



BANTENG

Bos javanicus

SPECIES QUICK FACTS

SIZE

An adult banteng measures somewhere between 6.3 and 7.5 feet in length.

WEIGHT

At their largest, banteng weigh between 1320 and 1760 pounds.

FOOD HABITS

Banteng are grazing vegetarians that feed primarily at night .

HABITAT

Banteng live in open lowlands during the dry season and in high-elevation forests and bamboo jungles during the wet season.

GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION

The banteng is found throughout Southeast Asia, including Thailand, Vietnam, and Indonesia.

FUN FACT

Banteng are very shy and have changed their eating habits to avoid human interaction.



Banteng are herding animals, a wild relative of our domestic cows. The banteng is identifiable by the white “stockings” on its lower legs.

Banteng exhibit sexual dimorphism, which means that the males and females have different physical characteristics. The female banteng is chestnut colored with a dark stripe along her back, while the male banteng is much darker (some are nearly blue-black in color).

Domesticated banteng can be found in Bali, where they are known as “Bali Cattle.”

