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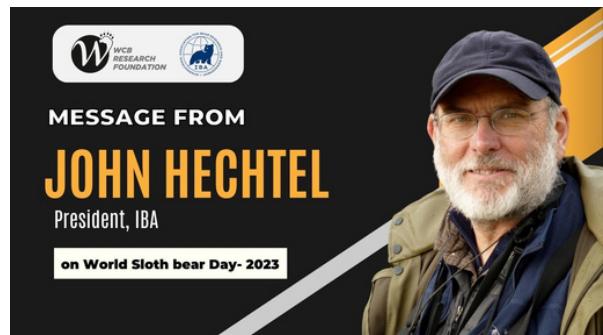
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A short video of Team Sloth bear of WCB Research Foundation

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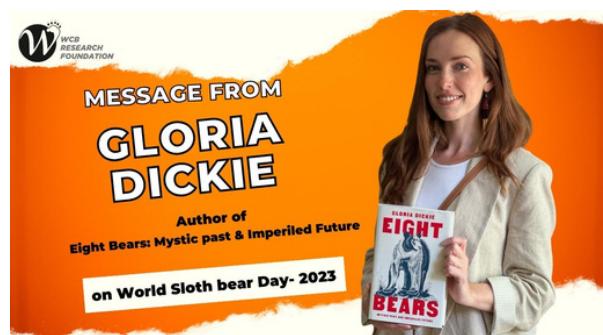
**A message from Dr Dave Garshelis ,
Chairman of IUCN BSG**



**A message from John Hechtel ,
President of IBA**



**A message from Dr Julia Bevin,
Advisor, WCB, Alaska**



**A message from Gloria Dickie ,
Environmental journalist**





Awareness

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Some unknown facts of Sloth bear

Though weighing ~60 to 100 kg, they are 5th largest bear in the bear family
• The largest one is Polar bear weight ~ 150 to 800 kg
• The smallest is Sun bear weight ~ 30 to 80 kg

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Some unknown facts of Sloth bear

Sloth bears typically have small, highly overlapping home ranges and can occur at high densities in prime habitats

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Some unknown facts of Sloth bear

The extirpation of sloth bears in Bangladesh was a clear indication of decline in the eastern part of their range. However, some western Indian states (Gujarat, Rajasthan) have reported an increasing population

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Some unknown facts of Sloth bear

Females give birth in dens, and fast for ~2 months during parturition and early cub nurturing

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Some unknown facts of Sloth bear

Long muzzles with the pout-like lower lip and lack of incisor teeth help them to suck their food while feeding they close their nostrils

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Some unknown facts of Sloth bear

Balo in Mogwili and Jamvant in Ramayana both are sloth bears depicting their connection with Indian culture

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Some unknown facts of Sloth bear

Sloth bears are experts at sniffing out termites, ants, and other social insects, even a meter underground, and they are proficient excavators.

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Some unknown facts of Sloth bear

Sloth bears show very distinctive noisy mating ritual

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Some unknown facts of Sloth bear

Sloth bears spend most of their time with their head down sniffing the ground, so often seem unaware of their surroundings

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Different slides about Sloth bear facts



**SAFETY DEMONSTRATION
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LANDSCAPE**

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A short video on sloth bear safety education

Conservation actions



**Distribution of bear deterrent stick "Ganti Kathi"
among the frontline field staff and villagers**





Impact

News paper and media coverage

