

Website Large Carnivore Initiative for West & Central Africa

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Information

- Website designed by Indigo Webstudios
- Wordpress
- Multilingual
- Interactive and multimedia
- 17 pages

IP- adres:www.largecarnivoresafrica.com

Functions of the website

- An informative role for larger public
- Improving communication and interaction between partner organisations
- To create more awareness with governments and policy makers
- Indirectly attract funding

Lion

Lion (*Panthera leo*)

General overview

The lion is one of the four big cats in the genus *Panthera*, a member of the family Felidae and used to range all over Africa, The Middle East, Asia and Europe. Currently, populations are restricted to Sub-Sahara Africa and India . A distinction is made in two different sub species, the African lion *Panthera leo leo* and the Asiatic lion *Panthera leo persica*

All remaining African lions are considered genetically monotypic, although recent genetic research shows that lions in West and Central Africa may be more related with Asiatic lions than with lions in East and South Africa. Lions are protected from international trade under Annex II of CITES. The African lion is classified 'Vulnerable' on the IUCN Red List.

Estimations of the lion population in Africa used to range from 30,000 to 100,000

individuals. More recently these numbers varied from 16,500 to 23,000, of which half of

the population (8,000-18,000) exists in Tanzania. *Panthera leo leo*, the African lion, is the only member of the *Felidae* that lives and hunts in social units also known as "prides". On average the body weight of males varies between 150-250 kg, while for females this lies between 120-182 kg. Life expectancy in the wild is 10-14 years. They typically inhabit savanna and grassland, although they may also occur in dense bushland and forest. Lions are unusually social compared to other cats. A pride of lions consists of related females and offspring and a small number of adult males. Groups of female lions typically hunt together, preying mostly on large ungulates. The lion is regarded as a keystone species and decline of this top-predator is in many cases indicative of ecosystem degradation.

West - and Central Africa

Lions in Central and Western Africa are classified in as 'Regionally Endangered'. In Central and Western Africa only



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population in these areas, lion population numbers have reduced and populations are

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Panthera

Still to do/Future plans

- Adding metatags/keywords
- Updating news
- Updating documentation
- Updating forum/start a discussion
- Adding webpages
- Adding new media
- Part-time webmaster(dr.Eric Fotsing)

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