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Caracal (*Caracal caracal*)

Status:

Least Concern

Range:

Africa, Middle East and Asia

Diet:

Birds, small to medium mammals, reptiles and invertebrates

Behaviour:

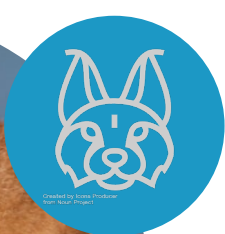
Mostly nocturnal, solitary and territorial, with large home range areas

Threats:

Cars, poaching, dogs, snares, and poisoning

Ecological role:

Significant Predator in urban areas, pest control



COMMON ISSUES IN URBAN AREAS

- Caracals may occasionally prey on livestock or free-roaming pets in peri-urban and rural areas.
- Incidents involving domestic animals are uncommon and typically occur when pets roam beyond the safety of their property.
- Caracals are naturally shy and generally avoid humans and direct confrontation



PREVENTATIVE MEASURES

- Removing or relocating caracals is not a sustainable solution and will create further ecological and animal welfare issues.
- Caracals are important predators that help maintain healthy ecosystem balance.
- Caracals are **protected wildlife**
- Illegal captivity, hunting, or welfare concerns should be reported to Cape Nature or COGH SPCA.



WHO TO CONTACT

If you need help, contact SPCA
Wildlife Unit at 021 700 4158 or
Cape Nature Wildlife Permit Office
permits.fax@capenature.co.za



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