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Animal Fact Sheet

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Honey Badger

Mellivora capensis

The honey badger's reputation for fearlessness rests on real anatomy. Its hide is thick, rubbery and remarkably loose — loose enough that a badger seized by the scruff can rotate almost freely inside…

Quick facts

Classification: Mammal
Family: Mustelidae
Habitat: Savanna, grassland, forest, and scrubland
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 7-10 years in the wild
Weight: 9-16 kg
Scientific name: Mellivora capensis

Did you know?

- Despite their name, honey badgers are not closely related to true badgers but are the only species in their own genus, Mellivora.
- Its skin is so loose that a honey badger grabbed by the neck can twist around inside it and bite back. It has partial resistance to snake venom and c…

What I learned

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