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Animal Fact Sheet

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Malayan Tapir

Tapirus indicus

Tapirus indicus is the only tapir outside the Americas, and its colour scheme is the strangest in the family: a black front and hind end with a stark white saddle wrapped around the middle, which loo…

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.
- A Malayan tapir's disruptive black-and-white pattern is thought to work best in exactly the dim, dappled conditions in which tigers hunt, so the loud…

What I learned

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