

Status: Endangered

To manage Okapi, in the Ituri rainforest in north-eastern Zaïre there is now an Okapi Wildlife Reserve. They also integrate surrounding local populations into the reserve management.



Habitat + Diet

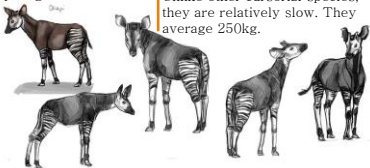
Okapi live in dense, closed-canopy rainforests endemic to the Congo and Zaïre. Their diets consist of trees, shrubs, and grasses. Occasionally they have been observed foraging on fungi.

Behavior

Okapi are solitary mammals, only occasionally found in grooming groups. However, maternal adults are involved and attentive to their young.

Locomotion

Okapi may seem unguligrade like most grazing species, but in actuality are cursorial mammals. Unlike other cursorial species, they are relatively slow. They average 250kg.



Okapia johnstoni

Class: Mammalia, Order: Artiodactyla, Family: Giraffidae