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Animal Fact Sheet

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Common Hippopotamus

Hippopotamus amphibius

The common hippopotamus (Hippopotamus amphibius) is a large, mostly herbivorous mammal native to sub-Saharan Africa. Weighing between 1,500 and 3,200 kilograms, males are significantly larger than fe…

Quick facts

Classification: Mammal
Family: Hippopotamidae
Habitat: Rivers, lakes, and swamps in sub-Saharan Africa
Diet: Herbivore
Conservation status: Vulnerable
Lifespan: 40-50 years
Weight: 1,400–4,500 kg
Scientific name: Hippopotamus amphibius

Did you know?

- A hippopotamus can open its mouth up to 150 degrees, revealing tusks that can grow over 50 cm (20 inches) long.
- Hippos are considered one of the most dangerous animals in Africa, responsible for more human fatalities than lions or elephants. Their powerful jaws…

What I learned

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