

Report on Hippos

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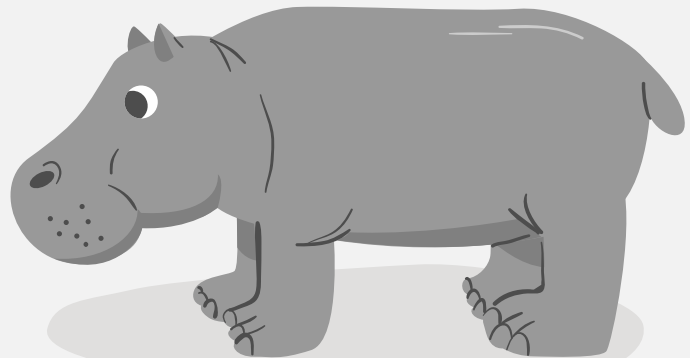
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Habitat

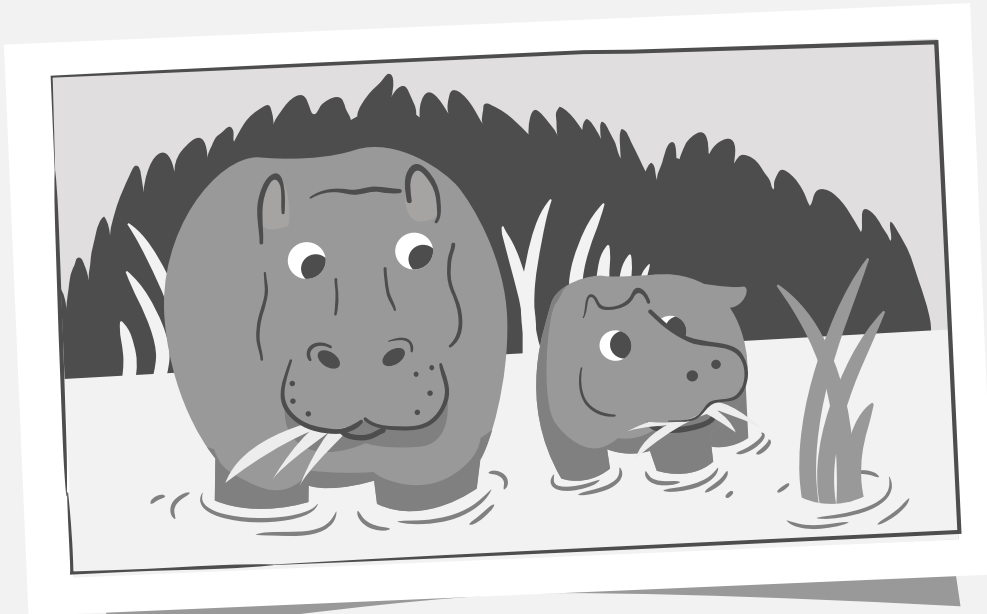
The hippopotamus is a large mammal native to Sub-Saharan Africa. They live near rivers, swamps and lakes. Hippos live in groups, from as little as five to as large as thirty hippos in a group. They enjoy living in mud and water. During the night, they leave the water to eat. Unfortunately, hippopotamuses are a vulnerable species, but you can still find them in the wild.

Lifecycle

The lifecycle of a hippo is similar to that of many other mammals. Like many mammals, baby hippos live inside their mothers before they are born. Hippos are born underwater. Baby hippos are called calves. Soon after they are born, they are able to swim. Hippos can live up to 40 years. There are many things about the lifecycle of a hippo that is similar to that of other animals.

Diet

Hippos are herbivores, which means they have a diet that consists only of plants. They can often be found munching on grass. They prefer short, creeping grass and small green shoots and reeds. A hippo's diet is very simple and can be easily sustained by the plants that grow around them.



Glossary

Mammals: warm blooded animals that have hair or fur, females produce milk for feeding their young, gives birth to live young

Calves: baby hippos

Herbivores: animals that eat only plants