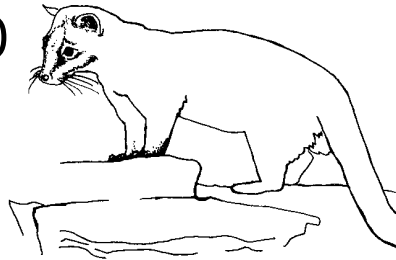


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MASKED PALM CIVET



Scientific Name: *Paguma larvata*

These small carnivores are closely related to mongoose and meerkats. They are good climbers and spend most of their time in trees. The black and white “mask” markings on their head may serve as a warning to potential predators since the civet, like a skunk, can spray irritating fluids.



STATUS: Currently not in danger of extinction



DIET IN THE WILD: Mainly fruit, but also small mammals, insects, fish
ZOO DIET: Purina Dog chow, AFS Carnivore Diet, carrots, fruit



FUN FACTS: Despite their resemblance to small carnivores found in North America, such as skunks and other weasels, civets are more closely related to hyenas.