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How Does a Hippopotamus Communicate?

Short Answer Key

1. Hippos make sounds above and below water to keep the pod together and warn of danger.
2. Hippos show dominance by opening their mouths wide and splashing water.
3. Scent marking helps hippos define their territory and avoid conflicts.
4. A mother hippo makes soft grunting sounds to reassure and guide her calf.
5. Communication helps hippos stay safe and maintain social order in their pods.

