

Animal Fact Sheet

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Spotted Hyena

Crocuta crocuta

The Spotted Hyena is the largest member of the hyena family and is widely recognized for its distinctive spotted coat and powerful build. Native to sub-Saharan Africa, these social carnivores live in...

Quick facts

Classification: Mammal

Family: Hyaenidae

Habitat: Savannas, grasslands, woodlands, and semi-deserts of sub-Saharan Africa

Diet: Carnivore

Conservation status: Least Concern

Lifespan: 12-25 years

Weight: 40-86 kg

Scientific name: *Crocuta crocuta*

Did you know?

- Unlike most mammals, female Spotted Hyenas have external genitalia that closely resemble those of males, making the sexes difficult to distinguish.
- Spotted Hyenas have the most powerful jaws in relation to their size of any mammal, capable of crushing bones. Their vocalizations include the famous...

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