

AFRICAN LIONS

FUN FACT!

Known as the "king of the jungle", lions are actually not found in jungles at all! They live on the open savannah and hunt in groups called prides.

FACT SHEET

Scientific Name
PANTHERA LEO

Region

ORIGINATED FROM AFRICA AND ASIA.

They are typically found in open savannahs, grasslands, and scrubby areas.

Diet

CARNIVORE (MEAT)

Kings and queens of the savannah, they feast on a royal spread of hoofed animals.

Life Span

IN THE WILD

8-15 years

IN THE ZOO

Up to 25 years

Size

WEIGHT

300-500 pounds (males), 260-400 pounds (females)

HEIGHT

4-5.5 feet at the shoulder (males are larger than females)



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ON MAP

CONSERVATION STATUS

VULNERABLE (VU)



The IUCN, International Union for Conservation of Nature maintains the Red List, a global database assessing the conservation status of species. It's a vital tool for tracking endangered species and guiding conservation efforts.

