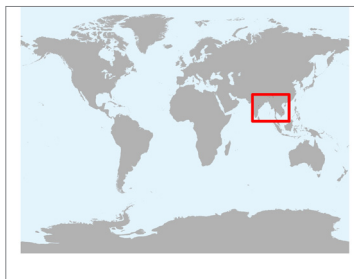




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Geographical range

Amazing Species: Wild Water Buffalo

The **Wild Water Buffalo**, *Bubalus arnee*, is listed as 'Endangered' on the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species™. Populations occur at single sites in southern Nepal, southern Bhutan, western Thailand, eastern Cambodia, and northern Myanmar, and at several sites in India. Given the difficulty in distinguishing domestic and feral buffaloes from truly wild buffaloes, it is possible that no pure-bred Wild Water Buffaloes remain.

The main threats to Wild Water Buffalo are interbreeding with feral and domestic buffalo, and disease and competition for food and water through contact with domestic livestock. Over the last few centuries, much of its favoured habitat – well-watered low-lying grassland – has been converted to agriculture; what remains is a highly fragmented, tiny proportion of the ancestral extent. Locally, Wild Water Buffalo have suffered severely due to hunting for trophy horns.

The Wild Water Buffalo is protected by CITES, which controls the international trade of species, and most known populations now occur within protected areas. This species is legally protected in Bhutan, India, Nepal, and Thailand. Hunting in Cambodia has been reduced due to the establishment of landscape-scale protected areas over most of its remaining known or potential habitat.

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