



**Pygmy hippos weigh around 180-270kg, which is less than a fifth of the weight of a common hippo.**

They stand less than a metre in height.

**They have a rounder, shorter snout than the larger species, with smaller, less protruding nostrils.**

Pygmy hippos are native to the forests and swamps of West Africa.

**Their feet are less webbed than common hippos because they spend more time on land than in the water.**

They have greenish-black skin, and produce a pinkish fluid (called blood sweat) that protects their skin from sunlight and harmful bacteria.

**Hippos and whales shared a common semi-aquatic ancestor that branched off from other artiodactyls around 60 million years ago.**

They can get up to a top speed of 30km per hour.

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