

# Salmon-crested Cockatoo

*Cacatua moluccensis*



The Salmon-crested Cockatoo is also known as the Moluccan Cockatoo. They are found in Lowland Forest and Open Canopy Forests in the Southern Moluccas and Indonesia.

The Moluccan Cockatoo is one of the larger cockatoos with an estimated population of around 62 000 individuals in the world. Like most cockatoos, they are very affectionate as pet birds but have one of the loudest screams which makes them unsuitable for most homes.

In the wild they are found in noisy roosts but during the breeding season they are found singly or in pairs. Generally a shy species, they are most active early in the morning and late in the afternoon.

Although there are a large number of them in the world, they have been listed as Vulnerable because, like most cockatoos, they are in demand as cage birds. This, combined with habitat destruction has led to a drastic decline in their numbers over recent years.



**Lifespan:** 50 Years

**Weight:** 775 - 935 g

**Size:** 45 - 52 cm

**Breeding Season:** July - December

**Incubation Period:** 27 - 28 Days

**Number of Chicks:** 1 - 2

**Diet:** Nuts, young Coconuts, Seeds, Berries, Insects and Insect Larvae

**Problems They Face:** Habitat destruction, trapping for trade.

**Conservation Status:** Listed as Vulnerable - CITES App. 1.