

Animal Fact Sheet

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Chinese Water Deer

Hydropotes inermis

The Chinese Water Deer is a small, unusual deer native to the river valleys and wetlands of China and Korea. Unlike most deer, it lacks antlers and instead has prominent downward-pointing tusks, which...

Quick facts

Classification: Mammal

Family: Cervidae

Habitat: Wetlands, reed beds, river valleys, and marshy grasslands

Diet: Herbivore

Conservation status: Vulnerable

Lifespan: 10-12 years

Weight: 9-14 kg

Scientific name: *Hydropotes inermis*

Did you know?

- The Chinese Water Deer is one of the only deer species in which males and females both lack antlers, instead using their tusks for defense and competition.
- Unlike most deer, Chinese Water Deer do not have antlers but possess long, sharp canine tusks, earning them the nickname 'vampire deer.' They are exc...

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