

# PIT Red Panda Protected Forest

THE WORLD'S FIRST RED PANDA RESERVE



THE RED PANDA NETWORK is advocating for the creation of the PIS Red Panda Protected Forest, the world's first Red Panda Reserve. Our mission is to ensure the survival of the red panda and its habitat for future generations to study, experience, and enjoy, is being put into action.



IMAGINE A PLACE with thick forests filled with creatures of unparalleled diversity and beauty. A place with some of the world's most spectacular mountain vistas where rhododendron stands bloom in pink, red, and white. A place where you can see three of the world's seven tallest mountains. A place where you can see such endangered animals as the elusive red panda.

## Why is this area so important?

In 1999, a group of Himalayan conservation experts identified this area, called the Panchthar-Ilam-Taplejung corridor, or PIT corridor, as the highest conservation priority for the vanishing Eastern Himalayan Broadleaf Forest—the cloud forest of the Himalayas.

This area is comprised of one continuous ridgeline, with India to its Eastern side and Nepal at its West. On the Indian side is Singhalila National Park, where the forest and its numerous endangered species are protected. The Nepalese side of the ridge is a different story. Rampant, haphazard development has claimed large portions of prime red panda habitat. Red pandas travel from the eastern side to the western side of the ridge unaware of the political lines drawn by humans. They are caught and killed by local herding dogs and their habitat is cut down for grazing and agriculture.

The Red Panda Network is committed to creating the world's first red panda reserve here, where approximately 25% of Nepal's Red Panda population is found.

With your support, we can preserve this magnificent region, allowing both humans and red pandas to thrive.

If you'd like to learn more about our work, or would like to donate or find out about other ways to help, go to [www.redpandanetwork.org/contribute](http://www.redpandanetwork.org/contribute)

THIS PLACE DOES EXIST. It is at the eastern edge of Nepal, where you can stand with Nepal at your back, and India, mysterious Bhutan, and Sikkim to your front.

This area, with the densest population of red panda in Nepal, is one of the world's twenty-five biodiversity "hotspots", hosts one of the most diverse plant and animal communities found on earth—and it is threatened by population growth and expanding development. Protecting red panda habitat thus also preserves all the other biodiversity of this unique area.

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