

ASIAN LION

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The scientific name of the lion is *panthera leo persica*. The Asian lion is a mammal. Asian lions live in the Gir Forest in India. The Asian lion is about 5 feet tall and weighs about 300-500 pounds. Lionesses are smaller than males. The lion is a hunter and hunts antelope, elephants, reptiles, even crocodiles. Lionesses have three to five cubs after 110 days of gestation. The cubs are about 3 pounds and mature at about 4 years.

The Asian lion is an endangered species. They are endangered because their homes were being destroyed. Pure Asian lions are rare in the wild.

Facts:

1. The lion's mane has long been an iconic symbol.
2. Lions are the only cat with a mane.
3. Some lions don't have bright manes. Some lions have dark manes.
4. About 85 Asian lions survive in captivity.
5. Lions don't like water.
6. Lions are great climbers.
7. A pride is made up of 3 to 30 lions.
8. Male lions have a mane.
9. Lions can survive in drought conditions.
10. Lions live to about 15 years old.

