



VIRAFU - Swahili for rhinoceros



AMERICAN RHINO

The word Rhinoceros is a mix of two Greek words that best describe how rhinos look. The first part of the part is 'rhino' which translates to "nose" and the second part 'ceros' translates to "horn". Despite their huge size and strength, Rhinos do not prey on other animals for food; they are herbivores that eat up to 100 pounds of leaves, grass, twigs and more a day. With their large size, tough skin and massive horns they have no known predators, except for humans. Rhinos have a strong sense of smell and hearing, but very poor eyesight. They have trouble detecting other animals on an open plain who are less than a hundred feet away.