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Animal Fact Sheet

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Sable

Martes zibellina

The sable is a small, agile mammal known for its luxurious, silky fur, which has made it highly valued in the fur trade for centuries. Native to the dense forests of northern Eurasia, particularly Ru…

Quick facts

Classification: Mammal
Family: Mustelidae
Habitat: Boreal and mixed forests, taiga
Diet: Omnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 8-18 years
Weight: 0.9–1.8 kg
Scientific name: Martes zibellina

Did you know?

- Despite their reputation for luxurious fur, sables are rarely seen in the wild due to their secretive and nocturnal lifestyle.
- Sable fur was once considered so valuable that it was used as currency in medieval Russia. Sables can travel up to 12 kilometers a day in search of f…

What I learned

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