Camelids around the world

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Llamas are still used as pack animals in the Andes. In North America they are used to guard sheep from predators.

Canary Islands



Dromedaries were introduced from mainland Africa in the 15th century. They are now used for tourism.



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Dromedaries traditionally carried loads across the desert. Many have now been replaced by trucks.



Wealthy city-dwellers keep dromedary herds in the desert, cared for by paid staff. Camel racing is a popular sport.

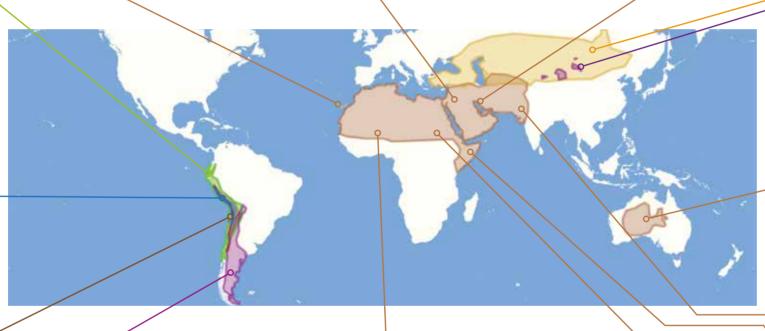




Bactrian camels are well adapted to the huge range of temperatures in the Gobi desert.

Vicuñas

PHOTO: MARSHALLHENRIE (CC BY SA) The fine wool of the vicuña is highly prized. The wild animals can be rounded up for shearing only every 3 years.







Herders on the Altiplano have created and extended wetlands to act as a source of forage for their alpacas.



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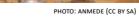
Wild guanacos live in the Andes, Patagonia, and in the Atacama desert, where it almost never rains.



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Peul herders move their livestock north towards the Sahara in the rainy season, and to the south in the dry season.





Dromedary camel herders in Kordofan are known as Abbala. Herders near the Red Sea export racing camels to the Gulf.

Somalia



ies (7 million). A vital part of the economy, used for milk, meat and transport.



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Wild Bactrians



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Critically endangered wild Bactrian camels in Mongolia and eastern China are now recognized as a separate species.





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Dromedaries introduced from South Asia for transport are now feral. Ranchers muster them to sell for meat.

Camelid species

Ħ	Alpaca	domesticated
æ	Bactrian camel	domesticated
۲	Dromedary	domesticated, feral
7	Llama	domesticated
đ	Guanaco	wild
R	Vicuna	wild
1	Wild Bactrian	wild



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The world's largest number of dromedar-



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Raika herders in Rajasthan graze their dromedaries, goats and sheep on fallow fields, in the desert and in forests.