

Komodo Dragon

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About Komodo Dragon:

- It is the **largest extant lizard species**.
- **Scientific Name:** *Varanus komodoensis*
- It is a **monitor lizard** of the **family Varanidae**.
- It occurs on **Komodo Island** and a few neighbouring islands of the Lesser **Sunda Islands of Indonesia**.
- **Features:**
 - The lizard **grows to 3 metres (10 feet)** in total length and attains a weight of about 135 kg (about 300 pounds).
 - Their **tongues** are **yellow and forked**.
 - **Adults** are an **almost-uniform stone color** with distinct, large scales, while **juveniles** may display a and pattern. **more vibrant color**
 - Although most young are produced through sexual reproduction, females that are isolated from males sometimes produce offspring through **parthenogenesis**.
 - They are **well-known for their venomous bite**, which **contains toxins** that cause massive blood loss and shock in their prey.
 - They can **run swiftly** and occasionally attack and kill human beings.
 - **Lifespan:** 30 years
- **Conservation Status:**

Q1: What are Monitor Lizards?

They are a group of large reptiles belonging to the family Varanidae. They are known for their distinctive appearance, with long bodies, powerful limbs, and well-developed tails. They are considered to be the most intelligent of all lizards and some of the most intelligent reptiles in general. They are mainly native to Asia, Africa, and Australia.

Source: [Home of the Komodo dragon under pressure from tourists](#)

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