

Binturong

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About Binturong:

- The binturong (*Arctictis binturong*) is a medium-sized mammal, also known as a bearcat, of the Viverridae family, which includes civets, linsangs and genets.
- Its nine subspecies are the sole occupants of the genus *Arctictis*.
- They can weigh up to 50 pounds, but most often weigh in at between 25 and 35 pounds.

Range:

- Binturongs live in the rainforests of Southeast Asia.
- Its range extends from Nepal, India, and Bhutan southward to the Indonesian islands of Sumatra and Java and eastward to Borneo.

Prehensile Tail:

- The animals spend most of their time hanging out in the treetops.
- The animal uses its tail—which is almost as long as its body—like a fifth limb as it climbs through the forest.
- This tail is prehensile, which means it's capable of gripping things.
- **The binturong is one of only two carnivores that has a prehensile tail.**

- **The other is the kinkajou.**

Conservation:

- They are classified as a **vulnerable species by IUCN.**

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