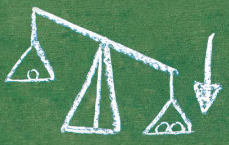


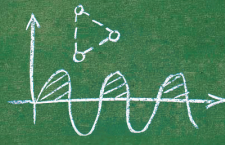


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RHINOCEROSSES

Rhinos have large ears and keen hearing but small eyes and poor vision.

There are five species of rhinoceroses, and all of them are in danger of extinction due to decades of habitat loss and hunting. In fact, there are just two members of the northern white rhino subspecies left on Earth.

Depending on the species, rhinos have one or two horns. The horns grow continuously throughout the animal's life. The horns of most animals have a bony core covered by a layer of keratin (the same substance found in hair and nails). Rhino horns are unique because they are composed entirely of keratin. In Asia, many people believe the rhino's horn contains magical or medicinal qualities. This has contributed to the rhino's endangered status. Rhinos use their horns to fight for territory, during mating, and to defend themselves from predators.

Javan rhino

The Javan rhino has one horn and heavily folded skin. This rhino is almost extinct.

Population (2020 est): 67

Male rhinos are called **bulls**, and females are called **cows**. Their young are **calves**.

A group of rhinos is called a **crash**.

Ujung Kulon National Park – a World Heritage Site – is home to the last wild Javan rhinos.

Sumatran rhino

The Sumatran is also called the hairy rhino. It is the only Asian rhinoceros with two horns. Its numbers have seriously decreased over the past 20 years, and it is on the verge of extinction.

Population (2020 est): fewer than 80

Some wildlife parks crop the rhino's horn to discourage poachers, a controversial practice.

Indian rhino

The Indian rhino is the largest of the Asian species. It has thick folds of skin that resemble armor plate. It grazes on tall grasses, shrubs and aquatic plants.

Population (2020 est): 3,600

White rhino

The white rhino is also known as the square-lipped rhino. It lives in savannas with water holes, mud wallows and trees. It has a pronounced hump on the neck, a long head and square upper lip.

Population (2020 est): 20,500

Rhinos are **ungulates** (hoofed animals), with three toes on each foot and clover-shaped footprints.

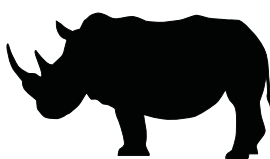
Black rhino

The black rhino is also known as the hook-lipped rhino. The black rhino can be aggressive. Both black and white rhinos have two horns, the longer of which sits at the front.

Population (2020 est): 5,630

Size comparison

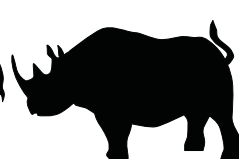
Weighing in at up to 6,000 pounds, the white rhino is the largest of the rhinos and the second-largest land mammal next to the elephant. The Sumatran is the smallest of the rhinos (2,000 to 5,060 pounds) and one of the most threatened.



White



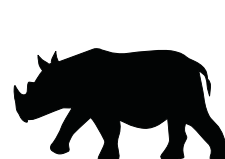
Indian



Black



Javan



Sumatran

NOTE: Maps show original range, which is drastically reduced today.

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