

# MALAYAN BINTURONG

*Arctictis binturong binturong*  
Raffles, 1822



## CLASSIFICATION

**Class:** Mammalia  
**Order:** Carnivora  
**Family:** Viverridae

6 other subspecies



APPENDIX III



COMMON



VULNERABLE

**Identification** : Adults can reach a body length of 96 cm, tail length of 84 cm and weight of 20 kg. Unmistakable species with its long bushy black fur, bushy tail, short limbs and clearer head. This subspecies has often a golden tinge on head hairs.

**Range**: This subspecies occurs from Myanmar and Vietnam to Malaysia. Species found from India to south China, south to Sumatra, Java, Borneo and Palawan.

**Habitat** : Primary and secondary forests, up to 2500 meters.

**Behavior**: The species is mostly solitary, both nocturnal and diurnal, and mostly arboreal. It feeds on fruits but also takes small animals. Breeds year round.

**Status in the wild**: The species is threatened by habitat loss throughout its range. Hunting, poaching and capturing for pet trade are also problems locally.

**In captivity**: Binturongs are now common in captivity around the world and breed readily in many zoos. Unfortunately, some specimens are subspecies hybrids. Nominate subspecies is by far the commonest in and outside Asia.