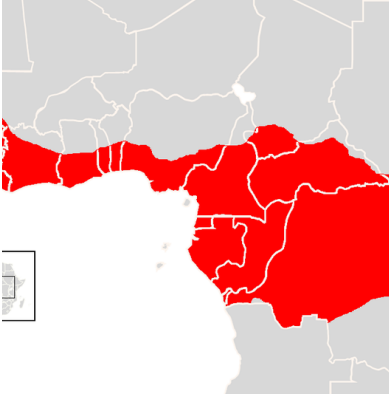


Red River Hog

Potamochoerus porcus



Range: Central Africa
Size: : 55-80 cm (30-48 in)
: 119 cm(36 in)

Weight :54-115kg (119-253lb)
:13.2-15.9kg(18-40lbs)

Tail: 30-45 cm

Habitat: wooded areas

Estrus: 24 hours

Estrus cycle: 34-37 days

Gestation : 120-127 days

Litter: 6

Weaning: 8-16 weeks

Sexual maturity: 6-7 months

Lifestyle: Terrestrial

Activity: nocturnal

Social: 1 male 1 female young

Breeding: polygynous

Movement :generally sedentary

Food: roots bulbs small animals

IUCN: Least Concern

Subspecies : monotypic

Longevity: captive: 20 years

Wild: 12 years

Order: Artiodactyla Family: Suidae

The Red River Hog is a nocturnal pig that lives in the forested regions of western and central Africa. Although it inhabits a variety of habitats it prefers rain forest. It is sometimes referred to as a bush pig but this can lead to confusing it with its close relative *P. lavartus* which is also called the bush pig. The red river hog get its common name from the orangish red coloration of its fur. There is slight sexual dimorphism with males being slightly larger and having warts on its face. The warts are similar to those on the warthog but smaller

The red river hog lives in family groups led by a dominant male. These family groups will often join other groups to form a larger groups called sounders. Sounders may have as many as 60 individuals. The red river hog is omnivorous and will almost any available food including carrion. Roots, tubers and fallen fruit appear to be preferred food. Both males and females posses large, sharp tusk formed by the lower canine teeth. Although the tusks are a formidable defense the red river hog will run or "play possum" when faced with a threat unless cornered.