

Komodo Dragon

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Scientific name - *Varanus komodoensis*.

Size - male total length 10 ft 3m of which $5\frac{1}{4}$ 1.6m is the tail; female total length $6\frac{1}{2}$ m of which $3\frac{1}{2}$ ft. 1.1 m is the tail.

It is a reptile.

Habitat, it lives in three small Indonesian islands: Komodo, Rica, and western end of Flores.

Food: An opportunistic feeder, the Komodo eats deer, goats, wild pigs, macaques, rats, and dogs. It also digs up the eggs of mound birds- and will occasionally eat other dragons. The Komodo dragon hatches 30 eggs. The komodo is the largest and the most powerful lizard on earth. It was discovered in 1912. It is the largest predator on the islands witch it lives-

a komodo dragon can even hunt and overcome a 1,000-pound water buffalo.

Despite its size the Komodo dragon is fast moving, and agile. They can climb trees and like all monitor lizards they are good swimmers. An eyewitness account revealed that a 101 lb (46 kg.) dragon ate a 90 lb (41 kg) pig in 20 minutes. As a comparison, 100 lb. person would have to eat 320 quarter pound hamburgers in less then 20 minus to keep up with the dragon. Komodos live 20 to 40 years. This animal is in endangered because there's not very many of them. They can blend in to something like grass if it's really tall grass. They can run up to 34 miles for a short distance