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Animal Fact Sheet

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African Lion

Panthera leo

The lion is the only truly social cat, and its social life explains most of what it is. A male's mane is an honest advertisement: darker manes correlate with higher testosterone and better nutrition,…

Quick facts

Classification: Mammal
Family: Felidae
Habitat: Savanna
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Vulnerable
Lifespan: 8-15 years in the wild
Weight: 120–250 kg (265–550 lbs)
Scientific name: Panthera leo

Did you know?

- Female lions, or lionesses, do most of the hunting for the pride and coordinate their efforts to take down large prey.
- The last wild non-African lions survive as a single Asiatic population in India's Gir Forest, all of them descended from a few dozen animals that sur…

What I learned

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