

Animal Fact Sheet

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Aardvark

Orycteropus afer

The aardvark is a nocturnal mammal native to sub-Saharan Africa, recognized by its pig-like snout and elongated ears. It is a solitary animal that spends its nights using its powerful claws to dig fo...

Quick facts

Classification: Mammal

Family: Orycteropodidae

Habitat: Savanna, grassland, woodland, and open forest

Diet: Insectivore

Conservation status: Least Concern

Lifespan: 10-23 years

Weight: 40–80 kg

Scientific name: *Orycteropus afer*

Did you know?

- Despite being called 'antbears' or 'earth pigs', aardvarks are the only living species in their order, Tubulidentata.
- Aardvarks can eat up to 50,000 insects in a single night and have a long, sticky tongue that can reach up to 30 cm. Their burrows provide shelter for...

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