



DO'S & DON'TS IF YOU SPOT A SLOTH BEAR

Do's

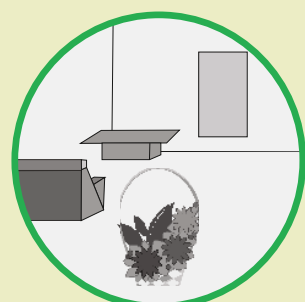
Don'ts



Carry sticks and make noises when walking alone in the forest so that bear can sense your presence well in advance and stay away from you



Don't walk alone in a forest



Keep non-timber forest products (NTFPs) like *mahua* flowers secure in the house to avoid attracting sloth bears



Don't collect *tendu* leaves and *mahua* flowers after dark



Slowly back off if you see a sloth bear looking at you or



Don't make noise, run or draw the bear's attention in any way as the bear might feel threatened and attack



If you spot a sloth bear in a forest and it has not seen you, stop and slowly retreat without making any noise



Don't climb the nearest tree in an attempt to escape from a chasing sloth bear as it is an excellent climber



Shout loudly, with your hands raised, and retreat slowly if a sloth bear charges from a distance. The bear might get confused and see you as a larger opponent and drop the attack



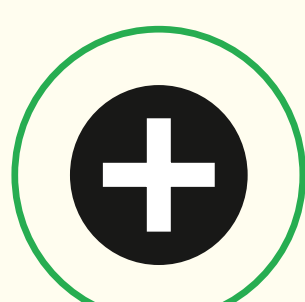
Don't use flashlights or throw stones at the sloth bear as this might irritate the animal and it can attack in defence



Inform the forest department if you see bear in a village or in a forest close to a village



Don't go to a forest or to the edge of a forest for defecation before sunrise or after dark. Use toilets instead



Rush an injured person to a hospital nearby and inform the forest department



Don't throw garbage around your house or on streets, especially food waste as it will attract bears

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