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Animal Fact Sheet

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Binturong

Arctictis binturong

The binturong smells of buttered popcorn, and this is not a figure of speech. Its urine contains 2-acetyl-1-pyrroline, the very same compound produced when popcorn is heated and the molecule that giv…

Quick facts

Classification: Mammal
Family: Viverridae
Habitat: Tropical rainforest
Diet: Omnivore
Conservation status: Vulnerable
Lifespan: 15-25 years
Weight: 9-20 kg
Scientific name: Arctictis binturong

Did you know?

- Binturongs play an important ecological role by dispersing the seeds of strangler fig trees, which depend almost entirely on them for propagation.
- It smells strongly of buttered popcorn — its urine contains the exact compound that gives popcorn and basmati rice their aroma. It is one of only two…

What I learned

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