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**DON'T FEED,
DON'T TOUCH,
DON'T TAME**



Cape Clawless Otters (*Aonyx capensis*)



Status:

Near Threatened

Native range:

Sub-Saharan Africa

Diet:

Carnivorous, apex predators typically feeding on crabs, fish, insects and frogs

Behaviour:

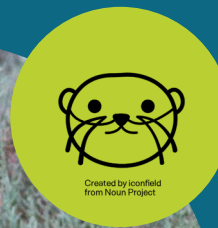
Territorial and crepuscular, but can be active during the day and night.

Threats:

Dogs, poaching, water pollution, habitat degradation, rodenticide, car fatalities

FIRST IMPRESSIONS

- Otters may utilise man-made structures such as drains, under buildings.
- They can become habituated if fed by people.
- Otters can transfer or carry diseases like distemper, parvovirus and rabies
- They can exhibit defensive behaviour as a means of protecting themselves when threatened.
- Have the potential to conflict with domestic animals



PREVENTATIVE MEASURES

- Do not feed otters or leave food waste behind.
- Keep your distance and give otters space.
- Protect otters and pets by preventing interaction.
- Support healthy otter habitat.
- Otters are wild animals, respect them as so
- Report concerns to the appropriate authority.

WHO TO CALL

If you need help, contact **SPCA Wildlife Unit** at **021 700 4158** or **CCT Emergency Helpline 021 480 7700**



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