



The Lucky 13

There are 13 otter species worldwide and each one impacts their ecosystem and surrounding communities. You would be lucky to have them in a habitat near you! See if you can match each otter to its description.

<p>Location: Central to South America, from Venezuela to Argentina.</p> <p>Fun Fact: The largest otter and known for "periscoping" to show off white throat patches.</p> <p>IUCN Status: Endangered</p>	<p>Location: Widespread throughout Central and South America.</p> <p>Fun Fact: They have the longest tail of any otter, which gives them their scientific name.</p> <p>IUCN Status: Near Threatened</p>	<p>Location: Along the coasts of Chile and Peru.</p> <p>Fun Fact: This is the smallest marine mammal and in Spanish called gato marino, "marine cat".</p> <p>IUCN Status: Endangered</p>
<p>Location: Southern Chile and Western Argentina.</p> <p>Fun Fact: They have the smallest geographical range and live a mostly solitary life.</p> <p>IUCN Status: Endangered</p>	<p>Location: Southern and Southeast Asia.</p> <p>Fun Fact: The smallest otter species, will grab food with paws instead of their teeth.</p> <p>IUCN Status: Vulnerable</p>	<p>Location: Throughout Africa south of the Sahara.</p> <p>Fun Fact: White spots on neck can identify individuals, locally known as fisi maji, "water hyena".</p> <p>IUCN Status: Near Threatened</p>
<p>Location: Wide distribution throughout Asia.</p> <p>Fun Fact: Has short, smooth fur and large, webbed feet; known to hunt together in a V-pattern.</p> <p>IUCN Status: Vulnerable</p>	<p>Location: Southeast Asia.</p> <p>Fun Fact: The black part of its nose is hairy where in most mammals, it is moist and naked.</p> <p>IUCN Status: Endangered</p>	<p>Location: Throughout Europe and Asia, also found in North Africa.</p> <p>Fun Fact: A good swimmer but cannot hold its breath for long. Average dive is only 30 seconds.</p> <p>IUCN Status: Near Threatened</p>
<p>Location: Central to Southern Africa.</p> <p>Fun Fact: Born with tiny claws but loses most of these, no webbing so uses paws to catch food.</p> <p>IUCN Status: Near Threatened</p>	<p>Location: Throughout Canada and much of the United States.</p> <p>Fun Fact: Will commonly slide, or toboggan, over snow or mud.</p> <p>IUCN Status: Least Concern</p>	<p>Location: Found along coastlines throughout North Pacific Ocean.</p> <p>Fun Fact: Truly marine, will use their tummy as a table when cracking open clams and other prey.</p> <p>IUCN Status: Endangered</p>
<p>Location: Found in Central Africa in the Congo River basin.</p> <p>Fun Fact: Eat a lot of worms which they dig out of the mud with their flexible forepaws, also known as swamp otters.</p> <p>IUCN Status: Near Threatened</p>		

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