

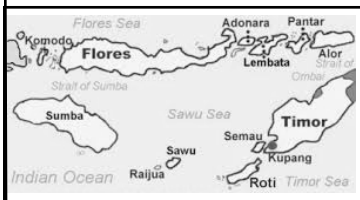


READING in GEOGRAPHY

KOMODO DRAGON



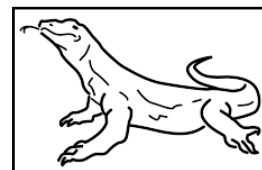
The Komodo dragon is the largest ___ all lizards alive today. The Komodo dragon can ___ over 3m in length and weigh ___ to 70kg. Komodo Dragons are also referred to as monitors ___ goannas and are recognized by their forked tongue.



The Komodo dragon _____ found only in the country of Indonesia. It is found on the Indonesian islands of Komodo, Rinca, Flores, Gili Motang, and Padar.

Those islands are located about 500km east of Java and Bali.

The Komodo is ___ excellent swimmer. It will swim for many kilometers in search of food. It swims to and from the different islands. The dragon's tail is as long as its body and propels it in the water much like a crocodile. Along with a very powerful tail, it has strong legs and can also run ___ very fast speeds.



The Komodo dragon is a feared predator (hunter). The Komodo dragon has 60 frequently replaced, serrated teeth that can measure up to 2.5 cm. Generally, ___ hunts smaller animals and also scavenges along the beach and in nests. It eats birds, other reptiles and small mammals e.g. deer. Mature adults will also kill juvenile dragons. Like many lizard species however, the young dragons are able ___ climb trees to escape. Juvenile dragons are understandably shy and will flee to hideouts when in perceived danger from mature dragons or humans.

Mature dragons have been known to attack humans. While attacks on humans are rare, they have occurred both in the wild and in captivity. Deaths and injuries have been documented. Most victims of dragon attacks are local villagers who live on the islands and adjacent to the national parks.

The Komodo is an endangered species living ___ a few Indonesian islands e.g. Komodo Island. It has been given sanctuary on some islands but co-exists with humans on other islands. People living with Komodo dragons will often build their homes on stilts; in that way they avoid danger from the lizard and from other animals such ___ snakes. (Reference: <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Komodo>)

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WORD HUNT

Locate the following words in the passage.

1. t _ _ g _ _ (Found in the mouth)
2. I _ _ _ n _ _ _ a (Country in Asia)
3. _ _ _ d _ _ _ (Hunter of other animals)
4. _ _ _ c _ (Between land and sea)
5. f _ _ _ (Run from danger)
6. r _ _ _ (Seldom)
7. _ _ _ _ i _ _ _ _ (Confinement)
8. _ _ _ _ g _ _ _ (People of a village)
9. _ _ _ _ g _ _ _ _ (Life at risk)
10. _ _ _ c _ _ _ (Type of plant/animal)

