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Animal Fact Sheet

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Babirusa

Babyrousa celebensis

The babirusa is a Sulawesi pig with tusks that grow the wrong way. In males, the upper canines rotate in their sockets and grow upward, penetrating straight through the skin of the snout, then curve …

Quick facts

Classification: Mammal
Family: Suidae
Habitat: Tropical rainforest and swamp forests
Diet: Omnivore
Conservation status: Vulnerable
Lifespan: 10-24 years
Weight: 40-100 kg
Scientific name: Babyrousa celebensis

Did you know?

- Babirusas are one of the few wild pig species where the males' tusks can actually curve back and pierce their own heads if they are not broken or wor…
- Babirusa females typically produce only one or two piglets, extraordinarily few for a pig, which makes the species slow to recover from hunting. They…

What I learned

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