**Basic Information: Black-footed cat (*Felis nigripes)***

**Common names: black-footed cat, small-spotted cat**

**Identification pointers:** similar to a house cat; shorter legs and tail; tan body with regular black or brown spots, barred tail and legs

**Can be confused with:** domestic cat, African wildcat

**Activity period:** Nocturnal

**Length:** 50-60cm **Height:** 25cm **Weight:** 1-2g

**Gestation period:** ±2 months

**Diet:** mostly small rodents, also reptiles, birds, insects

**Predators:** Snakes, larger carnivores, birds of prey

**Preferred habitat:** Arid scrubland and grassland, require some vegetation cover, will often sleep in termite mounds

**Red List status:** Vulnerable

**Population:** decreasing

**Threats:** Habitat degradation, indiscriminate pest control methods like poisoning and leg traps