

Lecture outline

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Scientific classification

Kingdom : Animalia

Phylum : Chordata

Subphylum: Vertebrata

Class : Mammalia

Order : Carnivora

Family : Felidae

Genus :Panthera

Species : P leo

Lions are the biggest cats in the world.



Color



Color

✓ The mane color of males vary from blonde to red ,brown & black .







Most lions live in a group called a pride.



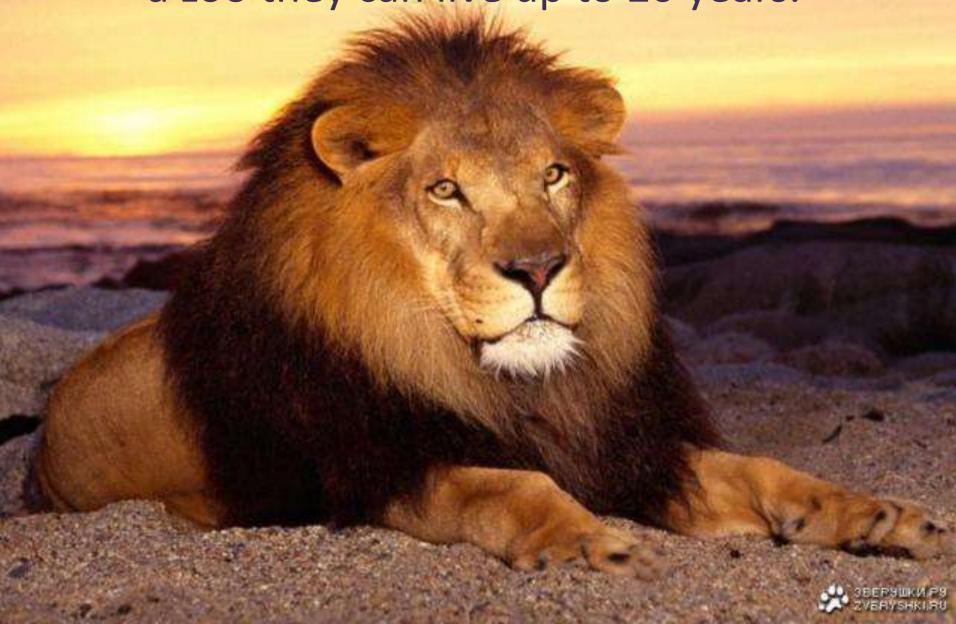
One male lion in each pride





A baby lion is called a cub

A lion in the wild can live up to 14 years but in a zoo they can live up to 20 years.





Lions show their affection by rubbing their heads against another's head, face or neck.

Behavior

- The lions are nocturnal animals.
- They are the symbol of royalty and bravery.
- They spend much of their time on resting.
- They rest for about 20 hours a day.
- Although they can be active at any time.

Types & Distribution

Types	Scientific name	Distribution
Asiatic lion	Panthera leo persica	Gujarat , India
West African lion	Panthera leo senegalensis	West and Central Africa
Masai lion	Panthera leo nubica	Eastern Africa
Congo lion	Panthera leo azandica	Congo river basin
Transvaal lion	Panthera leo krugeri	Southern Africa

Size & body weight



Barbary lion

2.35-2.8 m 270-300 kg



Masai lion

2.5-3 m

145-205 kg



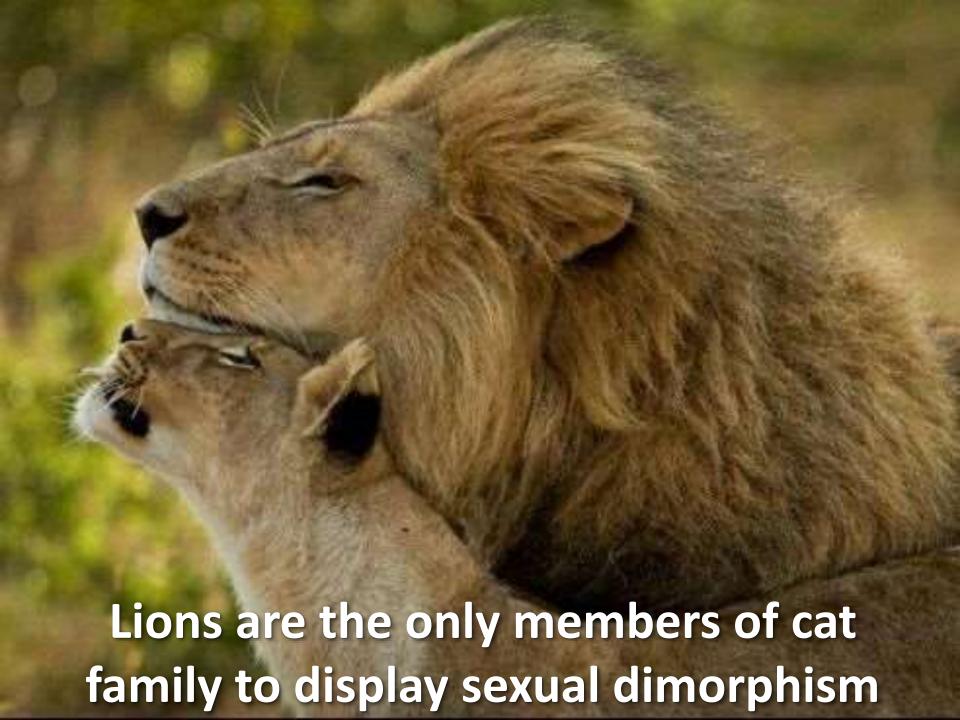
Ttansvaal lion

2.6-3.2 m

150-200 kg

Male Vs Female

Points	Male	Female
Length	5.6-8.3 feet	4.6-6 feet
Height	4 feet	3.5 feet
Tail	3-3.5 feet	Almost same
Body Weight	150-250 kg	120-181 kg
Mane	Present	Absent





Feeding behavior

IN WILD

- a. Wildebeest
- b. Zebra
- c. Giraffe
- d. Buffalo
- e. Baboon etc.



Occasionally they scavenge food, chasing away hyenas & other carnivores from their kills.

AT THE ZOO

Commercially prepared feline diet.

- Beef
- Chickens
- Rabbit
- Mutton etc.



Reproduction

- ✓ Life Span: 8 15 years
- ✓ Age Of Sexual Maturity: 2 3 years
- ✓ Gestation Period: 110 days
- ✓ Average Litter Size: 3
- ✓ Age Of Weaning: 6 months

Hunting

- ✓ Lions suffocate larger prey by clamping down on their neck.
- ✓ Or, may place their paw over the nose, mouth or windpipe of prey.
- ✓ Easily dispatches smaller prey with a swipe from one of its massive paws.









Restraining













