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Animal Fact Sheet

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Fossa

Cryptoprocta ferox

The fossa is Madagascar's largest predator and looks like a cat that has been stretched, but it is not a cat at all — its closest relatives are the mongooses, and it descends from a single carnivore …

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.
- It is Madagascar's top predator, and it is not a cat — its closest relatives are the mongooses. Its ankles rotate so far that it can run headfirst do…

What I learned

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