

U.S. and China study giant pandas

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A team of Chinese and U.S. zoologists Sunday began a joint study of wild giant pandas in northwest China's Shaanxi Province.

The researchers will use high and low-technology to study mating and sexual behavior, environmental influences on behavior and influences on hereditary structure posted by the movement modes and bonding system of giant pandas.

The three-year program will be jointly carried out by zoologists from the Animals Research Institute of the Chinese Academy of Sciences and the Zoological Society of San Diego in the Foping Nature Reserve for Giant Pandas in Shaanxi.

There is believed to be one giant panda per square half-mile inside the heavily forested reserve.

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