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Animal Fact Sheet

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Takin

Budorcas taxicolor

The takin (Budorcas taxicolor) is a heavy, ox-nosed goat-antelope of the eastern Himalayas and the mountains of western China, the national animal of Bhutan, and it looks like a committee assembled i…

Quick facts

Classification: Mammal
Family: Bovidae
Habitat: Mountain forests and alpine meadows
Diet: Herbivore
Conservation status: Vulnerable
Lifespan: 12-15 years
Weight: 250–350 kg (550–770 lbs)
Scientific name: Budorcas taxicolor

Did you know?

- The takin's appearance is so unusual that it is thought to have inspired the legend of the 'golden fleece' in Greek mythology.
- A takin's entire skin secretes an oily, pungent substance, so the whole animal is one enormous scent gland rather than having localised ones. Bhutan'…

What I learned

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