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Animal Fact Sheet

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Capybara

Hydrochoerus hydrochaeris

The capybara (Hydrochoerus hydrochaeris) is the largest rodent in the world, weighing between 35 to 66 kilograms and reaching lengths of up to 1.3 meters. Indigenous to South America, it is found in …

Quick facts

Classification: Mammal
Family: Caviidae
Habitat: Wetlands, riverbanks, marshes, and lakeshores in tropical and subtropical South America
Diet: Herbivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 8-10 years in the wild
Weight: 35–66 kg (77–146 lbs)
Scientific name: Hydrochoerus hydrochaeris

Did you know?

- Capybaras are so tolerant and friendly that many other animals, including birds and monkeys, are often seen sitting on their backs in the wild.
- Capybaras can hold their breath underwater for up to five minutes, an ability that helps them evade predators like jaguars and caimans. Despite their…

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