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Komodo Dragon

The Komodo Dragon Subcamp have sponsored Mutu at Colchester Zoo!

What could be scarier than a real dragon?



The Komodo dragon (*Varanus Komodoensis*) is the real dragon of the world.

It is the largest living reptile, with males averaging about 3 metres in length and weighing in at 150 kilos.

Whilst they are not fire breathing, they do have big sharp teeth, and they have been known to eat a few things that got in their way! They mainly eat deer, goat and wild boar, but will snack on other reptiles, birds, and maybe the odd scout.

Their home is one of the islands of Indonesia – Komodo! And a few other small islands nearby.

It is a very scary time for Komodo Dragons. They are endangered and were first placed on the 'most endangered' list of the 'Convention of the International Trade in Endangered Species' (CITES) in 1976.

The Government of Indonesia set up the Komodo National Park on the island of Komodo.

<http://www.komodonationalpark.org/>



That protection still does not extend to the other islands where Komodo dragons live.





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