

# Animal Fact Sheet

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## Rock Hyrax

*Procavia capensis*

The rock hyrax is a small, thickset herbivorous mammal native to Africa and the Middle East. Despite its rodent-like appearance, it is more closely related to elephants and manatees than to rodents. ...

### 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.
- Hyraxes have specialized rubbery pads on their feet that help them grip and climb steep rock faces. Their tusk-like incisors are reminiscent of their...

### What I learned

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