

Animal Fact Sheet

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Linsang

Prionodon linsang / *Prionodon pardicolor* / *Poiana richardsonii* / *Poiana leightoni*

Linsangs are slender, agile carnivorous mammals that resemble cats or civets but belong to their own distinct families. There are four recognized species: two Asian linsangs (*Prionodon linsang* and *Pr...*

Quick facts

Classification: Mammal

Family: Prionodontidae (Asian linsangs) / Viverridae (African linsangs)

Habitat: Dense tropical and subtropical forests

Diet: Carnivore

Conservation status: Least Concern to Near Threatened (varies by species)

Lifespan: 7-10 years

Weight: 0.6–1.2 kg

Scientific name: *Prionodon linsang* / *Prionodon pardicolor* / *Poiana richardsonii* / *Poiana leightoni*

Did you know?

- The Asian linsang is the closest living relative to the true cats (family Felidae), despite its outward resemblance to civets.
- Linsangs can rotate their ankles to climb down trees head-first, much like squirrels. Despite their cat-like appearance, Asian and African linsangs a...

What I learned
