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# All about the Malayan tapir

MALAYAN tapirs are also known as Asian tapirs.

The Malayan tapir has a distinctive coat pattern. The front part of the body is black, while the back of its body is white or grey.

Malayan tapirs are good swimmers.

Malayan tapirs are generally solitary animals.

The tapir uses its nose to grab leaves from tree branches or to pick up fruit on the forest floor.

They feed mostly on grass, leaves, twigs and fruits from low shrubs.

These animals are considered endangered due to agricultural projects, deforestation and flooding due to hydroelectric projects.

They use high pitched squeaks and whistles to communicate. They snort and stamp their feet when they feel threatened.



A Malayan tapir and her male calf are seen at the Night Safari Park in Singapore. — AFP

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