

Prickly Pear

“Pear”

African Crested Porcupine

(*Hystrix cristata*)



STATUS: Least concern (IUCN Red List)	HABITAT: Terrestrial - forests, rocky areas, mountains, deserts
DIET: Herbivorous - bark, roots, fruits, vegetables	ACTIVE: Nocturnal; sleeps during the day, awake at night
LIFESPAN: 10-15 years in wild, 20-25 years in captivity	OFFSPRING: 1-4 porcupettes per litter, up to 2 litters each year
LENGTH: Body length upwards of 3 feet. Quill length up to 1 ½ feet.	WEIGHT: 18 - 27 kg (40 - 60 lbs)

