

Animal Fact Sheet

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Fossa

Cryptoprocta ferox

The fossa is a carnivorous mammal endemic to Madagascar, resembling a small cougar but more closely related to mongoose. It has a slender, muscular body, retractable claws, and a long tail that aids ...

Quick facts

Classification: Mammal

Family: Eupleridae

Habitat: Dense forests of Madagascar

Diet: Carnivore

Conservation status: Vulnerable

Lifespan: 15-20 years

Weight: 5.5-8.6 kg

Scientific name: *Cryptoprocta ferox*

Did you know?

- Fossas are the only predators on Madagascar capable of preying regularly on adult lemurs, giving them a crucial role in the island's ecosystem.
- The fossa can leap between trees with remarkable agility thanks to its semi-retractable claws and long tail. It is an elusive, solitary animal, makin...

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