



Named after the island where they live (Komodo Island), komodo dragons can reach 10 feet in length and weigh up to 300 pounds. They love to eat – a single komodo dragon can eat 80% of its body weight in just 20 minutes. They aren't very fast, with a top speed of only 11 mph. But they can take down prey with their strong muscles and sharp claws. Although their bite isn't poisonous in the traditional sense, a komodo dragon's saliva is full of bacteria which can kill its prey in hours.