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*Range:* Tenasserim and southern Siam through Malaya to Sumatra.

*Longevity:* 10 yrs.

*Other statistics:* Pulse, 44.

*Special comments:* Several species of S. American Tapirs, dark brown or black all over, with greyish tinge on head and chest. Young like those of Malayan Tapir. Habits similar to Malayan Tapir.

S. American Tapirs:

All blackish-brown, 6' long, 3' at shoulder: Common species is Brazilian Tapir (*Tapirus terrestris*), habits and habitat similar to Malayan Tapir but more water-loving, chief enemies jaguar, alligators; Mountain Tapir (*T. roulini*), of Andes of Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, at 14,000'; Baird's Tapir (*T. bairdi*), Mexico to Panama, up to 6,000', has white on chest, throat, face; Dow's Tapir (*T. dowi*), of Guatemala, Nicaragua, Costa Rica. [Longevity, 9 yrs.]

### Family RHINOCEROTIDAE

#### GREAT INDIAN RHINOCEROS (*Rhinoceros unicornis*)



*General characters:* 14' long, 6' 4" at shoulder, tail 2' 5", one horn up to 2', up to 4 tons wt., blackish-grey, skin granular, thrown into heavy folds, pair of broad incisors in upper jaw, pair of sharp-edged tusks in lower jaw.

*Habits:* Inoffensive, retiring, in spite of bulk. Largely solitary. Habitually visits mud wallows.

*Habitat:* Dense jungle or long grass.

*Food:* Vegetation, especially grass.

*Breeding:* Gestation 310-348 days, 1 young at birth, 2' at shoulder, 75-120 lb. wt.

*Present status:* Much reduced in numbers, protected.

*Range:* Nepal, N. Bengal, Assam.

*Longevity:* 47 yrs.

*Other statistics:* Temp. 100°F. (37.6°C.)

Javan Rhinoceros (*R. sondaica*): formerly ranged from Bengal, Burma, Siam, Indo-China to Sumatra and Java, now extinct over most of range, last census (1937) showed 66 individuals; smaller than Indian Rhinoceros, single horn (in males only) 5½" long, skin smooth, deep folds, 5½' at shoulder, ton or more wt.

Sumatran Rhinoceros (*R. sumatrensis*): in small numbers Assam, Burma, Malaya, Sumatra, Borneo, becoming rarer, in hilly jungles, 4½' at shoulder, 1 ton wt., short hairy coat, 2 horns, anterior horn larger, up to 20" long. [Gestation 510-550 days.]

BLACK or HOOK-LIPPED RHINOCEROS, SWARTRENOSTER  
(*Diceros bicornis*)



*General characters:* 12' long, 5½' at shoulder, 2 tons wt., 2 horns anterior horn up to 53½" (average 20"), muzzle pointed, upper lip prehensile hide dark grey, lacks incisors in both jaws.

*Habits:* Solitary, aggressive, when alarmed charges upwind.

*Habitat:* Thickly-bushed country.

*Food:* Leaves, twigs, herbage generally.

*Breeding:* Mating at any time of year, gestation 485-548 days, 1 young, 75 lb. wt., weaned at 2 yrs.

*Present status:* Numbers reduced but still common in parts of range.

*Range:* From L. Chad and W. of Nile southwards, but becoming rare S. Africa.

*Longevity:* 50 yrs.

WHITE or SQUARE-LIPPED RHINOCEROS, WITRENOSTER (*Diceros simus*)

*General characters:* 14½' long, 6½' at shoulder, 3-4 tons wt., 2-horned, anterior horn up to 62½", muzzle square, hide slate-grey, lacks incisors in both jaws.

*Habits:* Solitary, inoffensive unless provoked.

*Habitat:* Open plains.

*Food:* Grass.

*Breeding:* Gestation 348-378 days, 1 young at birth, mature 5 yrs., may be 3 young with cow (i.e. nearly mature, ½-grown, newly born).

*Present status and range:* Typical race now only in reserves in Zululand; subspecies *cottoni* more numerous Uganda, S. Sudan, parts of Congo.

*Longevity:* No information.