

# HARTMANN'S MOUNTAIN ZEBRA

*Equus zebra hartmannae*

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## CLASSIFICATION

**Class:** Mammalia

**Order:** Perissodactyla

**Family:** Equidae

1 other subspecies



APPENDIX II



Species Survival Plan



UNCOMMON



VULNERABLE

**Identification :** Body length of 2.60 m, shoulder height 1.50 m and weight up to 380 kg. Muscular body with short head, narrow ears, short erect mane and a conspicuous dewlap on neck. Narrow black and white stripes, becoming wider on rump and legs.

**Range:** This subspecies occurs in south-west Angola and western Namibia. Species also found in southern South Africa.

**Habitat :** Grasslands on mountain slopes and plateaus, up to 2000 m.

**Behavior:** Feeds mostly on grass but also eats leaves and sometimes tree bark. Lives in small harems with single territorial male. Species is active by day and night.

**Status in the wild:** The species is declining alarmingly because of hunting, habitat destruction, persecution and competition with livestock.

**In captivity:** This species is the rarest zebra species in captivity, being uncommon in America and Europe, very rare to absent elsewhere. This subspecies is the only one kept in zoos. Displayed in 26 European collections and bred occasionally since 1929.