



HIPPOPOTAMUS



QUICK FACTS

Scientific Name: Hippopotamus amphibius

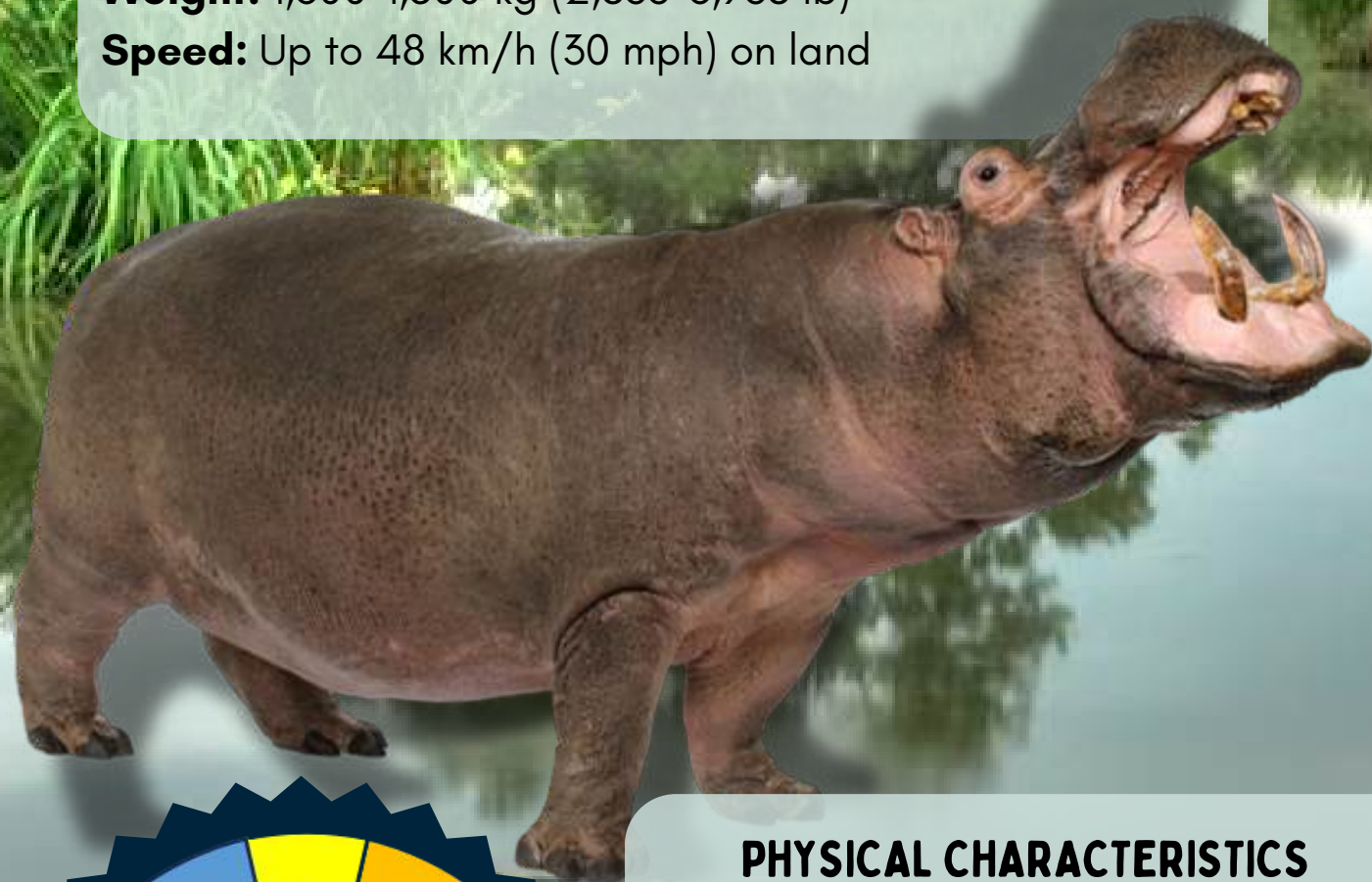
Population: ~115,000-130,000 (estimated)

Lifespan: 40-50 years (wild), up to 60 years (captivity)

Size: 3-5 m long (9.8-16.4 ft), 1,300-1,800 kg (2,866-3,968 lb)

Weight: 1,300-1,800 kg (2,866-3,968 lb)

Speed: Up to 48 km/h (30 mph) on land



IUCN Red list category
Vulnerable

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

- **Color:** Grey to brown
- **Sensory Adaptations:** Keen hearing, smell
- **Limb & Tail Functionality:** Short legs, short tail

FUN FACT !

Aggressive

HABITAT & DISTRIBUTION



Range: Sub-Saharan Africa

Preferred Habitat: Rivers, lakes, swamps

Elevation Range: 0-1,500 m (0-4,921 ft)





DIET & NUTRITION

Primary Diet: Grasses, reeds
Foraging Method: Grazes at night
Adaptations: Thick skin, aquatic life

UNIQUE ADAPTATIONS

Thick Skin:

Protects from sun

Submersion:

Stays underwater



Survival Score:

Strength: 9/10

Stealth: 3/10

Adaptability: 6/10

REPRODUCTION & LIFE CYCLE

Mating Season: Year-round

Gestation: 240 days

Clutch Size: 1 calf

Parental Care: Mother raises calf 1 year



ECOLOGICAL IMPORTANCE

Role: Grazing, water health

Indicator Species: Presence indicates water availability

Cultural Significance: Symbol of power

THREATS

Habitat loss,
poaching



CONSERVATION EFFORTS

Protected areas, anti-poaching



Call to Action: Protect waterways, stop poaching, spread awareness

INTERESTING FACTS

Sweats red oil

Can hold breath 5 minutes

Aggressive in water



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