

Animal Fact Sheet

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Malayan Tapir

Tapirus indicus

The Malayan tapir is the largest of the four tapir species and is easily recognized by its distinctive black and white coloring, which helps it blend into the forest shadows and sunlight. Native to t...

Quick facts

Classification: Mammal

Family: Tapiridae

Habitat: Tropical rainforest

Diet: Herbivore

Conservation status: Endangered

Lifespan: 25-30 years

Weight: 250-540 kg

Scientific name: *Tapirus indicus*

Did you know?

- Despite their pig-like appearance, tapirs are more closely related to horses and rhinoceroses than to pigs.
- Malayan tapirs have a prehensile snout, similar to a mini-trunk, which helps them grab leaves and fruit. Their unique coloration acts as camouflage, ...

What I learned
