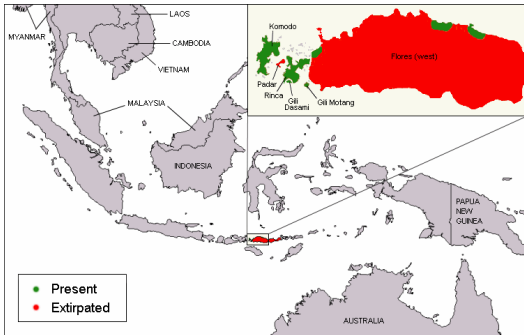


Komodo Dragon

Varanus komodoensis



Range: Lesser Sunda Indonesia
SVL: ♂:154 cm (60 in)
♀: 154 cm (60 in)
TL: 302 cm (119 in)
Weight : ♂:**70-166** kg (154-366 lbs)
♀ :1.2-1.9kg (37.4-92lbs)
Habitat: monsoon forest, savannah
and mangrove swamp
Incubation: 220 days
Eggs: 18-33
Dispersal: mother protects eggs for
90 days
Sexual maturity: ♂- 9 yrs ♀-8 yrs
Nest: Burrows or megapode nest
Social: solitary
Breeding: polygyandrous
Activity: Diurnal
Lifestyle: Young- arboreal Adult
terrestrial
Food: Large vertebrates and carrion
IUCN: least concern
Subspecies : monotypic
Longevity: captive:30yrs
Wild:unknown

Order:Squamata Family:Varanidae

With an average weight of about 155 pounds and sometimes double this in captivity, the Komodo dragon is the world's heaviest lizard. It has a long body well-developed legs and deeply forked tongue that it flicks out as it searches for food. They have a keen sense of smell, and can detect the scent of decaying remains up to 3 miles.

Adults are mainly solitary although groups may gather at the site of a kill. During breeding season, males compete for a chance to mate, wrestling in an upright position with their tails acting as props.