



Image 1

Hello,
I'm the Tasmanian devil. I got this name because my ears turn red whenever I'm excited or annoyed. My coat is pitch-black and I've got a white mark under my throat, the throat stripe. Sometimes some of my relatives have a white spot on their backs, too. I grow to between 30 and 35 cm tall and can weigh up to 8 kg.

I am a beast of prey but I see very badly. If somebody tries to attack me, I excrete a liquid which stinks like the liquid of a skunk. That's how I chase my enemies away. I like to hunt in the twilight. Then I rely on my hearing and sense of smell.



Image 2

Try to answer my questions.

1. How did I get the name "devil"?

2. Do you know any animals in your country which live similarly to me?

3. How do I know there are enemies around if I hunt in the twilight?

Fill in this wanted poster and colour in the Tasmanian devil.

“Wanted poster”

Name: _____

Habitat: _____

Biotope: _____

Size: _____

Coat colour: _____

Characteristics: _____

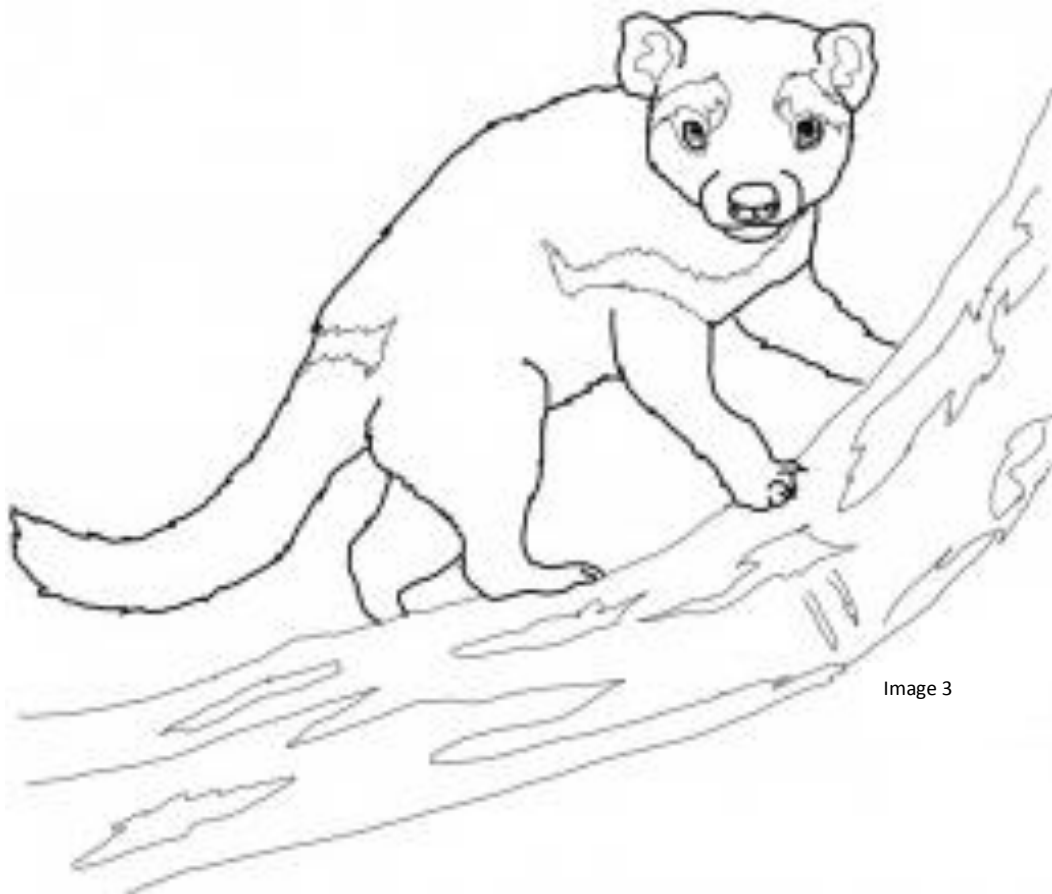


Image 3

I haven't got many enemies in Tasmania but a few years ago a serious disease broke out and this disease is very contagious for us. No remedy has been found yet. Unfortunately, many of my relatives have already died because of this cancer. Now the humans are trying to help us.



Image 4



Image 5

For example, the humans have sent some of my relatives to Maria Island and to some zoos in Australia. They are trying to help us not to die out. Hopefully, the disease won't reach those spots and my relatives won't get sick.

Can you find Maria Island on the map and mark where my relatives live?

Talk with your classmates about why the humans took some of my relatives away from Tasmania.



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