

AFRICAN LION

Set 1



Scientific Name: *Panthera leo*
Common Name: African lion

African Lions are large, powerful cats that live in Africa. They are amazing hunters, but their numbers are getting smaller because their homes are disappearing.

Appearance

Lions have short, golden fur that helps them blend into the grass. Male lions have a big, fluffy mane around their head, while female lions do not. Their strong legs and sharp teeth help them catch their food.

Habitat

Lions live on wide grasslands and open woodlands in Africa.



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omnivore



carnivore

Food

Lions are carnivores, which means they eat meat. They hunt animals like zebras, antelope and other large mammals.

Predators

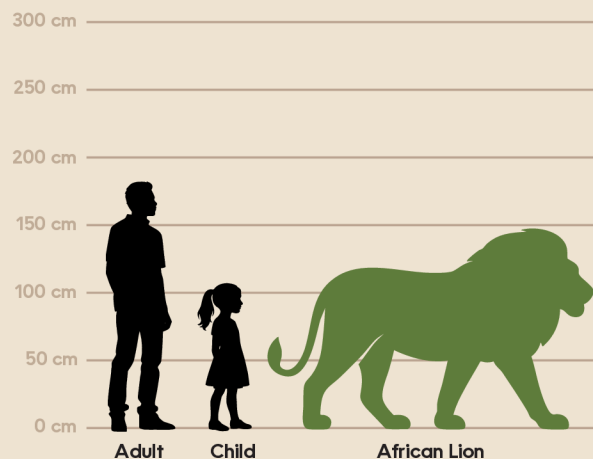
Adult lions do not have many natural predators, but lion cubs can be hurt by hyenas, leopards or other lions.

Behaviour

Lions live in family groups called prides. A pride usually has mothers, babies and a few male lions. They communicate with roars, growls, purrs and other sounds.

Looking after the habitat of African Lions helps keep them safe for the future.

HOW BIG ARE THEY?



DID YOU KNOW?

- Lions are the only big cats that live in family groups.
- A lion's roar is so loud it can be heard kilometres away.
- Young male lions often leave the pride and form small groups.



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