

FENNEC FOXES

Fun Fact!

With their adorably large ears, fennec foxes don't just hear exceptionally well; those ears also act like natural air conditioners, dissipating heat to keep cool in the blazing desert.

FACT SHEET

Scientific Name
VULPES ZERDA

Region

ORIGINATED FROM THE SAHARA DESERT AND OTHER PARTS OF NORTH AFRICA

Fennec foxes are adapted to life in arid, sandy environments, utilizing their remarkable features to cope with the extreme heat and cold.

Diet

OMNIVORE (MEATS & PLANTS)

They're not fussy eaters! They'll feast on anything from bugs to fruits, depending on what the desert buffet offers.

Life Span

IN THE WILD

10-12 years

IN THE ZOO

Up to 14 years

Size

WEIGHT

2-3.5 pounds

HEIGHT

8 inches at the shoulder



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ON MAP

CONSERVATION STATUS

LEAST CONCERN (LC)



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.

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