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Rusa Deer

Scientific Name:
Cervus timorensis

Habitat: Indonesia, Lesser Sunda Islands and Timor Island. They are usually found in deciduous forests, plantations and grasslands.

Description: Rough greyish brown coat that is often coarse in appearance. The ears are broad and slightly rounded. The legs are relatively short, giving this deer a slightly stubby appearance. Only the males bear the lyre-shaped three-tined (points) antlers. Antlers have been recorded growing to lengths of 110cm but more often than not lengths are usually at around 75cm. Rusa deer stand up to 110cm in height with its weight measuring at 115kgs.

Status: Common.

Interesting facts:

- Group Structure: Usually 25 females and their young to 1 dominant male.
- Diet: Primarily grasses but will also feed on leaves.
- Rusa deer rarely drink, obtaining their needed moisture from the plants that they eat.
- Sexual Maturity: 2 years.
- Gestation: 8 months with 1 young rarely 2 born.
- Rusa deer are predominantly nocturnal but may graze during the day.
- When courting, strong males decorate their antlers with grass and twigs, most probably to intimidate other males.
- Lifespan: No more than 20 years.