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Striped Hyena

Hyaena hyaena

The striped hyena (Hyaena hyaena) is the most widely distributed hyena, ranging from Morocco through the Middle East to India, yet it is far less studied than the spotted hyena and behaves very diffe…

Quick facts

Classification: Mammal
Family: Hyaenidae
Habitat: Arid and semi-arid regions, scrublands, savannas, grasslands, open forests, and rocky terrain
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Near Threatened
Lifespan: 10-12 years in the wild, up to 23 years in captivity
Weight: 22–55 kg
Scientific name: Hyaena hyaena

Did you know?

- In some cultures, striped hyenas have been tamed and used as beasts of burden or to help guard livestock.
- Hyenas are more closely related to cats and mongooses than to dogs. A striped hyena's erectile mane can make it look nearly half again its real size,…

What I learned

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