

Primates at risk and noodle art
灵长类动物灭绝危险，由方便面制成的艺术品

本集内容

- **60% of world's primates at risk of extinction** 世界 60% 灵长类动物将面临灭绝危险
- **Creating art in an instant** 用方便面制成的艺术展品

文字稿

Our closest biological relatives - but while the human population continues to grow, most of our fellow primates are now sliding towards extinction. This international team of scientists **trawled through** the data on more than 500 primate species revealing a looming extinction crisis. They estimate that 60% of primate species are now threatened with extinction and 75% have populations that are in decline. Forest habitat that these animals rely on is being destroyed - primarily for agriculture and logging. Reversing these declines means looking closely at where we source products like timber, palm oil and meat.

灵长类动物是和人类最相近的物种，但随着全球人口总数持续增长，在我们其余的灵长类动物同伴中，大多数物种的数量正逐渐下滑并且一步步走向灭绝。该国际科学家小组全面搜罗了有关 500 多个灵长类物种的数据，他们的研究揭示了一个迫在眉睫的物种灭绝危机。据这些科学家估计，有 60% 灵长类物种正遭受灭绝的威胁，75% 的灵长类物种数量呈下降趋势。这些动物赖以生存的森林栖息地正受到人类破坏，其原因主要是农业活动和伐木行为。人们如果想改变目前这一下降的趋势，就应当更仔细地审视木材、棕榈油和肉类等产品的来源。

Most of us look at instant noodles as a quick meal, but one artist is turning them into... well, art. Cynthia Suwito knits noodles as a performance art piece for a gallery in Singapore. She says her work is a reflection on the modern world's **obsession** with instant gratification. It takes her three hours to knit a 20cm-long piece. Mmmm... that's what we could call having good taste in art!

大多数人认为方便面是一种速食，但有一位艺术家却把这类食物转变成了艺术。辛西娅·苏维托（Cynthia Suwito）以面条为材料织出了一件表现艺术作品，在新加坡的一家画廊中展出。她说，该艺术品映射现代世界中人们执于即时满足感的现象。她织成这件 20 厘米长的作品共花费三个小时。嗯……只有做出这种展品的人才能称得上在艺术方面“品位”不凡。

词汇

trawled through

全面搜罗了

obsession

痴迷，执念

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练习

请从以下词汇中选择适当的答案来完成句子。注意：你可能需要改变单词的时态来完成句子。

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