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Animal Fact Sheet

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Asian Small-clawed Otter

Aonyx cinereus

The smallest otter in the world, at roughly 3 to 5 kg, has given up on the standard otter toolkit. Its claws are blunt and barely project past the toe pads, and its webbing is reduced, and both are t…

Quick facts

Classification: Mammal
Family: Mustelidae
Habitat: Wetlands, marshes, and mangroves near freshwater bodies
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Vulnerable
Lifespan: 10-15 years
Weight: 2.7–5.4 kg
Scientific name: Aonyx cinereus

Did you know?

- Unlike most otters, Asian Small-clawed Otters rely more on their sense of touch than their mouth to catch and handle prey.
- They juggle pebbles between their paws, and studies have found the behaviour intensifies when the otters are hungry, suggesting it is displaced food-…

What I learned

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