

Flat headed cat

Desc:

The Flat-headed Cat *Prionailurus planiceps* is one of the most unusual members of the cat family, with their long, narrow head and flattened forehead. The Flat-headed Cat is found on Sumatra, Borneo and on the Malayan Peninsula but is likely extinct in Thailand. Very little is known about this species and the understanding of its current distribution is based on a comparably low number of occurrence records

Info:

The Flat-headed Cat is one of the most endangered cat species in the world. Over 70% of their historical habitat has been converted to croplands, plantations and other land cover types unsuitable to these cats. Remaining habitats are highly fragmented. There are some indications that Flat-headed Cats occur in secondary forest but there is very little evidence that they are found in oil palm plantations. Southeast Asia has the world's highest deforestation rate (e.g. over 1.3 million hectares of lowland forest are deforested annually on the island of Borneo) with Malaysia and Indonesia being among the largest palm oil producers.

Charac:

- they have an elongated body, short legs with small, rounded paws, and a short tail.
- The coat is thick, soft and long, reddish brown on top of the head and dark brown on the body, with a fine speckling of grey and buff on the tips.
- The muzzle, chin and cheeks are white, with short, white stripes at the inner edge and along the lower margins of eyes, and two dark streaks on each cheek.
- A yellow line runs up from each eye to near the ear.

Fun fact: Its eyes are large and close set which allow for maximum binocular vision