

Visayan warty pig ... wild swine with a *WILD* look!

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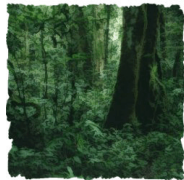


MEASUREMENTS

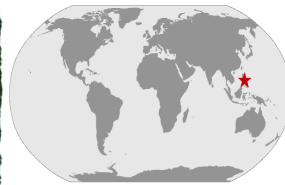
Length: 3 feet

Height: 2 feet
at shoulder

Weight: 45-110 lbs



Rainforest



Philippines

IUCN
CRITICALLY
ENDANGERED

Unknown #
in the wild

Why exhibit Visayan warty pigs?

- Help save this species now! The express purpose of this captive breeding program is to act as a genetic insurance policy: hybridization with feral pigs is a major threat to wild populations.
- Present a spokes-species for island endemism, and tell the stories of habitat loss, human impacts on islands, and the bushmeat trade. The Visayan warty pig is listed as #117 on the list of the most evolutionarily distinct, globally endangered (EDGE) mammals.
- Create an instant hit with your visitors! This species needs no help endearing itself, from the striped piglets to the “punk rocker” males with a mohawk mane of hair.
- Challenge the public perception that pigs are heavy and awkward by providing this species with climbing opportunities — and create an exciting exhibit at the same time.

Stewardship Opportunities

The Philippines Biodiversity Conservation Foundation Inc. (PBCFI) has worked on Visayan Warty Pig conservation and stewardship since 1994.

<https://www.facebook.com/philippinesbiodiversity>

Care and Husbandry

YELLOW SSP: 33.38 (71) in 16 AZA (+3 non-AZA) institutions (2019).

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Social nature: Highly social. Work well in large or small groups, including all-male or female herds, but potential for aggression exists. Maintaining large groups ensures an active exhibit with animals always visible.

Mixed species: Successfully mixed with Malayan tapirs.

Housing: Supplemental heating in barns is required in cold regions. Providing some vertical space with fallen tree trunks and other exhibit components helps encourage exploration and shows off the abilities of these pigs.

Medical notes: Generally robust. Some hoof care needs.

Special requirements: Mud wallows needed in hot climates.

Keeper resources: Standard workload, although their destructive nature may require regular maintenance of substrate and furniture. Worked both protected and free contact, depending on individual animals. Readily engage in training programs.

Please contact the TAG for full husbandry guidelines.

<http://www.azaungulates.org/>



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