Smooth Coated Otter

Lutrogale perspicillata

WHERE DO SMOOTH-COATED OTTERS LIVE?

They can be found in India and south east Asia, all the way up to the Himalayas and north Vietnam. They prefer large rivers and swamps. Elusive and shy
but when not
feeling threatened
can co-exist
peacefully

Thick strong

/ tail



DID YOU KNOW?

Smooth-coated
otters live in
family groups

Thick, velvety fur

Good eyesight to see underwater

Sensitive whiskers to help detect food

Shorter front / legs to help with swimming

Large webbed paws to swim and catch fish

SMOOTH-COATED OTTERS ARE VULNERABLE AND THEIR NUMBERS ARE DECREASING!

Poaching otters for their fur is still a problem in some areas.

Chemicals from farming can pollute the otters' water.

Their habitats are being destroyed because wetlands are being dried out for farming.

WHAT DO
SMOOTH-COATED OTTERS
EAT?

They eat mostly fish and crabs but could eat birds or even rats!

