Pandas Show Resilience in Range of Habitats (Gallery)

by Live Science Staff  |  December 05, 2014 09:10pm ET

Michigan State University contributed these images to Live Science's Expert Voices: Op-Ed & Insights.

While pandas have been intensively observed for at least three decades, some of the most prominent beliefs about the animals are more conventional wisdom than actual fact. Re-analyzing data from a wealth of panda studies, Michigan State University researchers now show pandas are more comfortable in a range of habitats than conservationists have feared, meaning even restored forests could soon welcome pandas back. Read more about the research in "Tao of Pandas: Sometimes They Go With the Flow" and see images from some of the studies below.

Schizophrenia Treatment
Discover a Once-Monthly Option For Those Living with Schizophrenia

One subject of study
A panda wearing a GPS collar captured in a camera trap in Wolong Nature Reserve. (Credit: Sue Nichols, Michigan State University.)

Practice, practice, practice
A baby panda practices climbing in the Wolong Nature Reserve. (Credit: Sue Nichols, Michigan State University.)

Learning a useful skill
Pandas learn to forage in their enclosures at the Wolong Nature Reserve. (Credit: Sue Nichols, Michigan State University.)

Snoozing
A napping panda at the Wolong National Nature Reserve in southwestern China. (Credit: Kurt Stepnitz, Michigan State University.)

---

**Chowing down**

A panda feeds on bamboo at the Wolong National Nature Reserve in southwestern China. (Credit: Kurt Stepnitz, Michigan State University.)

---

**Pushing it**

This panda at the Wolong National Nature Reserve in southwestern China looks ready for a workout. (Credit: Kurt Stepnitz, Michigan State University.)

---

**Video** of a munching panda in Wolong. (Credit: Sue Nichols, Michigan State University.)

Follow all of the Expert Voices issues and debates — and become part of the discussion — on Facebook, Twitter and Google+. The views expressed are those of the author and do not necessarily reflect the views of the publisher. This version of the article was originally published on Live Science.

**Editor's Recommendations**

- [Tao of Pandas: Sometimes They Go With the Flow](#)
- [Belly Up to the Bamboo Buffet: Pandas vs. Horses](#)
- [Twins! Pictures of Zoo Atlanta's Baby Pandas](#)
Pandas Show Resilience in Range of Habitats

Pandas Show Resilience in Range of Habitats


Stressed Out Squirrel Moms Help Young Survive in the Wild