

# Asian Short Clawed Otter

*Aonyx cinereus*

## WHERE DO ASIAN SHORT CLAWED OTTERS LIVE?

They are distributed in India, across south east Asia to the Philippines and north to China. They prefer shallow freshwater, for example rice fields, lakes and streams



Large teeth to crush shells

The world's smallest otter, between 0.6 and 0.9 meters long

Small claws and webbed feet

Good at using their paws

Use fingers to locate crabs and small fish

Streamlined for swimming

Two layers of fur, one underlayer for warmth and a waterproof top coat

Live in family groups

Unique scent to recognise one another

ASIAN SHORT CLAWED OTTERS ARE A **VULNERABLE** SPECIES!



Farming destroys the otters' habitat.

Human pollution can kill the fish that the otters eat.

Poaching for their fur or the pet trade.



## DID YOU KNOW?

These otters are very playful and sometimes lie on their backs and juggle stones just for fun!

## WHAT DO ASIAN SHORT CLAWED OTTERS EAT?



They eat a lot of **crabs!** But will also eat small **fish** and **snails**.

