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Animal Fact Sheet

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Lowland Paca

Cuniculus paca

The lowland paca is a large, nocturnal rodent native to Central and South America. It is characterized by its robust body, short limbs, and distinct white spots along its dark brown sides. Pacas are …

Quick facts

Classification: Mammal
Family: Cuniculidae
Habitat: Tropical rainforest
Diet: Herbivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 12-15 years
Weight: 6–14 kg
Scientific name: Cuniculus paca

Did you know?

- Despite being a rodent, the paca is an adept swimmer and will often escape threats by diving and hiding underwater.
- Pacas communicate with low grunts and use their strong teeth to make clicking noises as a warning. Their meat is considered a delicacy in some region…

What I learned

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