



Hog Deer (*Axis porcinus*)

Size: Head and body length, 120 - 127 cm ; shoulder height, 66 - 74 cm **Weight:** 32 - 50 kg

Habitat: Generally associated with tall grasslands in riparian areas or near coasts **Surviving number:** Unknown; populations declining



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Eater and eaten. A prodigious consumer of grass, the hog deer also enjoys snacking on fruit, such as the luscious plums of the Indian Jujube. Typically foraging during the day, it switches to nighttime when the weather is hot or in areas where it is often hunted. And the short, squat deer does find itself a frequent target; it is a favored prey of tigers and leopards, and is also

pursued by humans for the bush-meat trade. Even its habitat is being eaten up due to cultivation, making the task of everyday survival more and more difficult all the time.

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