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Animal Fact Sheet

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Proboscis Monkey

Nasalis larvatus

The male proboscis monkey's absurd, pendulous nose is a loudspeaker. It acts as a resonating chamber that deepens and amplifies his calls, and the effect is honest advertising — a bigger nose means a…

Quick facts

Classification: Mammal
Family: Cercopithecidae
Habitat: Mangrove forests, riverine forests, and lowland rainforests
Diet: Herbivore
Conservation status: Endangered
Lifespan: 15-20 years
Weight: 16-22 kg (35-50 lbs) for males; 7-12 kg (15-26 lbs) for females
Scientific name: Nasalis larvatus

Did you know?

- Proboscis monkeys can swim over 20 meters underwater, making them one of the few primates highly adapted to aquatic life.
- The male's huge nose is a resonating chamber — a bigger nose makes a deeper, louder call, and it honestly advertises his size. Its chambered stomach …

What I learned

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