

# LEARN AT CHESTER ZOO



**A very high risk of becoming Extinct in the Wild**

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| <b>Name</b>   | Asiatic Lion   |
| <b>Scientific Name</b>  | <i>Panthera leo persica</i>  |
| <b>Threats</b> (why they're at risk)                                | Loss of habitat, and some poaching. Disease and fire are big dangers as they only have one subpopulation.  |
| <b>Distribution</b> (where they live)                               | Gir Forest, India.   |
| <b>Habitat</b> (what they live in)                                  | Tropical dry forest and thorny forest.   |
| <b>Diet/Feeding strategy</b><br>(what they eat and how they eat it) | Carnivorous. Hunt prey such as wild boar, deer and antelope.   |
| <b>Social behaviour</b> (how they live)                             | They live in groups called prides. Prides often split into smaller groups where members vary, which is called "fission-fusion". On average, 3 individuals are seen together. |
| <b>Males and females</b>  | Males are larger and have dark manes and elbow tufts.  |
| <b>Lifespan</b> (how long they live for)                            | Up to 21 years.  |
| <b>Number of young</b> (how many babies)                            | Average of 3.  |
| <b>Interesting fact</b>   | You can easily see a male Asiatic lion's ears because their manes are relatively thin, unlike in African lions!  |