Species Fact Sheet

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African Lion

Panthera leo krugeri

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Habitat: Normally in the savanna and grassland areas, although they may take to bush and forest.

Range: Sub-Saharan Africa

Activity Cycle: Nocturnal– meaning they hunt at night and mostly rest during the day

Size: Weights for adult lions generally lie between 330-550 pounds for males and 264-400 pounds for females. Head and body length is 5 -8 feet in males and 4 feet-5 feet in females.

Social Structure: Lions are unusually social compared to other cats. A group of lions are called a pride and is made up of related females and offspring and a small number of adult males.

Distinguishing Features: Lion coloration varies from light tan to dark brown. Lion cubs are born with brown spots on their body that fade as they grow.
Males have a mane-thick fur that covers their head.

Diet: Prey consists mainly of large mammals, with a preference for wildebeest, impalas, zebras, buffalo, and warthogs. They will scavenge if necessary.

Life Span: 10-14 years in the wild and up to 25 in captivity

Did you know?

Lions are the second largest cat found in the wild (Amur Tigers are the largest).