Banteng

Banteng are considered one of the most beautiful cow species, their striking coats and white "socks" as well as impressive horns and big black eyes set them apart from other bovines. a species of wild Southeast Asian [cattle](https://www.britannica.com/animal/cattle-livestock), family [Bovidae](https://www.britannica.com/animal/bovid) (order Artiodactyla), found in hill forests. A shy [animal](https://www.britannica.com/animal/animal) [resembling](https://www.britannica.com/dictionary/resembling) a domestic [cow](https://www.britannica.com/animal/cow), the banteng attains a shoulder height of about 1.5–1.75 m (60–69 inches).

Info:

Although banteng can be found in many places, there are only about 8000 wild banteng altogether. They live in different habitats in different areas including open dry deciduous forest and more densely forested areas. Here you would often find them living in small groups. This group would usually include females and their offspring of different ages and perhaps an adult male. Males might live on their own or form groups with other males. In the breeding season males compete to be the most dominant, which means they get to mate with more females. Large groups are made up of up to 100 animals are sometimes seen but these are normally for a short time period. Where they have been studied in the wild, banteng are active both during the day and at night, swapping between resting and moving around or eating. If you were watching them in the wild you might expect to see more of them at dawn and dusk when they often emerge from thicker forest into open areas to find food and socialise.Because they are shy and hard to see, you might expect that wild banteng should be safe from human impacts, but this is not the case.

Characteristic:

* Male Banteng sport dark brown coats with white stockings and are very muscular with large curved horns.
* Females are red in color with white stockings and also have horns, although less impressive then their male counterparts. Banteng are found in many different parts of South East Asia..
* It has a slight ridge on the back,
* a white rump, white “stockings” on the legs, and slender, curving horns. Bulls are dark brown or black, and cows and young are reddish brown.

Fun fact: The banteng is the second endangered species to be successfully cloned