**Basic Information: Solitary mongooses**

**Names: slender mongoose, yellow mongoose, white-tailed mongoose, Egyptian mongoose…**

**Identification pointers:** Small carnivores; long slender bodies, short legs; pointed faces; only seen alone **Slender mongoose:** thin, black-tipped tail which turns upwards when moving; **Yellow mongoose:** yellowish body, bushy tail with white-tipped tail; **White-tailed mongoose:** Large, dark-grey body, bushy white tail; **Egyptian mongoose:** relatively large size, shaggy grey fur.

**Can be confused with:** Other mongooses

**Activity period:** Mostly nocturnal with exception of slender and grey mongoose.

**Slender mongoose**

**Length:** 45-65cm **Height:** 10-12cm **Weight:** 400-800g

**Yellow mongoose**

**Length:** 40-60cm **Height:** 15cm **Weight:** 400-900g

**White-tailed mongoose**

**Length:** 90-150cm **Height:** 30cm **Weight:** 3-5kg

**Egyptian mongoose**

**Length:** 95-110cm **Height:** 30cm **Weight:** 2.5-5kg

**Gestation period:** ±1.5-2.5 months

**Lifespan:** ±10

**Diet:** Mainly insects and other invertebrates, but will eat reptiles, amphibians, birds, eggs and carrion.

**Predators:** Birds of prey, carnivores larger than the African wildcat, and large snakes.

**Preferred habitat:** A wide variety of habitats from deserts to rainforests.

**Red List status:** Least Concern

**Population:** Stable

**Threats:** There are no major threats to these species, habitat loss is probably their greatest threat.