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Animal Fact Sheet

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Mountain Tapir

Tapirus pinchaque

Tapirus pinchaque is the only tapir that lives outside the tropical lowlands and the only one with a woolly coat, a dense black-brown pelage that insulates it in the Andean paramo and cloud forest of…

Quick facts

Classification: Mammal
Family: Tapiridae
Habitat: Andean cloud forests and páramo (high-altitude grasslands)
Diet: Herbivore
Conservation status: Endangered
Lifespan: 20-30 years
Weight: 136–250 kg (300–550 lbs)
Scientific name: Tapirus pinchaque

Did you know?

- The Mountain Tapir is considered a 'flagship species' for Andean forest conservation due to its ecological importance and endangered status.
- Tapirs are living fossils of a sort — their body plan has changed remarkably little in roughly 20 million years, and Miocene tapirs would be immediat…

What I learned

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