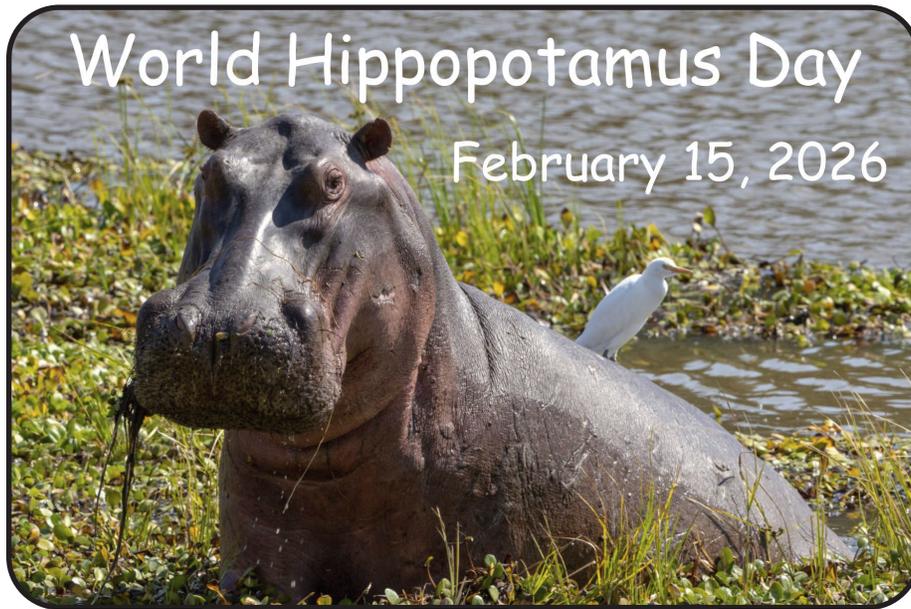
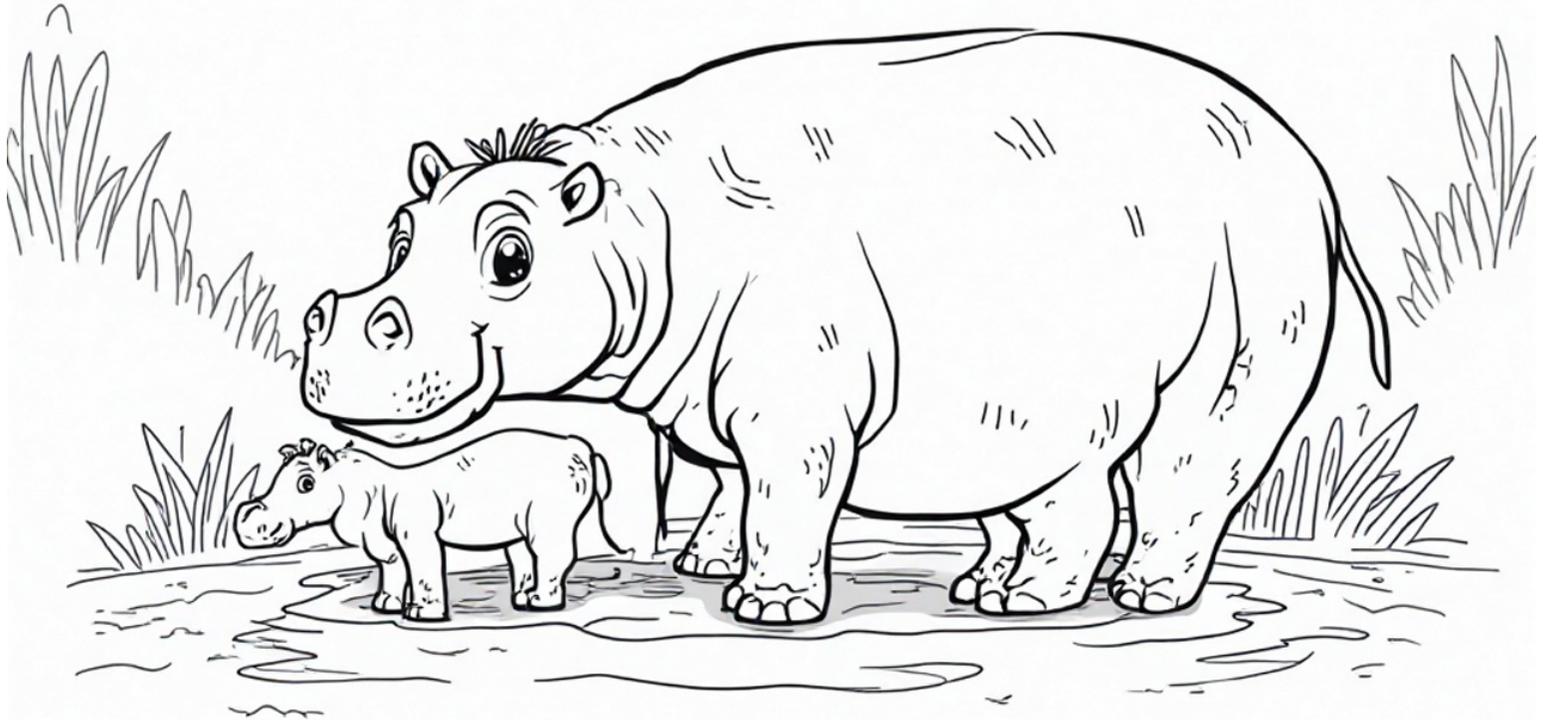


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# Did You Know?

## Ten Fun Facts About Hippopotamuses

1. Hippos communicate with 115-decibel honks, known as "wheeze-honks," which can be heard from over half a mile away.
2. Hippos secrete a reddish-pink oily substance, often called "blood sweat," that acts as a moisturizer, antibiotic, and sunblock.
3. Because of their dense bones and weight, hippos don't swim but rather hold their breath and walk/push off the riverbed.
4. Hippos can open their mouths nearly 180 degrees, allowing them to exert a bite force nearly three times stronger than a lion.
5. Despite their 3,000+ lb weight, they can reach speeds up to 22 mph (35 km/h) on land over short distances.
6. Hippos spend the day in water and forage at night, eating up to 50 kg of grass in one evening.
7. Despite their appearance, genetic studies show that hippos' closest living relatives are cetaceans—whales, dolphins, and porpoises.
8. Hippos sleep underwater, using a natural reflex to rise to the surface to breathe without waking up.
9. Hippo calves are born underwater, weighing between 30-50 lbs, and must immediately swim to the surface for their first breath.
10. Hippos can identify friends from foes by smelling their dung, which they also spread using their tails to mark territory.

**Now It's Your Turn!**  
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