



The Malayan Tapir

Use these web sites to aid your search:

- **Animal Fact Sheets: Malayan Tapir**
(http://www.zoo.org/educate/fact_sheets/tapir/tapir.htm)
- **Malayan Tapir**
(http://www.ultimateungulate.com/Perissodactyla/Tapirus_indicus.html)
- **FactSheet: Tapir**
(http://www.yptenc.org.uk/docs/factsheets/animal_facts/tapir.html)

Questions:

Classification and Range

1. What are the four species of tapirs?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

2. Malayan tapirs are the only Asian species of tapirs.

3. In what three locations (where they are native to the area) are Malayan tapirs found? *Hint use a map of the Malayan Tapirs range*

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

4. Where are the other three species of tapirs found (their range)? _____

Habitat

5. Where do Malayan tapirs live?

- _____ of river basins or swamps
- Lowlands to _____

Shoulder Height

6. How tall are adult tapirs at their shoulders? _____

Weight

7. How much do males and females weigh?

Males- _____ pounds

Females- _____ pounds

Life Span

8. What is the Malayan tapirs life span? _____

Diet

9. Tapirs are browsers and grazers. What does that mean? _____

10. What do tapirs eat in the wild? _____

Reproduction

11. How many calves does a mother normally give birth to? _____

12. How much does a calf weigh at birth? _____

What are tapirs?

13. Tapirs have a small, flexible snout and upper lips called a _____.

14. What kind of skin do tapirs have? _____

15. Tapirs are closely related to what two animals? _____

16. How many toes do tapirs have?

_____ toes on the front feet

_____ toes on the hind feet

17. What does each toe have? _____

18. What color are the front half and hind legs of a tapir's body? _____

19. How does this black and white pattern help the tapir? _____

Other facts

- Tapirs communicate by picking up the scents of other tapirs and by making the sound of a shrill whistle.
- Predators: leopards, tigers, humans
- The Malayan tapir is about the size of a Shetland pony.

Threats

- Tapirs have always been a source of food for people living in the rainforest.
- Over hunting by outsiders is reducing the population of tapirs.
- Destruction of the rain forest also threatens tapirs.