

AFRICAN LION

Set 2



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

The African Lion is an iconic apex predator once numbering over 200,000 across Africa. Today, fewer than 20,000 remain due to habitat loss, human-wildlife conflict and illegal wildlife trade.

Lions are large, muscular cats with golden fur. Males grow a thick mane, while females are smaller and lack a mane. Their powerful bodies and strong jaws make them skilled hunters.

African Lions live in savannas, grasslands and open woodlands across sub-Saharan Africa. As habitats shrink and fragment, lions struggle to find prey and safe territory.



herbivore



omnivore



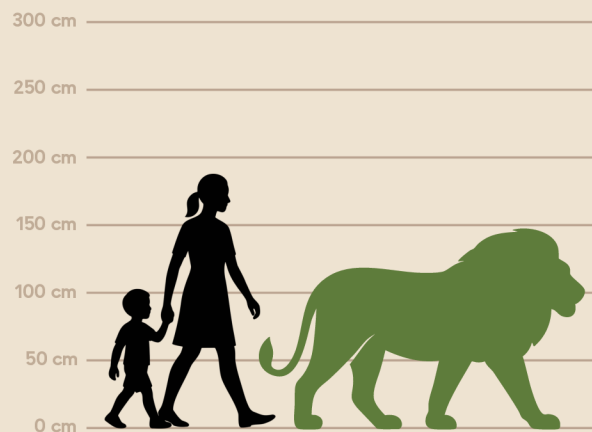
carnivore

Lions are carnivores that hunt animals such as zebras, wildebeest and antelope. They often work together to capture prey.

Adult lions have few natural predators, but cubs can be taken by hyenas, leopards or other lions. Human activity is now the biggest threat to their survival.

Lions are the only big cats that live in social groups called prides, usually led by one to three males. They communicate using roars, grunts, purrs and other sounds. Males compete for control of prides, often forming coalitions with brothers or cousins. When new males take over, they may kill existing cubs to establish their lineage.

HOW BIG ARE THEY?



DID YOU KNOW?

- Lions live in prides made up of related females and their young.
- A lion's roar can be heard from up to 8 km away.
- Young males often form groups before taking over their own pride.



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