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## The Role of Komodo Dragons in the Ecosystem

### Short Answer Key

1. Komodo dragons help control prey populations by hunting animals like deer and wild boar.
2. They are apex predators because they are at the top of the food chain with no natural predators.
3. Smaller animals benefit because Komodo dragons often leave scraps behind after hunting.
4. Scavenging prevents the spread of disease and cleans up dead animals from the environment.
5. Komodo dragons face threats like habitat loss and human interference.

