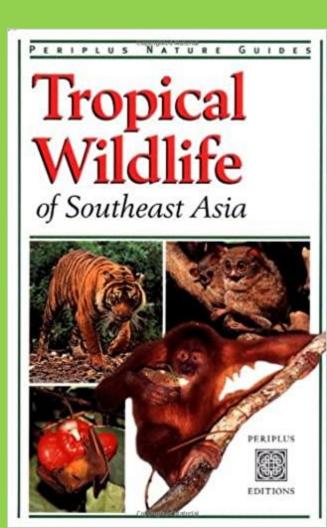


Malaysian Mammals

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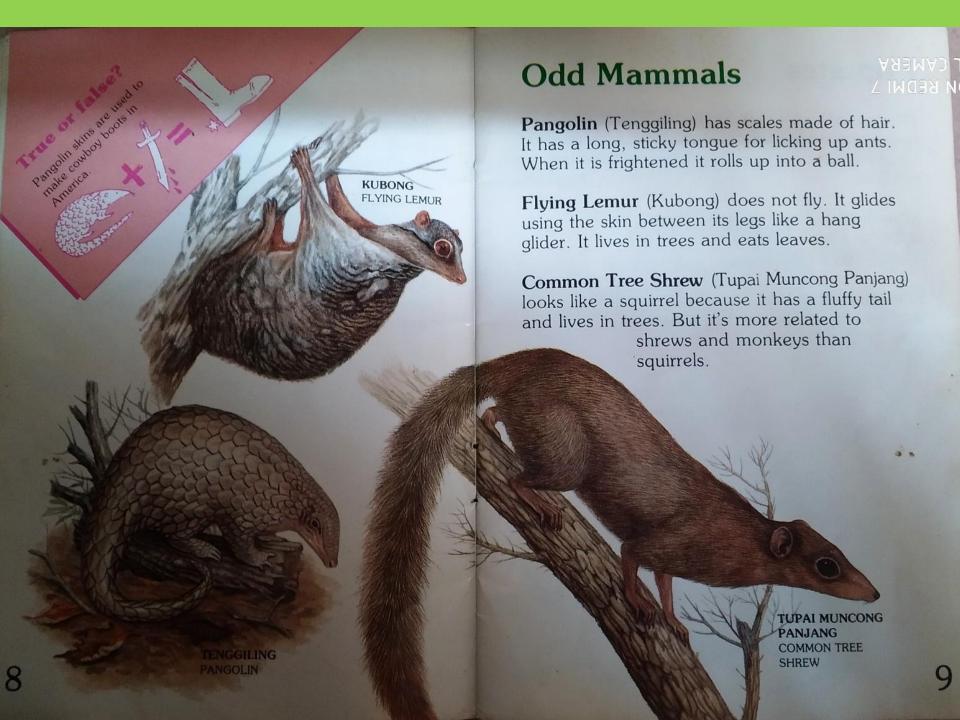
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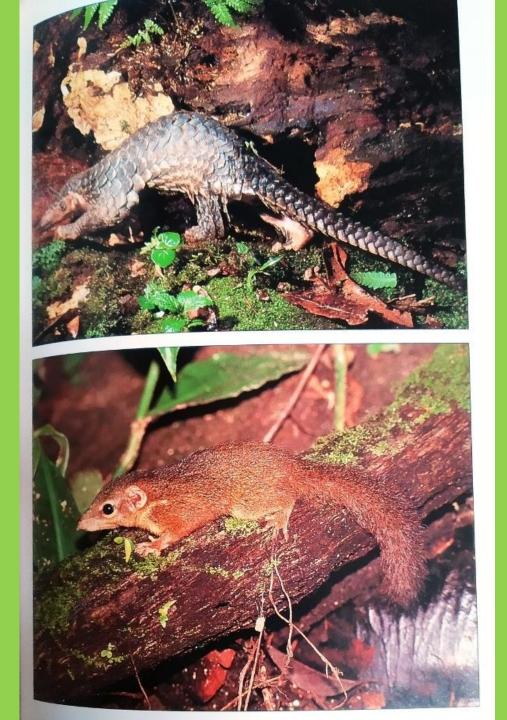


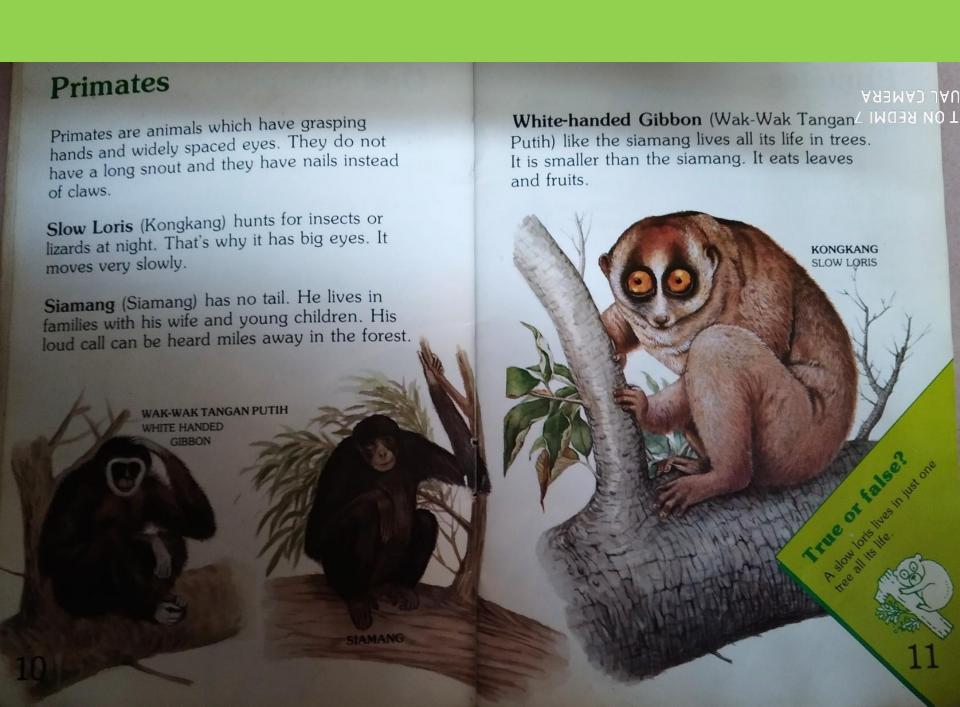
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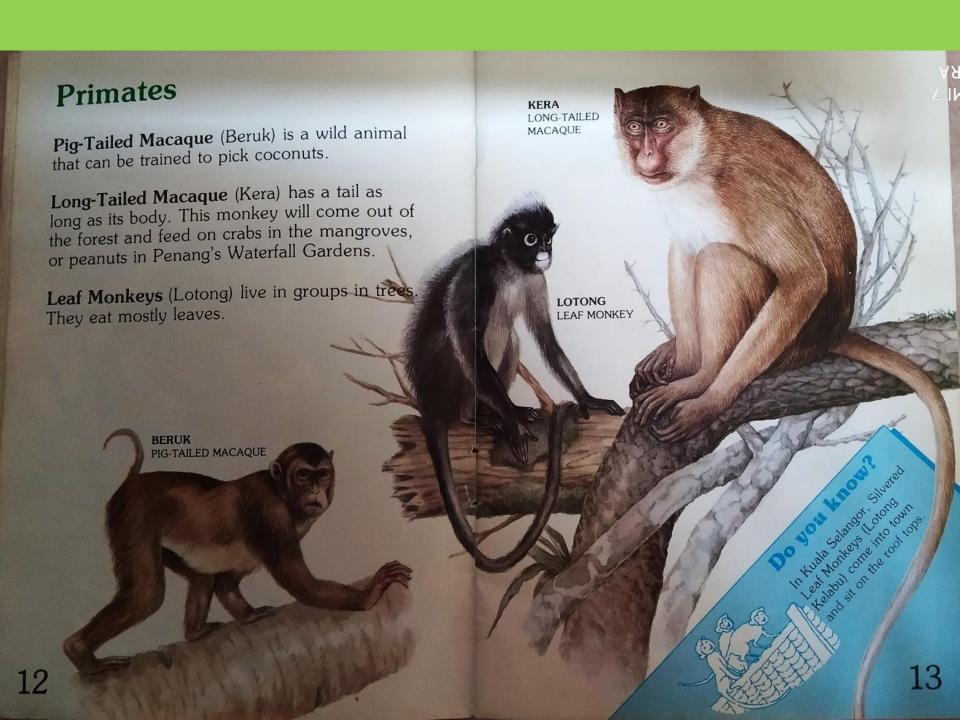
Mammals are animals which are...

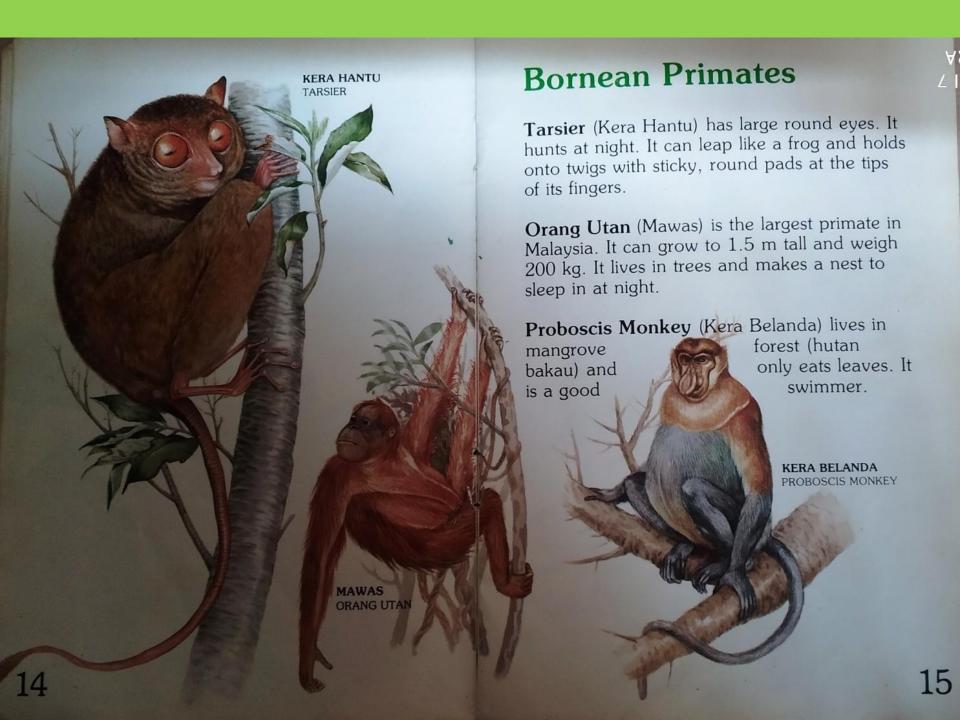
- warm-blooded
- have a water-proof skin
- have a large brain
- covered in hair
- their babies are born alive and drink their mother's milk.





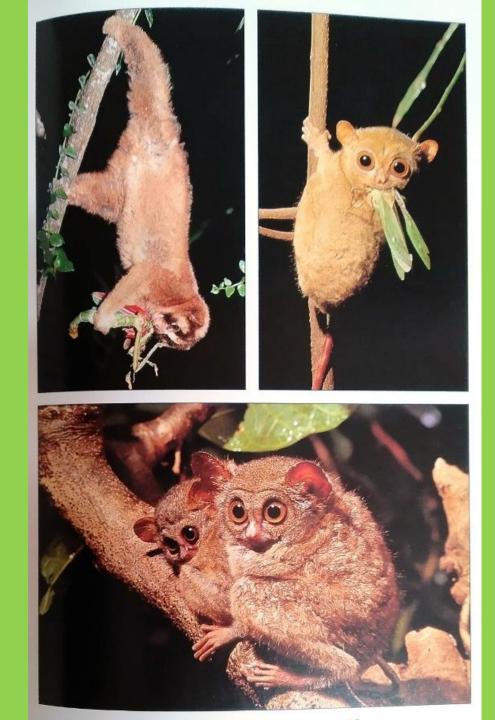












Bats

Bats are flying mammals. Their arms are modified as wings.

Flying Fox (Keluang Besar) is the largest bat in the world with a wing span of 1.7 m. It eats fruits and is sometimes a pest in orchards. It is rare now in Peninsular Malaysia because it is hunted.





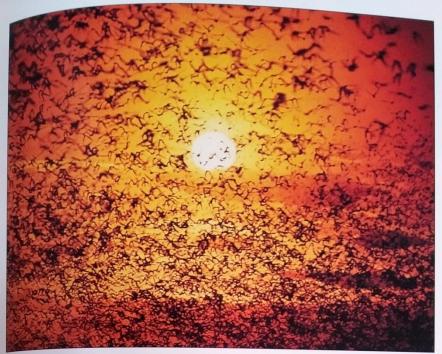
Cave Fruit Bat (Cecadu Gua) lives in caves in groups of many thousands. It eats nectar from flowers and is very important in pollinating durian flowers.

Horseshoe Bat (Kelawar Ladam) is an insectivorous bat that catches flying insects. The folds of skin on its ugly face are thought to help it pick up sounds as it finds its way about in the dark by echo-location.











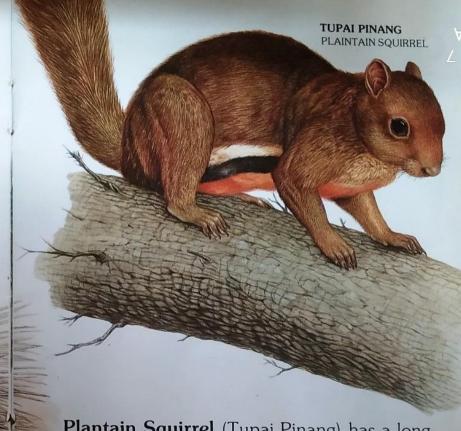


Rodents

Rodents have sharp teeth for gnawing.

Porcupine (Landak Raya) lives in the forest and sleeps in burrows. It eats roots, tubers and juicy stems. Its teeth are so strong it is able to crack open bones to eat the marrow. If attacked, its spines bristle and it backs towards the attacker.





Plantain Squirrel (Tupai Pinang) has a long, fluffy tail to help it balance as it runs along branches. It lives in forests, orchards and even in towns. It is active by day.

Malaysian House Mouse (Tikus Rumah) is active at night. It is an uninvited guest in houses throughout the world.







Carnivores

Carnivores feed on meat.

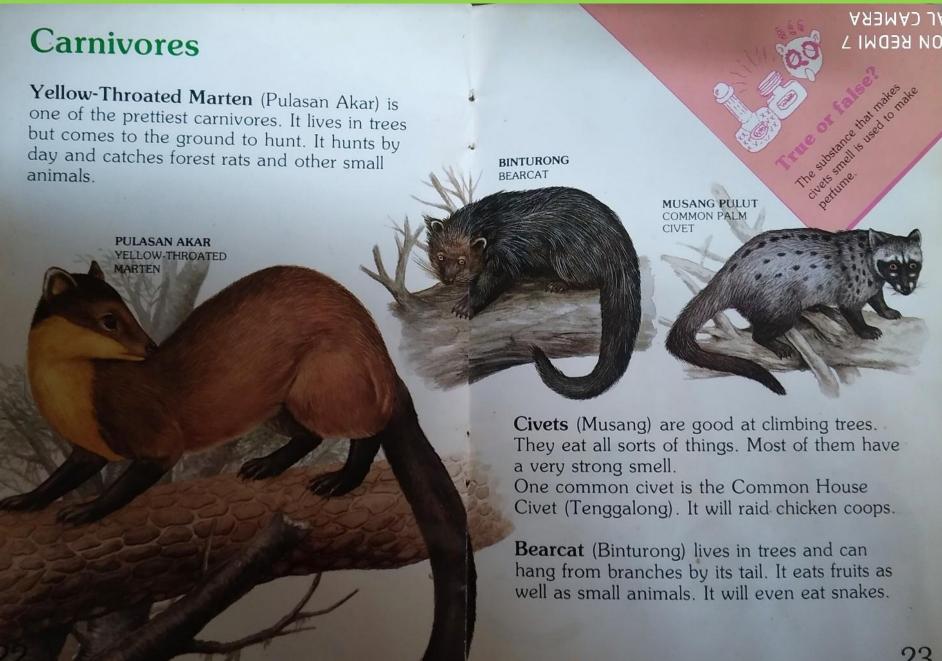
Sunbear (Beruang) lives in the forest. It feeds on fruits and insects. It is especially fond of bees' and wasps' nests as it likes to eat the grubs and honey in them.

Wild Dog (Serigala) hunts small animals like mousedeer (pelanduk) and barking deer (kijang) in small packs of three or four. It is smaller than the domestic dog and doesn't bark.

Hairy-Nosed Otter (Memerang Kumis) lives in water where it catches fish and frogs. It is common in coastal waters, especially off Penang island.







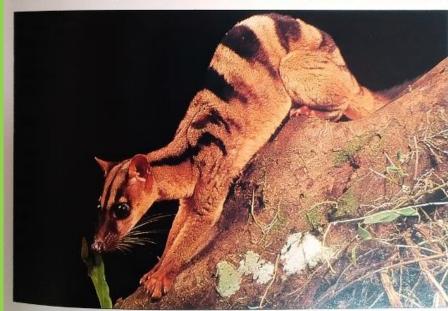












Carnivores

There are several small cats, about the size of a domestic cat, that live in the forest. They have prettily patterned fur. They are different from domestic cats as their ears are round and wide apart. These wild cats are ferocious and cannot be tamed.

Leopard Cat (Kucing Batu) is one of the commonest. It can live in disturbed forest as well as primary forest. It even comes into villages and steals chickens. It differs from the leopard as its spots are single. The leopard has spots in groups.







Leopard (Rimau Bintang) lives deep in the forest and is good at climbing trees. It eats mousedeer and ground birds like pheasants (kuang) and jungle fowl (ayam hutan).

Panther (Rimau Kumbang) is a black leopard. If you look closely you can see their spots.

Carnivores

Tiger (Harimau) is the largest carnivore in Malaysia. There are no tigers in Borneo.

Its usual food is wild pig but it eats deer as well. It hunts individually and covers a lot of forest to get

enough food. As the forest is cut down there is no place for tigers to live. There are probably only about 200 left now, compared with 2,000 in the 1950s.

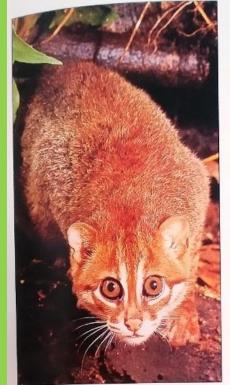


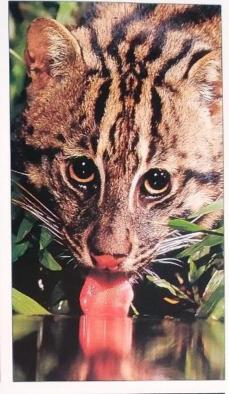




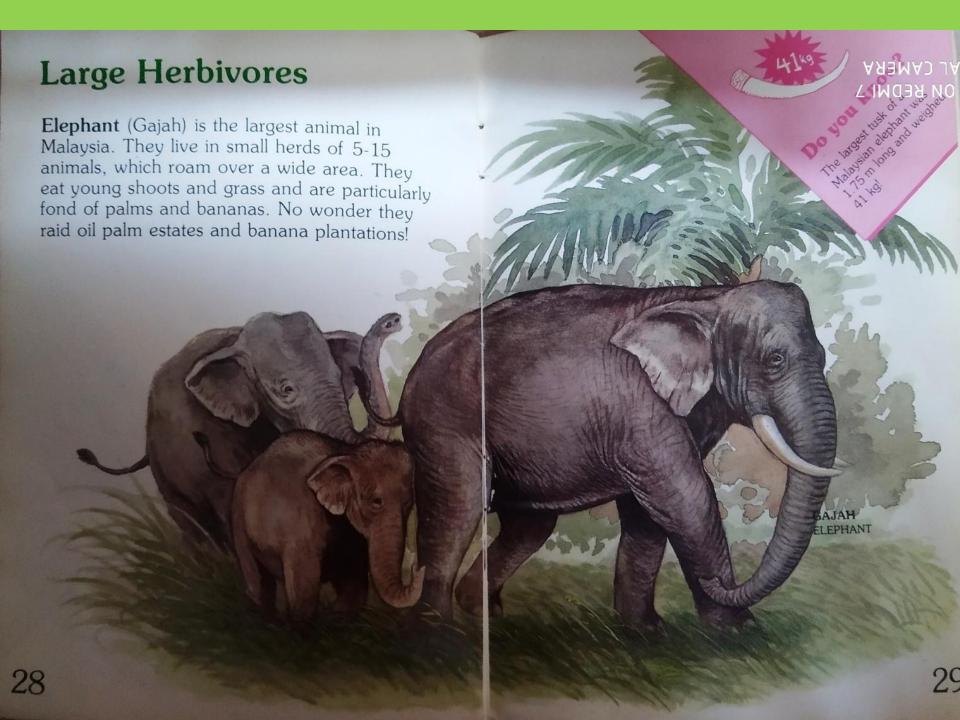












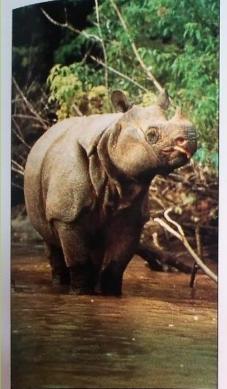
Large Herbivores

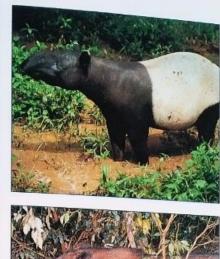
Malayan Tapir (Cipan) only lives in Peninsular Malaysia and Sumatra and nowhere else in the world. Its short trunk is used for picking leaves to eat. It is quite common in the forest but is very shy. Usually we only see its tracks. The baby is differently coloured from its parents. Sumatran Rhinoceros (Badak Sumbu) is the rarest animal in Malaysia. There are a few (less than 20) in Sabah and Sarawak and only 40 left in Peninsular Malaysia. They are the smallest rhinoceros in the world. Their horn is short.





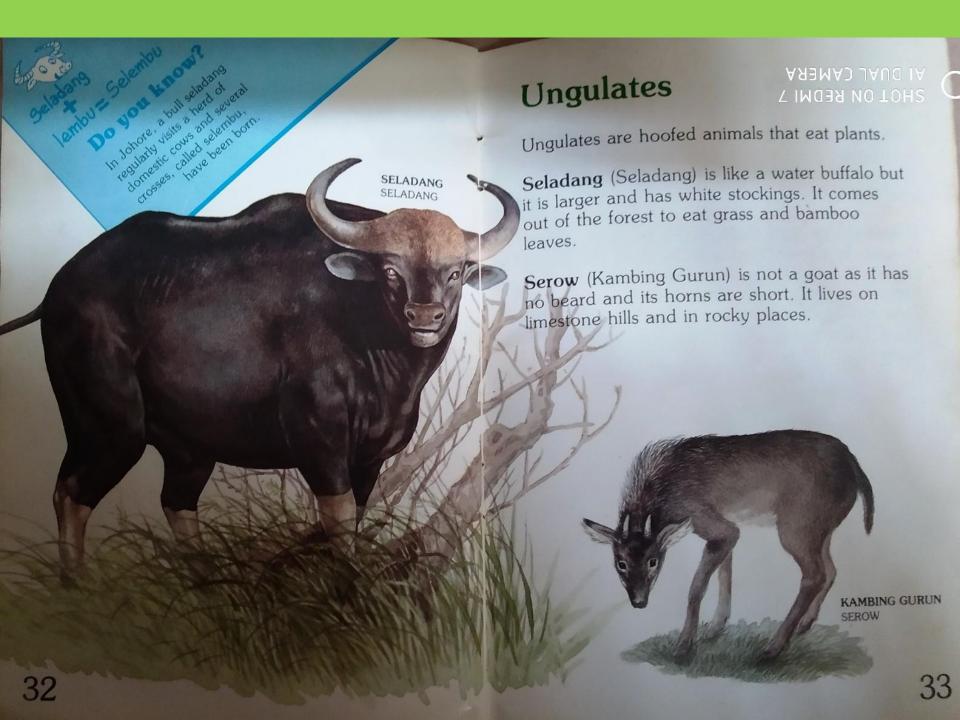


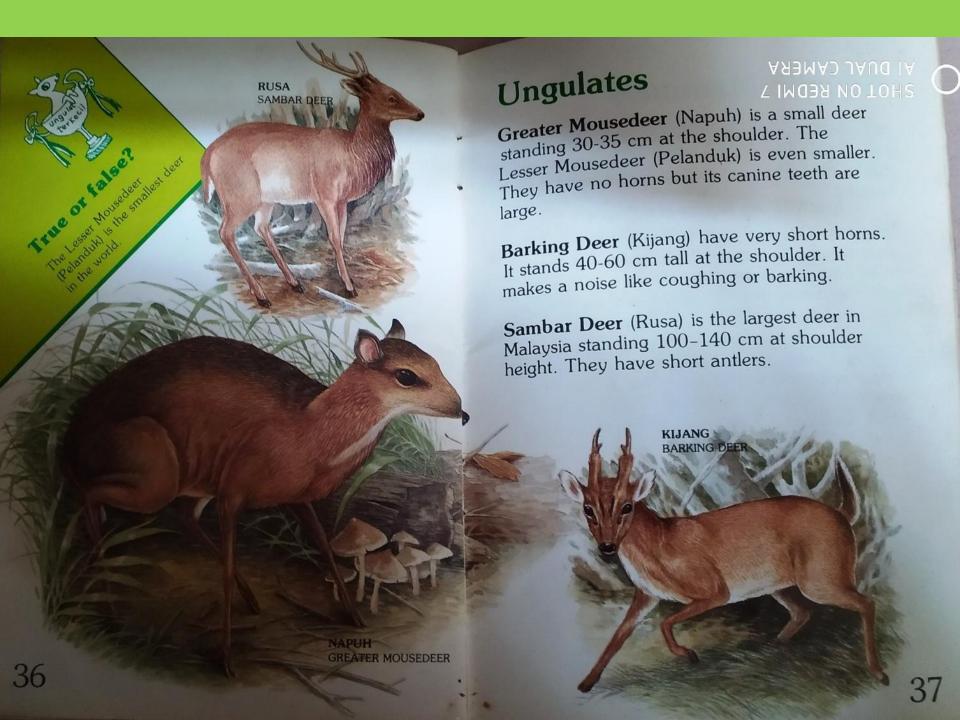


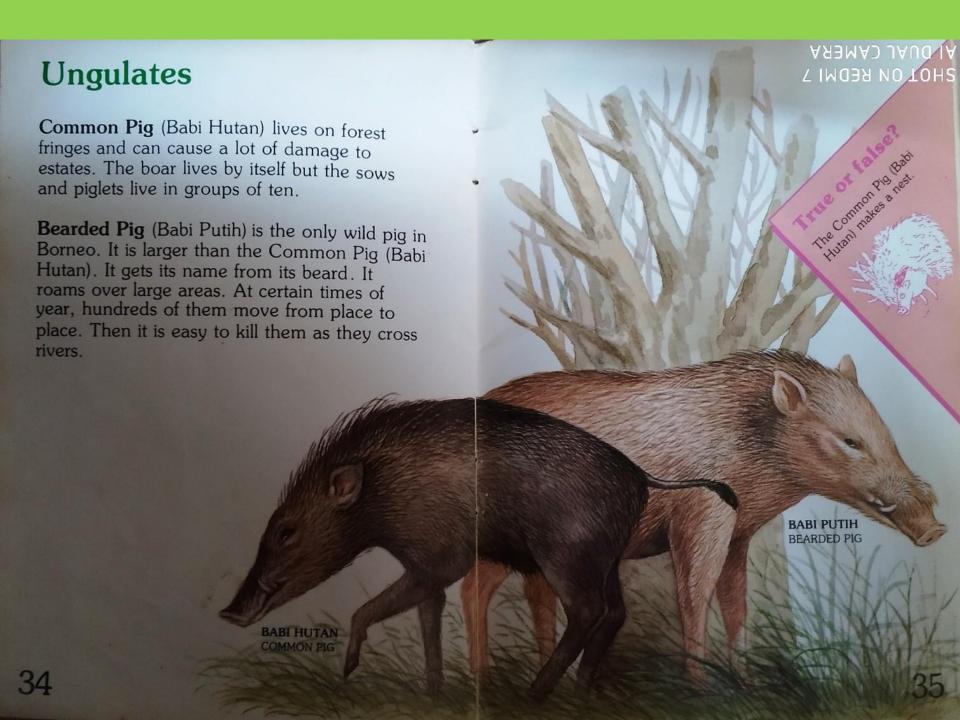


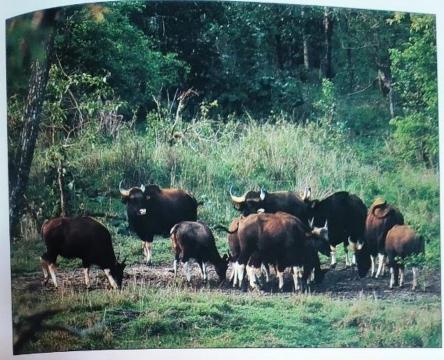


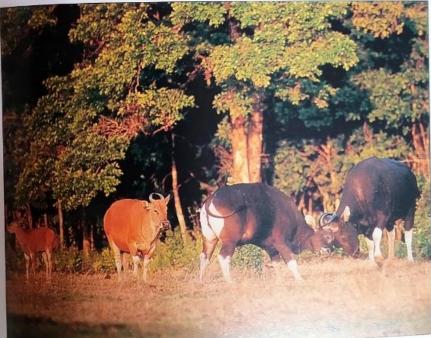




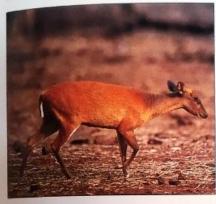


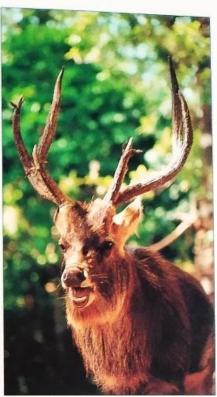


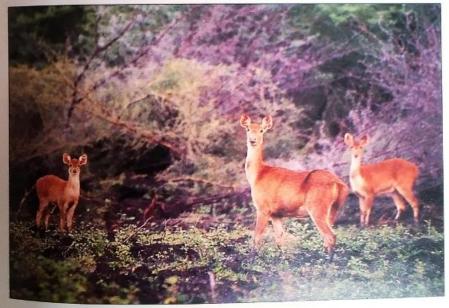












Aquatic Mammals

Aquatic Mammals are fish-shaped because they live all their life in water. But they are mammals and have to come to the surface to breathe.

Dugong (Duyong) eats seaweeds and waterweeds. The males have tusks. They used to be common, now they are very rare. The only place they are still regularly seen is Sandakan in Sabah.

Common Dolphin (Lumba-lumba Candan) is very playful and will follow boats. It is a good swimmer and easily swims at 5 m.p.h.. It can reach 15-25 m.p.h. for short distances.

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Lesser Rorqual Whale (Ikan Paus) is a small whale that weighs about 8,000 kg. It eats small shrimp-like sea animals, which it sucks through a special filter. It can stay under water for 1 hour after taking a breath of air. Unlike a fish its tail fin is horizontal not vertical.







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Sekian, Terima Kasih!