

# Animal Fact Sheet

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## Asian Water Monitor

*Varanus salvator*

The Asian Water Monitor is one of the largest lizards in the world, native to South and Southeast Asia. This semi-aquatic reptile thrives near bodies of water such as rivers, swamps, and mangroves, w...

### Quick facts

**Classification:** Reptile

**Family:** Varanidae

**Habitat:** Tropical forests, wetlands, and riverbanks

**Diet:** Carnivore

**Conservation status:** Least Concern

**Lifespan:** 15-20 years

**Weight:** 19-50 kg

**Scientific name:** *Varanus salvator*

### Did you know?

- Despite their intimidating size, Asian Water Monitors are occasionally kept as exotic pets in some countries.
- Asian Water Monitors are excellent climbers and swimmers, able to remain submerged underwater for up to 30 minutes. They use their long, forked tongu...

### What I learned

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