



# WHITE RHINOCEROS

*Cerathotherium simum*

## SPECIES QUICK FACTS

### SIZE

A full sized adult white rhino will stand between 65 and 75 inches in height.

### WEIGHT

A male white rhinoceros will typically weigh near 4,500 pounds, while females will average 3,500 pounds.

### FOOD HABITS

The white rhino will spend 12 hours a day grazing dense green grasses.

### HABITAT

White rhinos prefer areas that provide grasslands, water sources, trees, and mud wallows.

### GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION

Open woodland and grassland in central and southern Africa.

### FUN FACT

Generally, female white rhinos will have longer horns than males.



The white rhinoceros is considered to be the most social member of the rhino family. While males usually live in solitude, females and young calves will often form social groups. These small herds provide the rhinos with a stable sense of community. On an average day, rhino herds will spend 12 hours grazing, eight hours resting, and the remainder of the day socializing or wallowing. Rhino populations have decreased dramatically due to poachers taking the animals for their large horns. Today, white rhino populations are estimated at only 11,400 in the entire world.

