

# Javan Rhinos

Rhinos can be found in warm countries, as they don't like the cold. They like lots of space to move around and plenty of plants and fruit to eat. There are different kinds of rhinos. They differ in size and some have longer horns.



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## About Javan Rhinos

- They are smaller than African rhinos, with small horns on their noses.
- They don't like cold or dry places. They like to live where it is damp and there are plenty of plants.
- They sleep during the hottest part of the day and come out when it is cooler.
- Javan rhinos have thick, tough skin which protects them from animals that might want to hurt them.

## An Endangered Animal

Sadly, Javan rhinos are being hunted, which means not many are left. We call this being 'endangered'. There used to be thousands of Javan rhinos but now there are only about 60 left in the wild. If people don't stop hunting them, there will be none left in just a few years' time.

# Javan Rhinos - Questions

1. Why do rhinos live in warm countries?

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2. What do rhinos like to eat?

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3. Which is smaller, an African rhino or a Javan rhino?

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4. How many Javan rhinos are left in the world?

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6. Write one sentence to describe a Javan rhino.

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# Answers

1. Why do rhinos live in warm countries?  
**Rhinos live in warm countries because they don't like the cold.**
2. What do rhinos like to eat?  
**Rhinos like to eat plenty of plants and fruit.**
3. Which is smaller, an African rhino or a Javan rhino?  
**A Javan rhino is smaller than an African rhino.**
4. How many Javan rhinos are left in the wild?  
**There are only about 60 Javan rhinos left in the wild.**
5. What will happen if Javan rhinos aren't protected?  
**If Javan rhinos aren't protected there will be none left in a few years.**
6. Write one sentence to describe a Javan rhino.  
**Varied answers.**

# Javan Rhinos

Rhinos, or rhinoceroses, are found in various places around the world. They are mostly found in Africa and Asia, as they need warm weather to survive.

## About Javan Rhinos

Javan rhinos live in Malaysia and Indonesia. They are often found in rainforests or by the side of swamps as they are most comfortable in a hot, moist environment. Rhinos mostly eat plants and fruits which have fallen from trees. This means that they are herbivores. As they live in Malaysia and Indonesia and the temperatures can get very high, Javan rhinos find shade and sleep through the hottest part of the day. When the temperatures have cooled, they will set out to find food. Javan rhinos are a lot like other rhinos, however, they are a lot smaller. They are covered in a thick, tough skin and have a horn at the end of their nose. Their horn is much smaller than the horns on African rhinos.



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## An Endangered Species

Javan rhinos can live between 30 and 40 years, although many are hunted and killed before they become adults. They have been hunted for their horns, which people believe can be used in medicines. Only male Javan rhinos grow a horn, so the horns are very valuable. These animals are very close to becoming extinct, which means none will be left.

# Javan Rhinos - Questions

1. Where can rhinos mostly be found?

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2. What is a 'herbivore'?

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3. What do rhinos do in the hottest part of the day?

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4. Which words describe a Javan rhino's skin?

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5. How long can Javan rhinos live?

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8. What do you think we could do to protect the Javan rhinos?

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# Answers

1. Where can rhinos mostly be found?  
**Rhinos can mostly be found in Africa and Asia.**
2. What is a 'herbivore?'  
**A herbivore is an animal that eats only plants and fruit.**
3. What do rhinos do in the hottest part of the day?  
**Javan rhinos cleverly find shade and sleep through the hottest part of the day.**
4. Which words describe a Javan rhino's skin?  
**The words that describe a Javan rhino's skin are 'thick' and 'tough'.**
5. How long can Javan rhinos live?  
**Javan rhinos can live for 30-40 years.**
6. What does 'extinct' mean?  
**Extinct means that there will be none left.**
7. Why do people hunt rhinos for their horns?  
**People hunt rhinos for their horns because they believe they can be used in medicines.**
8. What do you think we could do to protect the Javan rhinos?  
**Varied answers.**

# Javan Rhinos

Rhinos, or rhinoceroses, to give them their full name, are found in various places around the world. They do not function well in cold climates, so can be found in warm countries in Africa and Asia, as well as India.

## About Javan Rhinos

Javan rhinos are found in Malaysia and Indonesia. They like to be in habitats which supply plenty of water. They are often found in hot and humid rainforests or by the side of swamps. Rhinos are herbivores. This means that they have a diet made up from plants and fruit. They cannot climb, so must wait for ripe fruit to fall from the branches. Though they are not strictly nocturnal, they do sleep throughout the hottest part of the day and forage and graze when it is cooler and at night. Javan rhinos, like all other rhinos, have horns, but theirs are smaller, they only have one, and only the male rhinos have them. Javan rhinos are similar to African rhinos as they have tough, armour-like skin but they are smaller than their African cousins.



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# Javan Rhinos

## **An Endangered Species**

Javan rhinos can live between 30 and 40 years, though this is rarely true now as they are being hunted and many are often killed before they become adults. This hunting is known as poaching. Sadly, most Javan rhinos are poached so that they can have their horns removed. Some people believe that Javan rhino horn can be used in medicine and they are willing to pay thousands of pounds for a single horn. To make matters worse, there is no proof that rhino horn helps to improve people's health. Javan rhinos are one of the most endangered species in the world (which means there are not many left), with an estimated 63 remaining in the wild. If they are not protected, soon they will become extinct.

# Javan Rhinos - Questions

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10. How do you feel about rhino hunting? Why?

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# Answers

1. What is 'rhino' short for?  
**Rhino is short for rhinoceros.**
2. In which countries might you find a Javan rhino?  
**You can find a Javan rhino in Malaysia or Indonesia.**
3. How do they get fruit to eat?  
**The rhinos wait for ripe fruit to fall from tree branches.**
4. What are the similarities and differences between Javan and African rhinos?  
**They both have tough skin but Javan rhinos are smaller than the African rhinos.**
5. What other word is used for 'hunting'?  
**Hunting is also known as poaching.**
6. What does 'endangered' mean?  
**Endangered means there aren't many of them left.**
7. How do Javan rhinos stay cool?  
**Javan rhinos sleep through the hottest part of the day and hunt when it is cooler and at night.**
8. Why are people prepared to pay money for a rhino horn?  
**People believe that rhino horn can cure illnesses and make them healthier.**
9. What is a habitat?  
**A habitat is where an animal lives.**
10. How do you feel about rhino hunting? Why?  
**Various answers.**