



Chapter three

CATTLE EGRETS AND HIPPOS

Adult hippos are dangerous. They charge. They attack. They run faster than humans. Their huge teeth crush bones. But baby hippos are **vulnerable**. They're unsafe.

Cattle egrets help. They serve as a lookout. They ride on hippos' backs. They can see a long way. They spot predators. They make a "kok-kok" sound. Then, hippos know to bunch up together. They protect their young.

Cattle egrets like when hippos travel together. This stirs



Cattle egrets also help hippos by eating harmful bugs off them.

up bugs. Cattle egrets can eat. They also get a free ride. This saves their energy. They can eat more.