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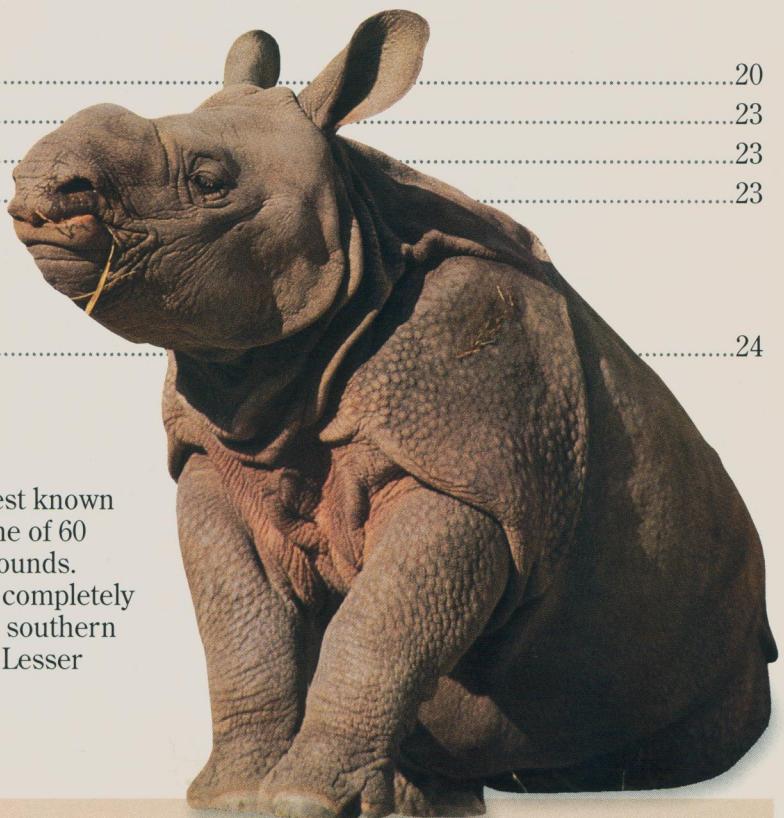
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The green iguana *Iguana iguana* is perhaps the best known of the more than 3,000 lizard species and is also one of 60 lizards classified as large—it can reach about 20 pounds. An excellent swimmer, the green iguana is almost completely herbivorous. In the wild, their range extends from southern Mexico to northern South America, as well as the Lesser Antilles. San Diego Zoo photo.



RAMBUNCTIOUS RHINO

Goalpara took it calmly. After all, this was her second calf, and a 155-pound baby is no big deal to a 4,000-pound Indian rhino *Rhinoceros unicornis*. After 16 months of pregnancy, she assumed her maternal role with minimal fuss, and Godavari, a female named after a river in northern India, arrived at the Wild Animal Park on September 7, 1993.

But things didn't stay calm for long. Godavari did not receive her mother's temperament, and, as keeper Andy Blue puts it, she was "ornery from the start." Park keepers needed to weigh Godavari every day to make sure she was gaining the proper amount of weight, but she wasn't convinced they had her best interests at heart. Being grabbed and lifted off her feet by a keeper was not her idea of a good time, and she let everyone know about it.

Fortunately, Godavari gained weight at a steady pace, and no more weighings were necessary. But her bold outlook remained—she still mock-charges her keepers, squealing and grunting all the while. However, the keepers' patience and periodic handlings are paying off, and she is now more friendly and manageable. She's only half serious when she scrapes the dirt and lunges toward them.

The only remaining concern about this spirited little rhino is sunburn. Amazingly enough, even though Indian rhinos look like armored tanks, they are native to shady, forested areas, and their skin is quite sensitive. The young ones have tender, pink skin that can get burned during the first few weeks in the sun out in the Park's open exhibits. Godavari's in luck though—there are water misters in her Asian Plains exhibit and mud wallows so she can cover herself with a good coat of mud. Which is a good thing—Godavari with a sunburn would probably send the keepers running for cover.

