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# Animal Fact Sheet

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# African Civet

*Civettictis civetta*

The African civet is a nocturnal, medium-sized mammal known for its distinctive black and white markings and a mane of long hair along its back. It is famous for the musky secretion called civetone, …

## Quick facts

**Classification:** Mammal
**Family:** Viverridae
**Habitat:** Forests, savannas, and grasslands near water sources
**Diet:** Omnivore
**Conservation status:** Least Concern
**Lifespan:** 15-20 years
**Weight:** 7–20 kg
**Scientific name:** Civettictis civetta

## Did you know?

- One of the world's most expensive coffees, kopi luwak, is made from coffee beans that have been eaten and excreted by civets.
- Civets produce a secretion called 'civet' used in perfumes for centuries. Despite their cat-like appearance, civets are not felines but belong to the…

## What I learned

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