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Animal Fact Sheet

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Helmeted Hornbill

Rhinoplax vigil

Rhinoplax vigil is the only hornbill whose casque is solid rather than hollow, a dense block of keratin that fills the front of the skull and makes the head account for around 11 percent of the bird'…

Quick facts

Classification: Bird
Family: Bucerotidae
Habitat: Tropical lowland and evergreen forests
Diet: Omnivore
Conservation status: Critically Endangered
Lifespan: 35-40 years
Weight: 2.5-3.1 kg
Scientific name: Rhinoplax vigil

Did you know?

- The casque of the Helmeted Hornbill is made of solid keratin and is so prized in some cultures that it is often referred to as 'hornbill ivory,' maki…
- Helmeted hornbill casques were being carved and traded to China more than 600 years ago, long before the modern crisis; Ming-era court records list t…

What I learned

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