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I understand that there are approximately 6 billion humans. How does this compare with the total number of living mammals? Is there any other mammalian species as numerous?

I am a little bit puzzled by our evolutionary success because we have an enormous number of relative disadvantages compared to other mammals. Here are just a few of them.

- 1) Long gestation period.
- 2) Almost no multiple births.
- 3) Bad hearing.
- 4) Poor mobility — slow on land, and terrible at swimming and climbing.
- 5) Terrible sense of smell.

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