



GREEN IGUANA

(Iguana iguana)

ANIMAL FACTS

WILD LOCALITY:

Central & South America

HABITAT:

Rainforests

LIFESTYLE:

Primarily Arboreal (tree-dwelling)

NATURAL DIET:

Vegetation, Tree Leaves, & Flowers
(herbivore)

ADULT SIZE:

(males) ~ 4-6 ft & 3-4.5kg,
(females) ~ 3-5 ft & 1.5-3kg

LIFE EXPECTANCY:

12-25 years in the care of humans (less in
the wild)

ACTIVITY:

Diurnal (active during the day)

CONSERVATION STATUS:

Least Concern

THREATS:

Deforestation, Habitat Loss, Importation,
& Hunting

FUN FACTS:

Green Iguanas are amazing swimmers! If an iguana sleeping in the tall trees senses a predator nearby (such as a bird of prey flying overhead) they may drop down out of the tree into a river below & swim to safety! Iguanas are very defensive animals due to being prey for many carnivores in the rainforest, & if cornered or grabbed may use their teeth, claws & even tail (as a whip) for defense!