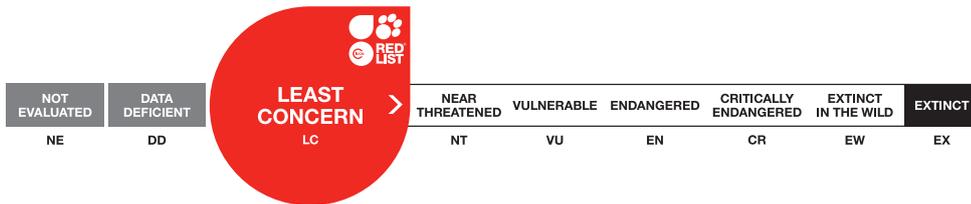


# LEARN AT CHESTER ZOO



Currently not at risk of becoming Extinct in the Wild

<b>Name</b>	Aardvark
<b>Scientific Name</b>	<i>Orycteropus afer</i>
<b>Threats</b> (why they're at risk)	In some places they're threatened by hunting for meat, their skin and claws. Also some habitat loss.
<b>Distribution</b> (where they live)	Found across Africa, south of the Sahara.
<b>Habitat</b> (what they live in)	Many habitats including savannah, woodland and grassland.
<b>Diet/Feeding strategy</b> (what they eat and how they eat it)	Mainly insects, particularly ants and termites. They have strong claws to dig them up or tear open termite mounds and a sticky tongue to catch their prey.
<b>Social behaviour</b> (how they live)	Nocturnal and generally solitary though sometimes seen with others.
<b>Males and females</b>	Males and females look very similar.
<b>Lifespan</b> (how long they live for)	Up to 23 years.
<b>Number of young</b> (how many babies)	Just one youngster which stays in the burrow for the first couple of weeks.
<b>Interesting fact</b>	Burrows can be up to 13 metres long and are used by lots of other African animals.