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Animal Fact Sheet

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Meerkat

Suricata suricatta

The meerkat (Suricata suricatta) is a small, highly social mammal belonging to the mongoose family, native to the arid regions of southern Africa, including the Kalahari Desert and Namib Desert. Thes…

Quick facts

Classification: Mammal
Family: Herpestidae
Habitat: Arid savanna and open desert
Diet: Omnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 6-14 years
Weight: 0.62–1 kg
Scientific name: Suricata suricatta

Did you know?

- A meerkat mob can have up to 50 members, all working together to protect and raise their young.
- Meerkats are renowned for their cooperative behavior, living in clans that can number up to 50 individuals, where they share responsibilities such as…

What I learned

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