

Javan Rhinos

Rhinos, or rhinoceroses, are found in various places around the world. They are mostly found in Africa and Asia, as they need warm weather to survive.

About Javan Rhinos

Javan rhinos live in Malaysia and Indonesia. They are often found in rainforests or by the side of swamps as they are most comfortable in a hot, moist environment. Rhinos mostly eat plants and fruits which have fallen from trees. This means that they are herbivores. As they live in Malaysia and Indonesia and the temperatures can get very high, Javan rhinos find shade and sleep through the hottest part of the day. When the temperatures have cooled, they will set out to find food. Javan rhinos are a lot like other rhinos, however, they are a lot smaller. They are covered in a thick, tough skin and have a horn at the end of their nose. Their horn is much smaller than the horns on African rhinos.



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An Endangered Species

Javan rhinos can live between 30 and 40 years, although many are hunted and killed before they become adults. They have been hunted for their horns, which people believe can be used in medicines. Only male Javan rhinos grow a horn, so the horns are very valuable. These animals are very close to becoming extinct, which means none will be left.

Javan Rhinos - Questions

1. Where can rhinos mostly be found?

2. What is a 'herbivore'?

3. What do rhinos do in the hottest part of the day?

4. Which words describe a Javan rhino's skin?

5. How long can Javan rhinos live?

6. What does 'extinct' mean?

7. Why do people hunt rhinos for their horns?

8. What do you think we could do to protect the Javan rhinos?
