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

Location: Found in Central Africa in the Congo River basin. Fun Fact: Eat a lot of worms which they dig out of the mud with their flexible forepaws, also known as swamp otters. **IUCN Status:** Near Threatened



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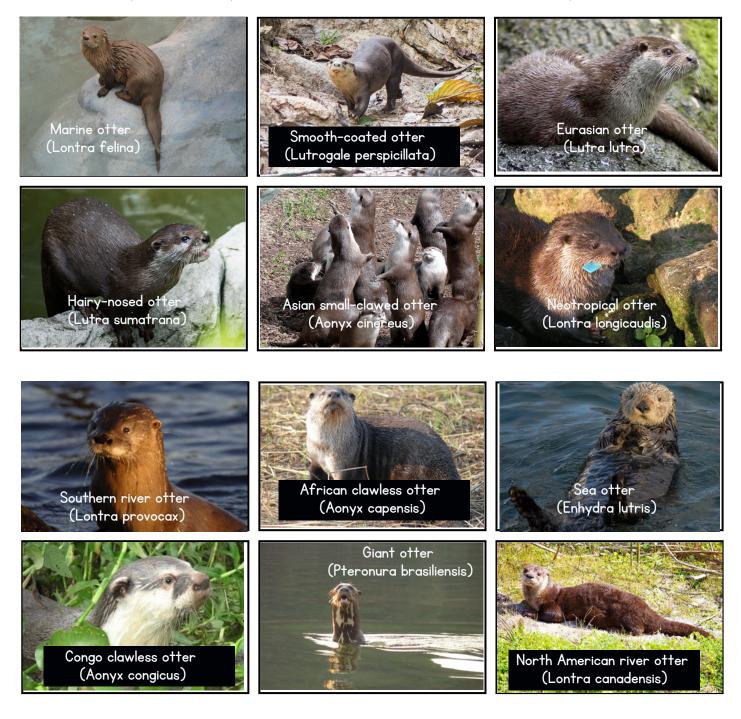




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