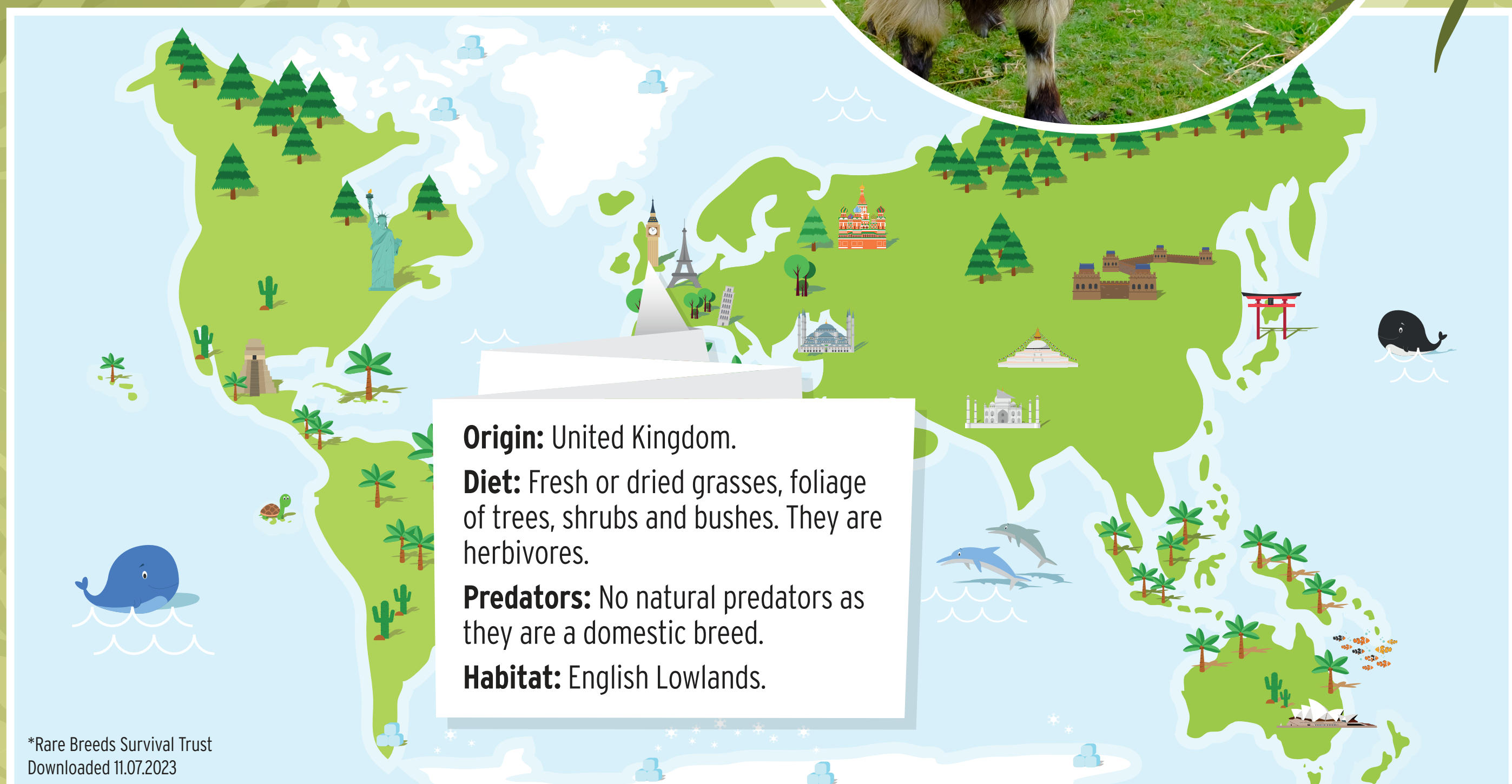


BAGOT GOAT

(CAPRA HIRCUS)

CONSERVATION STATUS: VULNERABLE*



DID YOU KNOW?

Bagot goats are thought to be one of Britain's oldest primitive goat breed, with the first recorded account of the breed dating back to 1389!

Even though they are thought to be the oldest British goat species, Bagot goats are now finding a new role as important conservation grazers, clearing invasive scrub and woodland species to promote biodiversity in the ground, which is beneficial to other amazing animals.

They are thought to get their name from Sir John Bagot, who was gifted a herd of these by King Richard II.

The Bagot goat is listed as vulnerable by the rare breeds survival trust, it is estimated that there are only around 200-300 breeding females left. This is thought to be due to the fact that they are not very productive for meat, milk or cashmere.

Around 80% for the UK's native livestock is at risk of extinction.

ADAPTATIONS

The Bagot goat is a very hard breed and able to withstand the extremes of the British weather. Although most goats' natural habitat are mountainous regions and the uplands, the Bagot is the UK's only primitive goat breed to have developed in the English lowlands, where it has adapted fantastically to the challenges of this environment.

REPRODUCTION

Bagot goats are ready to breed from 4-6 months old. Most goats breed from September through to March, but it can be later. Bagot's are excellent, attentive mothers, well capable of defending their kids. As is common with many native breeds, they generally produce a single kid (though can sometimes produce twins) and seldom require intervention during the birthing process.

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