



# The Rhinoceros

The Rhinoceros is a large land-dwelling mammal with horns on its head. The largest horn is on the front of its head above its nose. Rhinos can grow to weigh over 4,000 pounds. Though they look intimidating, Rhinos are actually herbivores, which means they only eat plants. They use their horns for defense, as well as for digging and breaking branches. Some human cultures value Rhino horns and hunt the animals in order to obtain them. For this reason, Rhinos are considered an endangered species. In fact, the Javan Rhinoceros, one of five types of rhinoceros, are almost extinct. There are only 60 living Javan Rhinoceros in the whole world, in Indonesia and Vietnam. The Sumatran Rhinoceros which has the most hair or fur of all the Rhinos, is in similar trouble with only about 300 left in the world.

1. How big do Rhinos get?
2. What do Rhinos eat?
3. What do Rhinos use their horns for?
4. Why are some types of Rhinos almost extinct?