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Animal Fact Sheet

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Common Warthog

Phacochoerus africanus

The warthog kneels to eat. Its neck is short and its legs are long, so reaching the short grass it lives on means dropping onto its front wrists — which carry thick padded calluses that develop for e…

Quick facts

Classification: Mammal
Family: Suidae
Habitat: Savanna
Diet: Herbivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 7-15 years
Weight: 50-150 kg
Scientific name: Phacochoerus africanus

Did you know?

- Despite their tough appearance, warthogs frequently take over abandoned aardvark burrows for shelter and sleep underground.
- Warthogs kneel to graze, and have evolved thick padded calluses on their wrists to do it comfortably. The "warts" are not warts — they are protective…

What I learned

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