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Animal Fact Sheet

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Water Buffalo

Bubalus bubalis

The domestic water buffalo (Bubalus bubalis) numbers around 200 million animals and quietly underpins agriculture across Asia. It comes in two distinct types that are usually lumped together but are …

Quick facts

Classification: Mammal
Family: Bovidae
Habitat: Wetlands, swamps, marshes, and river valleys
Diet: Herbivore
Conservation status: Endangered (wild populations); Domesticated are not threatened
Lifespan: 18-25 years
Weight: 400-1,200 kg
Scientific name: Bubalus bubalis

Did you know?

- The wild ancestor of the domestic water buffalo, the wild water buffalo (Bubalus arnee), is now classified as Endangered, with fewer than 4,000 indiv…
- River and swamp buffalo have different numbers of chromosomes, 50 and 48, and their hybrids are only partly fertile, so the domestic water buffalo is…

What I learned

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