

Hedoro

The Hedoro are the sapient species of slime originating from a marshy planet located near the [Kingdom of Neshaten](#). Lacking a solidified government of their own, they are almost entirely dependent on the factions that uplifted them from their planet, though many still hold ties to their culture and habits.

Over many years, groups of Hedoro had been uplifted from Hedo for various reasons, ranging from curiosity of the species to the usage of the intelligent but foreign life. Lacking many subspecies, the Hedoro are renowned for their genetic diversity and ability to quickly adapt to a range of environments, especially with their self-aware nature.

History

Evolving under uncertain terms on the planet of Hedo, the Hedoro developed as a species of ambush predators and carrion feeders. Due to the consistent environment of their planet, their presence was extremely widespread and overwhelming, though they lacked the title as the dominant creature until they began to operate as a more tribal society. Though the formed tribes and groups allowed their dominance to spread across their planet, no unified group properly connected the species for several thousand years.

Over the generations, while many attempts were made, their niche position on their planet remained unthreatened, and though many conquerors and rulers had tried, there was simply no drive or push that would cause the planet to fall under any singular rule, though many did come close. This changed, however, when the [Neshaten](#) and other outsiders found the planet, and in term, its inhabitants. Initially thought to be some form of carnivorous scavenger of simple mind, all reports coming from the planet from various groups showed a high level of intelligence and socialization in the species, though there was a distinct and heavy lack of technology.

Their social and curious nature proved to be a vantage point in their traverse into the Galaxy, as they were all too welcome to learning about the outsiders and the places they came from, as well as wishing to see it for themselves. Their curiosity was sparsely rewarded on the consistent and predictable planet they called home, but the galaxy clearly held so much more.

Physiology

The Hedoro biology consists of two main organs, the core (also called the nucleus) and the cyto.

The core functions as the brain of the Hedoro, being the epicenter of all thought, feelings, and actions of the species. Being roughly nine inches in diameter in a fully grown adult, it is encased in a hard skeletal shell with porous holes covering it. The coloration varies, but both smooth and roughly surfaced cores have been observed.



The cyto is the slime of the actual organism, a highly versatile form of cell that often lacks a proper rigid structure, instead appearing as a non-newtonian liquid that shifts and molds per the needs of the core. Capable of holding a firmness and adjusting its rigidity, it's entirely possible for a Hedoro's cyto to mimic the shape and features of another species with extended practice. The versatility of the cyto allows the Hedoro great locomotion, and paired with its intelligence, a great weapon.

The coloration and transparency of the cyto varies greatly depending on the individual, as both the need of the core can change it as well as diet and genetics, meaning that each individual has a natural color and transparency that requires outside effort to change.

The Hedoro show a great weakness to high levels of heat and dehydration, and energy weapons pacify them with ease due to the ability to evaporate large chunks of them at once, otherwise ballistics and melee attacks show little effect without some form of deterrent to their core or cyto form.

Diet

Most of the Hedoro's diet consists of liquids, where it must consume nearly two gallons of water per day to remain healthy, while also maintaining its body mass. The rest of its diet consists of scavenged food and meat, showing no real limit as to what the species can eat due to their niche in their natural food chain. Due to its lack of a solid body, its consumption of water is extremely important to the survival of each individual, and though water is excessively easy to get on their planet, it must be cautioned with

carefully elsewhere.

Environment

The planet of Hedo consists mostly of wetlands and swamps, with a notable lack of mountains of dry land across it. While dry land is lacking, there is also a lack of deep oceans or seas, meaning that the planet is a perpetual quagmire with little variation in its topography. The wetlands and swamps are filled with life, both vegetation and fauna, of which Hedoro are counted.

With a excess of life on the planet, there is hardly struggle that lasts long in terms of resources, though outside of organic material, the planet lacks any large amount of natural resources.

Rain is frequent, and rainstorms and typhoons are seasonal across the planet. The environment itself is perhaps the biggest threat to the species, as the storms have been known to flush the Hedoro from the hiding places into the environments of predators.

Life Cycle

The Hedoro life cycle is noted for having two methods of reproduction, with slight variations for different purposes. The Hedoro are capable of sexual and asexual reproduction, creating offspring of different qualities with each method.

Hedoro born of asexual reproduction are noted as:

- Showing strong if not impeccable resemblance to the parent.
- Independent at a young age.
- Quickly developed intelligence.
- Develop into the next stage of development quickly.
- Low level of genetic diversity.
- Separated from parent one month after core solidification.

Hedoro born of sexual reproduction are noted as:

- Having a weak and undeveloped core.
- Heavily dependent for an extended period of time.
- Low level of intelligence until further developed.
- Slow rate of growth until the next stage of development.
- High level of genetic diversity.
- Separated from parent two months after core solidification.

While Hedoro born of sexual reproduction show low levels of intelligence for extended periods of time, it should be noted that adolescent members and older show no intellectual differences than those of their asexually born counterparts, the main difference being that asexually born members of the species quickly develop independently, meaning they are easy to create in times where making children may be difficult due to resources and threats, while sexually born members of the species develop slowly, meaning they must be given a high level of care, but are much more risky to make.

The core of young Hedoro are created by a form of mitosis from their parent(s), and are separated with an appropriate amount of cyto as the child becomes able to control it. The process of creating the core can take around two months, and they are only separated after the core becomes solid and functioning. Once separated, the Hedoro is raised by a group as they grow and develop, their core enlarging as time passes until it reaches the adult size. It should be noted that Hedoro are completely incapable of reproducing with other species.

At the peak of their adulthood, the average Hedoro is roughly the size of a large dog, but this is limited due to resources and food. A properly nourished and consistently fed Hedoro can hold the body mass of a standard sized human, though this is mainly observed off of their home planet. The species is rather long lived, the most common form of death being by predator, though if untouched by unnatural causes, the average Hedoro can live between 120 and 160 years, without counting the effects of advanced medicine which could potentially extend their lifespan further. The lack of a complex biology paired with the constant refreshing of their cyto means that only their core is at risk of deterioration.

Culture

Due to the high amount of resources on their home planet, the Hedoro developed a social and communal lifestyle, favoring socialization and frequent contact with others as opposed to rivalries and fights. Though both of which took place, the common lifestyle of the Hedoro favored a steady flow.

Due to a lack of development towards their general government, Hedoro culture widely shifts across their planet, with some being extraordinarily strict over resources and others seeking hedonistic lifestyles, it could be said that their culture is as adaptive as the species itself.

Clothing

Due to their biological design, clothing is uncommon if not unfounded on their native planet. However, many take to clothing in stride in the galactic life, though most if not all favor clothes with a porous design that is specifically made to allow the free movement of cyto through the fabric, as closed and waterproof clothing is universally found to be restricting if not outright uncomfortable.

Food

Food once more shifts across the planet, though the species as a whole enjoys a wide variety of food. Many hold favorites in terms of dishes and tastes, and though many of them do have a handful of dislikes, there is little that the Hedoro as a whole cannot or would not eat.

Language

The Hedoro language is almost universally vocalized, and is spoke with an alarming amount of specificity. While minor portions of the language consists of body language and signs created by the cyto, the

vocalizations they make are remarkably similar to that of other sapient species, leading to an easy learning process in terms of other language, though grammar left much to be desired in early learners of foreign language.

Naming

The Hedoro prefer simple and straightforward names, and though the specific structure of the names was fairly inconsistent, the theme of names being very short and distinct was all-encompassing. However, due to their easy transition through various upliftings from other species, it is extremely common for Hedoro to adopt naming schemes from other species, as they showed an odd level of acceptance in changing their names, with many members of the species doing it repeatedly over just a select number of years.

Politics

The Hedoro are a simple and agreeable people, left not in want for the majority of the existence, and as such never developed strong political beliefs. While they show a high level of acceptance of various lifestyles and species, they do seem to look down on the waste of water when they are not on water-based worlds or places. Perhaps due to the culture shock, but resource management is one of their natural priorities in any political setting.

Technology

The Hedoro personally lack much form of technology and development of their own, and instead rely on what is given to them from other species, both by what is directly given and simply what they find from being left behind. A great amount of their technology comes from other civilizations in exchange for a portion of an uplifted population.

Economy

An economy is nearly non-existent on Hedo, as the species lacks the proper organization, though they seem quite adept at learning and utilizing the idea as another form of resource management.

OOC Notes

The species is meant to have a high level of adaptability, both IC and more importantly, OOC.

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