

Report about the wild boar

Habitats

Understandably, the wild boar lives in packs and has a home size of about 10-20 sq. km. Unquestionably, it forages and hunts for food in this place. Below their main hunting space, they enjoy drinking from muddy-swamps in their local area. Being related to the domestic pig they share many of their habits with it. Helping the boar shield from warm climates, wallowing acts like sun-screen protecting their delicate skin. Whilst male boars are huge and domineering, the female is usually smaller than the male. However that does not stop the females from hunting with the group. When boars are mating, they do a special action to symbolise this.

Food and feeding

Like its cousin (the domestic pig), it has a diet of mainly plant based meals. Although, they can feed on much smaller animals as well such as: insects larvae, earth worms and even frogs. At dawn and dusk, the boar goes out for food as it is easy to catch prey as it is smaller and sleeping. In the night, the boar's herd can travel long distances.

Breeding

Sexually mature at 18 months, the male will wait till 4-5 years to mate. When do you think the boar should mate? Like many other mammals, the males fight for the best female. In fight, they use their tusks to slash the competitors shoulders. If they make wounds they can be infected despite their thick skin. When they breed, the male rests his chin on the female's rump. Whilst making his courtship chant. When

they prepare for birth, they make a nest from grass. Boars can give birth to up to 12 piglets in spring, about 115 days after mating. A piglet can forage for food at about 3 months.

Sizes

The head and body of a wild boar is around 90-180 cm. The tail ranges from 30-40 cm in length. Height to shoulder is 90-100 cm.

Lifestyle

The female boar, wanting to help out at the den, lives in family groups and the male boar (more brave than the female) spends his time hunting for food. With a very healthy diet, the wild boar eats: fungi, leaves, ferns, roots and worms.

Related species

The genus sus - which is a very distinct group of mammals - has 4 other species of wild pig.

Distribution

Wide-spread, the wild boar lives in: North America, Asia, Sumatra, Japan, Taiwan introduced into North America, Australia, New Zealand and South America where they live as semi-wild pigs. Where else do you think the wild boar should live?



Did you know that each boar piglet has its own specific teat which it uses to suckle