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Animal Fact Sheet

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Rock Hyrax

Procavia capensis

Procavia capensis looks like a fat guinea pig and is in fact one of the closest living relatives of the elephant and the manatee — all three sit in Afrotheria, and the hyrax's tusk-like upper incisor…

Quick facts

Classification: Mammal
Family: Procaviidae
Habitat: Rocky outcrops and cliffs
Diet: Herbivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 9-14 years
Weight: 1.8–5.4 kg
Scientific name: Procavia capensis

Did you know?

- Rock hyraxes have an unusual thermoregulation system and do not maintain a constant body temperature throughout the day.
- Hyraceum is also used as a fixative in perfumery, and it is one of the very few animal excretions with a commercial fragrance application. Rock hyrax…

What I learned

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