

## HIPPO HAVEN

### Exhibit Resource

**Hippo Haven** is designed to take your students to the banks of an East African river, teeming with life. It is where the awe-inspiring forces of nature and animals come together. The exhibit highlights one of the most powerful creatures in the world – the hippopotamus – and the hippo’s relationship to its environment and the other animals that live on the African savanna. Your students will come nose-to-nose with the stars of **Hippo Haven**, Button and Genny, and leave with an understanding of the power of nature and the impact they have on animals, even those as far away as Africa.

#### **Life on the African River**

All forms of life are drawn to the river.

It is a source of fresh water and food.

It is a means of transportation and offers protection from predators.

The power of the river radiates out through the surrounding land.

This is home to a majestically massive mammal known as the hippopotamus.

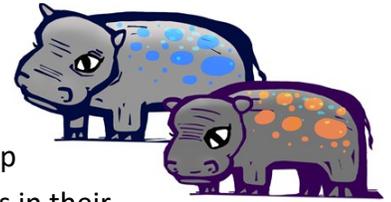


Photo: Karen Paolillo

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## Hippo Observation Sheet

Adventure Aquarium biologists must take time each day to observe the hippos in their exhibit to be sure they are healthy and happy. Today you will help by making some observations of your own. Take 10 minutes to watch the hippos in their enclosure. Be sure to check out the enclosure from all levels and angles.



Observer's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Time of Day: \_\_\_\_\_

List some of the main features of the hippo's enclosure, both on land and in the water.

Where are the hippos and what are they doing during your observation?

If the hippos are moving, describe what you see.

What kind of food do you see in the exhibit?

Are there other animals in the exhibit besides the hippos? Who do you see?

If you see other animals, what are they doing?

Hippos are designed to live in the water. Describe the different parts of the hippo's body that make it easy for them to spend most of their day in the water.



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## The Real Hippo Haven

The Turgwe Hippo Trust is devoted to safeguarding hippos and other wildlife against life-threatening droughts and poachers. Since 1992, founders Karen and Jean-Roger Paolillo have devoted their life to the protection and conservation of hippos in the Turgwe River in Zimbabwe.

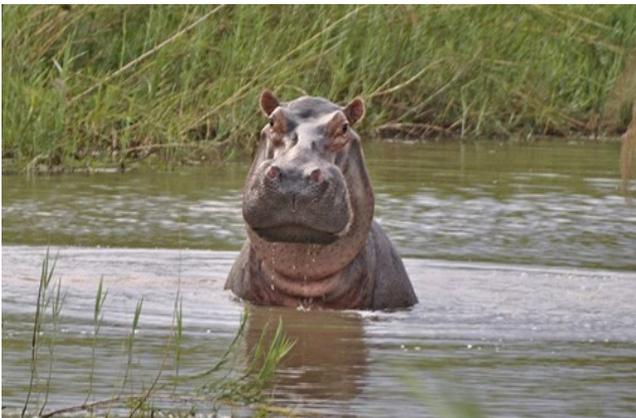
Hippos rely on fresh water and human activities have affected this precious resource. This and severe drought has had a negative effect on their population. The Paolillos maintain river pools, build drinking troughs and even feed hippos and other wildlife during times of extreme drought.

One of the biggest threats to hippos today is illegal hunting. Thousands of hippos have been killed for their canine teeth, which are made of ivory. Turgwe Hippo Trust hires game scouts to protect hippos and other animals from poaching.

Visit <http://www.savethehippos.info/> for more info.

## What Can Your Students Do To Help Hippos?

- Do research on hippos to learn more about where they live.
- Create a poster highlighting many of the plants and animals of the African savanna.



- Adopt A Hippo at <http://www.savethehippos.info/> to aid the **Turgwe Hippo Trust** in their mission to help hippos and other river residents.
- Learn more about the ivory trade, its affect on hippos and what is being done around the world to stop it.
- Spread the word! Tell family and friends about the amazing hippopotamus and what they can do to help.

