

Striped Hyena

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Striped Hyena Latest News

Recently, the Tajikistan and Uzbekistan have urged the inclusion of the striped hyena (*Hyaena hyaena*) in Appendix I and II of the Convention of Migratory Species (CMS) at the upcoming Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS COP15).

About Striped Hyena

- It is one of four **species belonging to the family Hyaenidae**.
 - Other three are the Spotted Hyena, the Brown Hyena and the Aardwolf.
- **Appearance:** It is a bit **smaller than the spotted hyenas** and has stripes all over their bodies.
- **Habitat:** It inhabits savannas, grasslands, semi-deserts, open woodlands, and mountainous regions.
- **Distribution:** It is mainly found in South Asia (India, Nepal, Afghanistan), North Africa, Sub-Saharan Africa, Western Asia, and Central Asia.
- It ranges across **Africa** (North as well as Sub-Saharan), the Middle East (West Asia) as well as Asia (Central and South Asia).

Characteristics of Striped Hyena

- They are territorial creatures and **scent-mark their territorial boundaries** as a warning to their rivals.
- **Diet:** Striped hyenas are **primarily scavengers** and eat mainly carrion and human refuse
- Adult Striped hyena females are dominant over males and aggressive toward other females.
- The striped hyena is **generally considered solitary**, but has some social organization.
- **Movements:**
 - It exhibits diverse movement patterns including **long-distance dispersal events** and **seasonal or nomadic movements** in response to prey availability and environmental conditions.
 - In **arid and semi-arid regions**, where resources are scarce and patchily distributed, striped hyenas may range widely and crossing international borders in search of food and water.

Conservation Status of of Striped Hyena

- **IUCN:** Near Threatened.
- **Wildlife Protection Act, 1972:** Schedule I

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