

Malayan Tapir

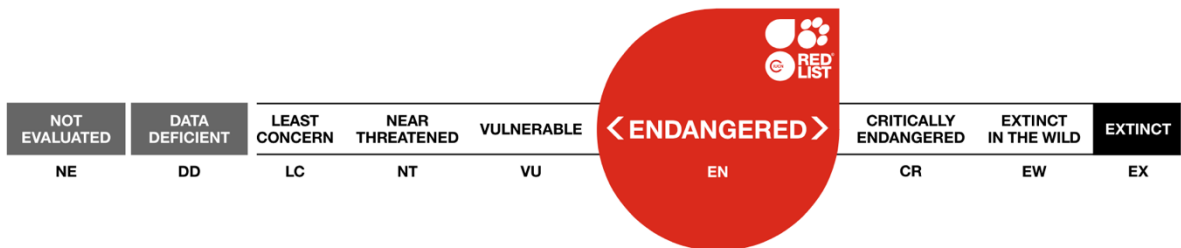


Tapir sketch by Harry Clohessy, age: 10 (2020)






Scientific Name:
Tapirus indicus

Estimated number of individuals:
2,490

Habitat:
Wetlands, shrubland and grasslands



Top 5 Malay Tapir Facts

-  Tapirs have a prehensile snout! They can wrap it round things like fruits, leaves and other foods that may be hard to reach. They also use it as a snorkel when swimming.
-  They are exceptional swimmers and will even walk along the water beds.
-  Tapirs are important gardeners. They disperse seeds from fruits and berries when they poop! This boosts the genetic diversity of plants in the forests.
-  They can grow to be as large as 540 kilograms!
-  Tapirs are large mammals that look like wild hogs with anteater snouts. In reality, tapirs are neither, and they are most closely related to horses and rhinos.