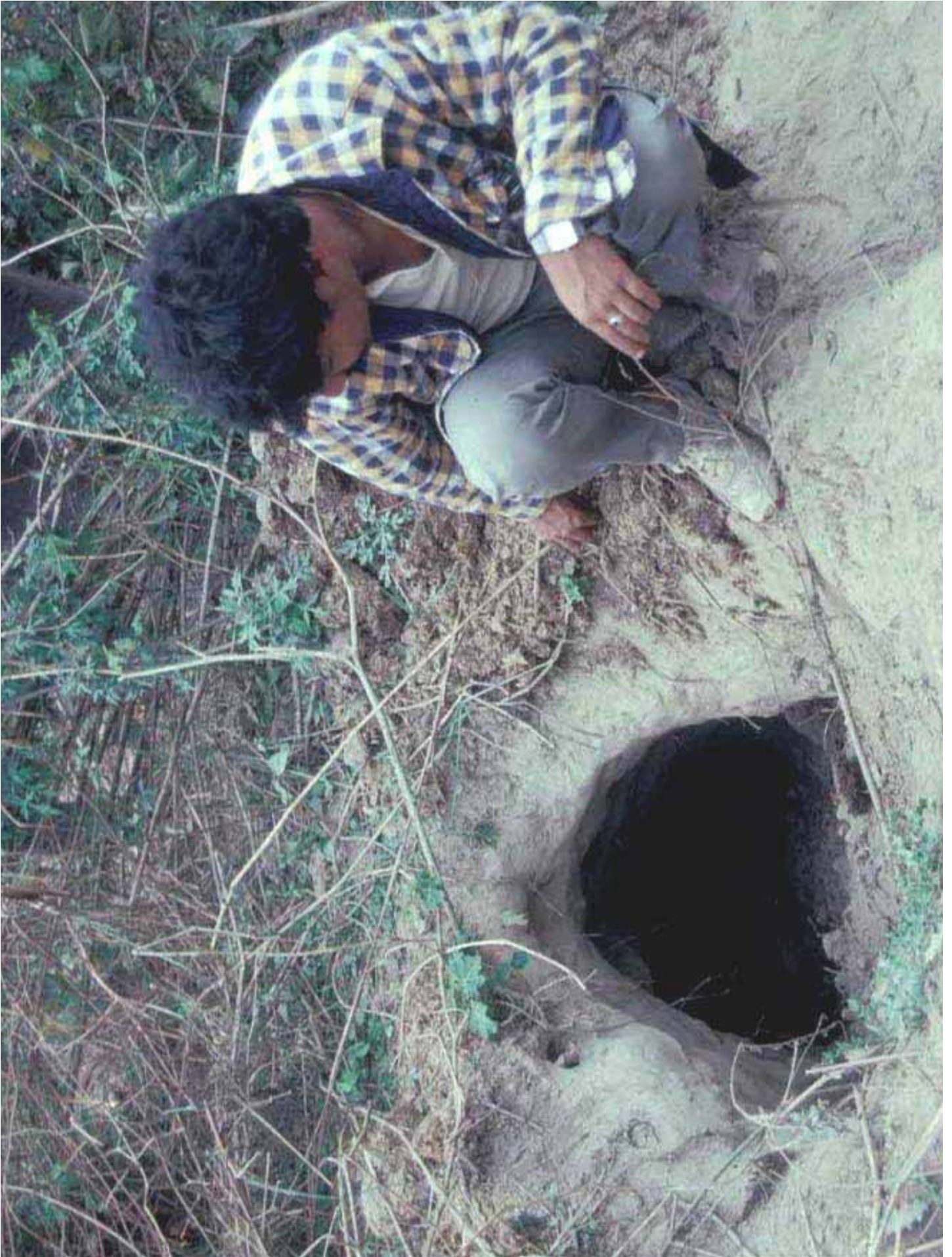
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Myanmar: Saw-Htun

# 7. CONSERVATION & MANAGEMENT



**Tiger Reserves**

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**How prevalent is the trade in bear parts for sloth bears?**

