

An Invitation to the
MAMMALS 227
of
EAST KALIMANTAN

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The ordinal name, Perissodactyla, which means literally "odd-fingered", points out the major distinctive feature of the order. The horses, rhinoceroses, and tapirs all have a limb structure in which a large central digit carries the bulk of the weight of the animal, while smaller lateral digits may or may not be present. Hoofs are present on all exposed digits.

Family Rhinocerotidae

Rhinoceros

Rhinoceroses are characterized by a large, stocky body; short, stout legs with three toes on each foot; and either one or two horns made of compacted hairs on top of the muzzle. All rhinos have been persecuted for their horns and other parts of the body which are falsely believed to have medicinal properties.

Asian Two-horned Rhinoceros *Dicerorhinus sumatrensis*

HB 2-2.5m, T 50cm, Shoulder height up to 1.2m, Wt about 1,000kg.

Distinctive shape with horns on the nose.

Mainly active from late afternoon to mid morning. Usually rests during the hot hours of the day in a mud wallow. Feeds on the leaves of young trees.

Distribution - Once widespread through mainland South-east Asia. Now only from Peninsular Malaysia and Sumatra. Borneo Recorded in recent years only from the eastern half of Sabah. Old records cover all parts of Sabah, scattered parts of Sarawak, Gunung Kubung and southern parts of West Kalimantan, upper Sungai Kahayan in Central Kalimantan and the Sungai Telen region in East Kalimantan. By the research of the author, there is no information now about the rhinoceros in East Kalimantan.

English Name	Asian Two-horned Rhinoceros
Scientific Name	<i>Dicerorhinus sumatrensis</i>

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