**Basic Information: Civet (*Civettictus civetta)***

**Common names:** civet, African civet

**Identification pointers:** Relatively large, approximately the size of a medium sized dog; racoon-like face with black “mask” over eyes; tan to grey coat, heavily marked with black spots; black stripe running the length of the back; short tail; hunched appearance with head held low when walking.

**Can be confused with:** Genet

**Activity period:** Mainly nocturnal, occasionally active in early morning and late afternoon.

**Length:** 120-140cm **Height:** 40-50cm **Weight:** 8-16kg

**Gestation period:** ±2 months

**Diet:** Omnivorous, hunt insects and other invertebrate with a particular taste for poisonous millipededs. Also take rodents reptiles, birds and carrion and will feed on fruits and berries.

**Predators:** leopards, lions, hyaenas

**Preferred habitat:** wide habitat tolerance, prefer denser habitats like woodland, absent from deserts and rainforests, but will occupy forested areas opened up by human activity.

**Red List status:** Least concern

**Population:** Unknown

**Threats:** No major threats, popularly caught for bushmeat and fur trade, excretions from anal glands used in perfume industry.