

Asian Palm Civet

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In a bizarre incident, Kerala High Court's Chamber 1 proceedings got disrupted recently due to a foul stench caused by Asian Palm Civet.

About Asian Palm Civet

- The Asian Palm Civet, also known as the **Toddy Cat** or **Common Palm Civet**, is a **small, nocturnal mammal** that is found throughout **South and Southeast Asia**, including **India, Sri Lanka, Indonesia, and the Philippines**.
- It is a member of the Viverridae family, which also includes other civet and mongoose species.
- Scientific Name: *Paradoxurus hermaphroditus*

Asian Palm Civet Features

- It has a **long, slender body, short legs**, and a **pointed snout**.

- It weighs between 2 to 5 kg (4.4 to 11 lbs) and measures around 53 to 71 cm (21 to 28 inches) in length, including the tail.
- Its fur is **brownish-gray with black spots**, and it has a white mask-like marking around its eyes.
- It is a **nocturnal animal** and feeds on a variety of prey, including insects, small mammals, and fruits.
- One of the most distinctive features of Asian palm civets is their **ability to digest coffee beans**, which makes them an **important part of the coffee production process in some countries**.
- They are also known for their **strong sense of smell** and **excellent climbing skills**, allowing them to easily climb trees and forage for food.

Asian Palm Civet Conservation Status

It is classified as 'Least Concern' under the IUCN Red List

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