



Tasmanian Devil (*Sarcophilus harrisii*)

Size: Body length, males approx. 65 cm; females approx. 57 cm **Weight:** Males approx. 14 kg; females approx. 9 kg **Habitat:** Occurs throughout mainland Tasmania **Surviving number:** Estimated at 10,000 – 25,000 adults



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Unmatched. Pound for pound, the Tasmanian devil has the strongest bite force of any mammal. A ferocious predator and opportunistic scavenger, the devil hunts alone and regularly ambushes prey larger than itself. Yet this uniquely formidable creature faces a unique threat: Devil Facial Tumor Disease, a fatal infectious form of cancer, has decimated

populations. Scientists and conservationists are alarmed by the all-too-likely possibility of the devil's total extinction in the wild. Unmatched today, unknown tomorrow?

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