

Hippopotamus

The hippopotamus is the third largest land animal after the white rhino and the elephant. Hippos are amphibious, living in rivers, lakes, and swamps in Africa. They have a round body, large mouth, and short legs, but they can easily run faster than people.

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During the day, they stay cool by lying in water or mud. They can close their noses and hold their breath under water for about 10 minutes. At night, hippos come onto land to find food. Baby hippos are born in the water and fed by their mothers. They lie on their mothers' backs underwater and stay with their mothers when on land. Although hippos eat plants, they are one of the most dangerous creatures in Africa when approached or when their babies are touched.

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