

Animal Fact Sheet

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South American Tapir

Tapirus terrestris

The South American Tapir, also known as the Brazilian Tapir, is the largest terrestrial mammal in South America. It has a distinctive prehensile snout, which it uses to grab leaves and fruit. This ta...

Quick facts

Classification: Mammal

Family: Tapiridae

Habitat: Tropical and subtropical forests, grasslands, swamps, and riverbanks

Diet: Herbivore

Conservation status: Vulnerable

Lifespan: 25-30 years

Weight: 150-300 kg

Scientific name: *Tapirus terrestris*

Did you know?

- Despite their bulky appearance, South American Tapirs can run surprisingly fast and are agile in dense forest undergrowth.
- South American Tapirs are excellent swimmers and often escape predators by diving into water. Their prehensile snout acts like a short trunk, allowin...

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