

WILDLIFE & CORONAVIRUS

PANGOLINS

The world's most trafficked mammal, pangolins have been cited as the possible host of covid-19. There are fears they could therefore face further persecution.

BATS

The natural source of many viruses, molecular data collected so far strongly suggests that covid-19 is likely to have originated in bats.

TIGERS

Several Malayan tigers living at The Bronx Zoo in New York tested positive for covid-19 in April 2020. They are thought to have been infected by one of their carers. There is no evidence that tigers can transmit the virus to other animals or back to people.



GREAT APES

Are known to catch viruses from people, and this could be catastrophic for remaining wild populations, but there are no cases of covid-19 so far. However, there are concerns over their protection because wildlife tourism, which helps fund their conservation, has dried up due to the current travel and flight restrictions.

WILDLIFE MARKETS

Where many species of wild animals are traded and sold as food, medicine, or for the exotic pet trade. Thought to be where the virus that causes covid-19 jumped to people, Born Free is calling for a global ban.