



African Lion (*Panthera leo*)

Size: Head and body length, 170 - 250 cm; tail, 70 - 105 cm

Weight: 120 - 250 kg **Habitat:** Grassy plains, savannahs, open woodlands and scrub country **Surviving number:** Estimated at 32,000



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All hail the king. A magnificent hunter, the African lion is capable of leaping up to 12 meters and running as fast as 60 kilometers per hour when closing with prey. Often hunting in groups, these huge felines generally strike at night but are also active during the day. Prides consist of related females and their young, along with a male or coalition of males. The

larger the pride, the higher quality hunting grounds it can command. But the depletion of prey, trophy hunting and retaliation for livestock depredation all threaten to end their royal reign.

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