

Animal Report (Leopard)

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Introduction

Leopards are mammals. Leopards are the third largest land mammals. Leopards come from the Greek words leon (lion) and pardus (panther).



Appearance

Leopards are two metres (m) long and weigh from twenty-one to seventy-five kilograms (kg). Their fur is light coloured with dark spots, called rosettes, on it. Their teeth are sharp and strong. Their tails are long.

Habitat

Leopards like to live alone. They live in Asia and Africa.

Diet

Leopards are carnivores and they eat meat. They eat large animals such as cows, pigs, deer. They often eat food in trees, so they can keep away from other animals.



Behaviour

Leopards hunt at night and rest during the day. They can run up to fifty-three kilometres (km) per hour. Leopards spend most of their time in trees. They like to move silently towards the animals when they are hunting. They growl when angry.

Interesting Facts

Leopards can hear five times more sounds than the human. They can only live up to twelve to seventeen years.

Summary

Leopards are endangered because people hurt them for their fur.