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Animal Fact Sheet

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Banded Mongoose

Mungos mungo

The banded mongoose is a small, highly social mammal native to sub-Saharan Africa, easily recognized by its dark horizontal bands across a gray-brown back. Living in large groups, these animals are k…

Quick facts

Classification: Mammal
Family: Herpestidae
Habitat: Savanna and grassland
Diet: Omnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 7-12 years
Weight: 1.5–2.5 kg
Scientific name: Mungos mungo

Did you know?

- Banded mongooses have been observed using tools—breaking open eggs by throwing them against hard surfaces, showcasing impressive problem-solving skil…
- Banded mongooses famously cooperate to raise each other's young, a behavior rare among mammals. They are immune to some snake venoms and are known fo…

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