

proboscis monkeys

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The **proboscis monkeys** are one of the typical and exclusive species of **Borneo**. They typically live along the rivers of the islands, in the mangroves and near the marshes and are a highly arboreal species to the point that occasionally they venture on the land only to forage.

Desc:

proboscis monkeys live in organized groups which are real harems made up of a dominant male, two to seven females and their respective offspring. They are also skilled swimmers thanks to their webbed limbs which help them escape from crocodiles, their main and fearsome predators. Another characteristic of these monkeys is the size of their belly which is directly proportional to their particular stomachs. The diet of these primates consists of leaves, seeds, immature fruits and, occasionally, also insects; their complex and large digestive systems have particular enzymes that help them to dispose of the cellulose of the plants and cancel the harmful effects of some

Characteristics:

- They have a brown-orange fur on the back, neck and head
- the arms, legs and tail are greyish.
- The male weighs 16-22 kg but can reach up to 30 kg and can reach a height of up to 75 cm.
- The females are smaller and typically weigh 7-12 kg and reach the 65 cm of height
- large nose that develops with age; while that of the females is much smaller, the nose of the males can be up to 18 cm long and serves essentially as a sounding board, capable of producing a strong nasal intonation similar to the bass., as the deep sound they can emit is able to intimidate other males (and even their predators) and attract many females during the phase of mating.

fun fact:

Males with larger noses are able to attract more females than their rivals