

*Cervus timorensis rusa* 

**System:** Terrestrial

Kingdom	Phylum	Class	Order	Family
Animalia	Chordata	Mammalia	Artiodactyla	Cervidae

**Common name** Javan deer (English), cerf de Java (French), Timor deer (English), rusa deer (English), cerf rusa (French)

**Synonym**

**Similar species**

**Summary** Native to Indonesia, the rusa deer (*Cervus timorensis rusa*) was introduced to New Caledonia and La Réunion as well as to Mauritius, Australia and New Zealand. In New Caledonia the rusa deer is present in all parts of Grande-Terre, where it represents an important threat to the exceptional endemic flora of this archipelago. Rusa deer also represent an important resource for local people (hunting, farming).



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**Pathway**

*Cervus timorensis rusa* were introduced for hunting purposes. Introduced by acclimatisation societies.

**Principal source:**

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[1] NEW CALEDONIA

[1] REUNION

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**Summary:** The IUCN Red List of Threatened Species provides taxonomic, conservation status and distribution information on taxa that have been globally evaluated using the IUCN Red List Categories and Criteria. This system is designed to determine the relative risk of extinction, and the main purpose of the IUCN Red List is to catalogue and highlight those taxa that are facing a higher risk of global extinction (i.e. those listed as Critically Endangered, Endangered and Vulnerable). The IUCN Red List also includes information on taxa that are categorized as Extinct or Extinct in the Wild; on taxa that cannot be evaluated because of insufficient information (i.e. are Data Deficient); and on taxa that are either close to meeting the threatened thresholds or that would be threatened were it not for an ongoing taxon-specific conservation programme (i.e. are Near Threatened).

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**Summary:** This paper presents the technical and social challenges for the management of two invasive game species in New Caledonia: rusa deer and feral pigs

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## General information

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**Summary:** The introduction of this book presents the major threats to native birds (eg: introduced species)

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**Summary:** This article gives some informations on the diet of the rusa deer in New Caledonia. The impact of rusa deer on endemic plants is discussed.

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**Summary:** This article presents the historic of introductions in the Reunion island

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**Summary:** Synthèse des introductions d'espèces de vertébrés en Nouvelle-Calédonie et évaluation de leurs impacts.

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**Summary:** This book describes the ecology and the biology of animals of the Réunion island.