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Geographical range

Amazing Species: Sulawesi Babirusa

The **Sulawesi Babirusa**, *Babyrousa celebensis*, is listed as 'Vulnerable' on the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species™. It is endemic to Indonesia and occurs, as its name suggests, on the island of Sulawesi – specifically in the north. It also still occurs in central Sulawesi and the eastern and southeastern peninsula.

Numbers of Sulawesi Babirusa have shown a marked reduction on the northern peninsular of Sulawesi primarily as a result of over-hunting, with widespread snare trapping being a major threat to existing populations. The market demand for wild pig meat continues to place severe pressure on the Sulawesi Babirusa, and other areas are now being targeted as the species becomes scarcer in numbers. Commercial logging, together with forest conversion and degradation, are also escalating threats to this species.

Under Indonesian law, the genus *Babyrousa* has received full protection since 1931. It also protected through its inclusion on Appendix I of CITES since 1982, making it an offence to trade this species or its parts internationally. The Sulawesi Babirusa occurs in several protected areas, although hunting can still pose a threat in some of these.



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