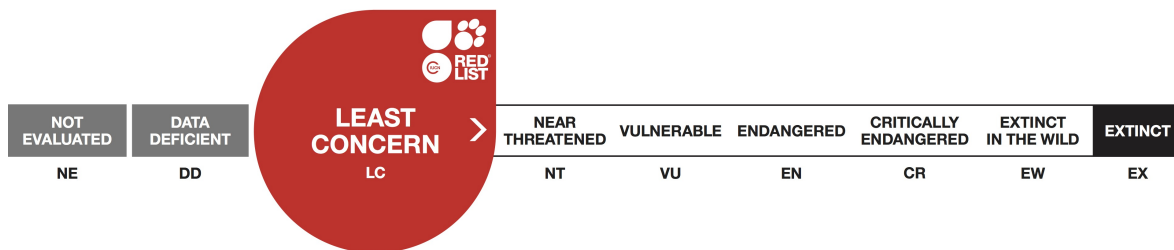


Paracynictis selousi, Selous's Mongoose

Assessment by: Mateke, C.W., Bird, T.L.F., Swanepoel, L.H. & Do Linh San, E.



View on www.iucnredlist.org

Citation: Mateke, C.W., Bird, T.L.F., Swanepoel, L.H. & Do Linh San, E. 2016. *Paracynictis selousi*. The IUCN Red List of Threatened Species 2016: e.T41622A45209173.

<http://dx.doi.org/10.2305/IUCN.UK.2016-1.RLTS.T41622A45209173.en>

Copyright: © 2016 International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources

Reproduction of this publication for educational or other non-commercial purposes is authorized without prior written permission from the copyright holder provided the source is fully acknowledged.

Reproduction of this publication for resale, reposting or other commercial purposes is prohibited without prior written permission from the copyright holder. For further details see [Terms of Use](#).

The IUCN Red List of Threatened Species™ is produced and managed by the [IUCN Global Species Programme](#), the [IUCN Species Survival Commission \(SSC\)](#) and [The IUCN Red List Partnership](#). The IUCN Red List Partners are: [BirdLife International](#); [Botanic Gardens Conservation International](#); [Conservation International](#); [Microsoft](#); [NatureServe](#); [Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew](#); [Sapienza University of Rome](#); [Texas A&M University](#); [Wildscreen](#); and [Zoological Society of London](#).

If you see any errors or have any questions or suggestions on what is shown in this document, please provide us with [feedback](#) so that we can correct or extend the information provided.

Taxonomy

Kingdom	Phylum	Class	Order	Family
Animalia	Chordata	Mammalia	Carnivora	Herpestidae

Taxon Name: *Paracynictis selousi* (de Winton, 1896)

Synonym(s):

- *Cynictis selousi* de Winton, 1896

Common Name(s):

- English: Selous's Mongoose
- French: Mangouste de Selous

Assessment Information

Red List Category & Criteria: Least Concern [ver 3.1](#)

Year Published: 2016

Date Assessed: February 28, 2015

Justification:

Listed as Least Concern because although this species appears to be uncommon across its range, it is relatively widespread, and the nature of its habitat is such that it faces no known threats.

Previously Published Red List Assessments

2008 – Least Concern (LC) – <http://dx.doi.org/10.2305/IUCN.UK.2008.RLTS.T41622A10517791.en>

1996 – Lower Risk/least concern (LR/lc)

Geographic Range

Range Description:

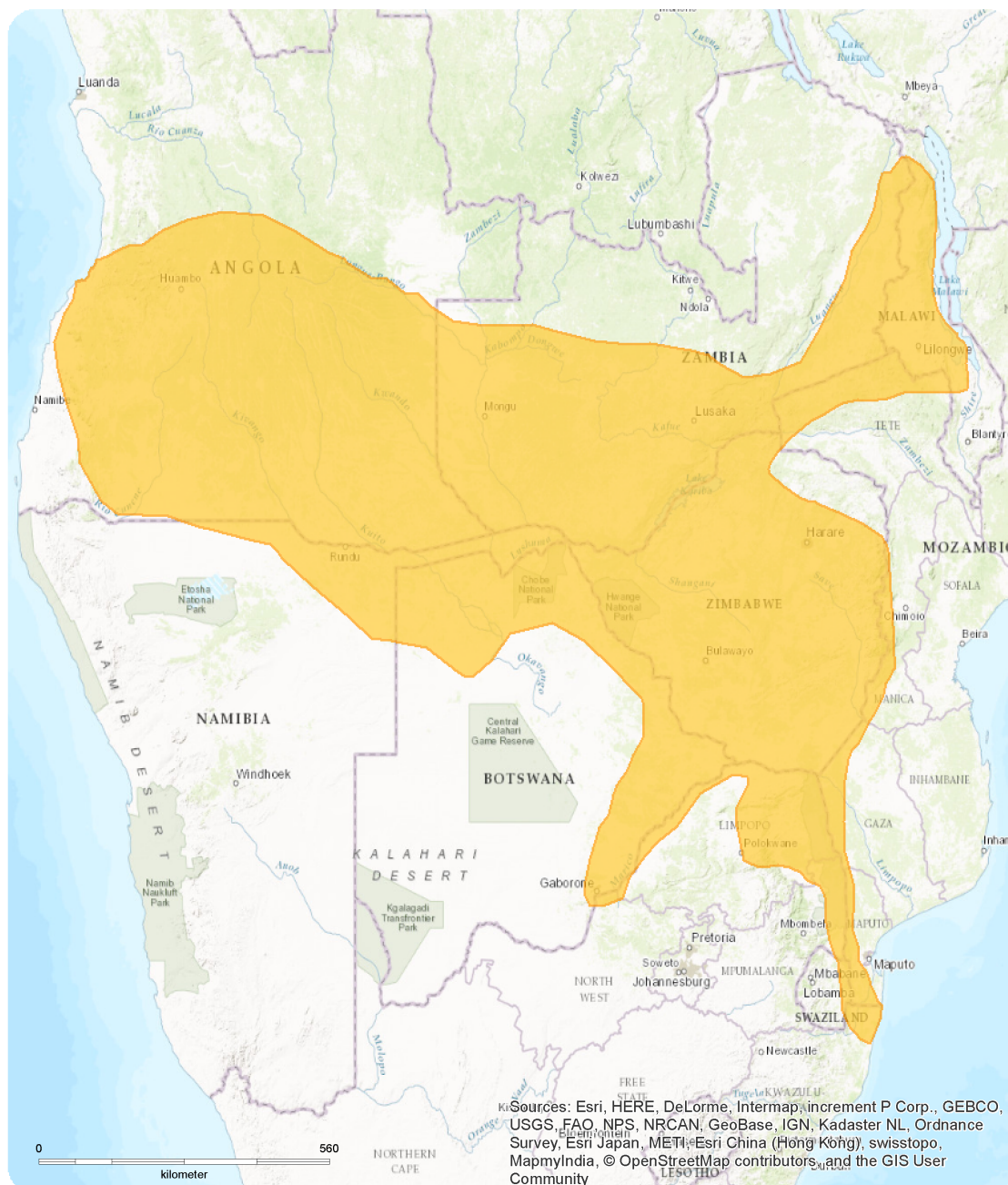
Ranges from Angola in the west to Malawi in the east, with its most southward extension in north-eastern KwaZulu-Natal in South Africa (Stuart and Stuart 2013). A recent study indicated that it is likely to occur in the Lower Zambezi Protected Area Complex in Zambia (Bird and Mateke 2013). Similarly, camera trapping studies in the Ka-Ndengeza and Vyeboom villages, Vhembe district, Limpopo province in South Africa had numerous detections of Selous's Mongooses (L.H. Swanepoel pers. obs. 2014). They have not been recorded from Swaziland (Monadjem 1998, pers. comm. 2013), but may well occur.

Country Occurrence:

Native: Angola (Angola); Botswana; Malawi; Mozambique; Namibia; South Africa; Zambia; Zimbabwe

Distribution Map

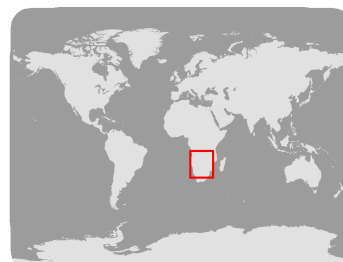
Paracynictis selousi



Range

Extant (resident)

Compiled by:
IUCN (International Union for
Conservation of Nature)



The boundaries and names shown and the designations used on this map do not imply any official endorsement, acceptance or opinion by IUCN.

Population

Uncommon, although many parts of its known range are not well surveyed (Stuart and Stuart 2013).

Current Population Trend: Unknown

Habitat and Ecology (see Appendix for additional information)

Inhabits savanna grassland and woodland, but absent from forest and arid areas (Stuart and Stuart 2013).

Systems: Terrestrial

Use and Trade

It is unknown whether this species is used as bushmeat.

Threats (see Appendix for additional information)

There are no major threats to the species, although it may be that domestic/feral dogs and cats outcompete or even prey on Selous's Mongoose at a local level.

Conservation Actions (see Appendix for additional information)

It is known to be present in several protected areas.

Credits

Assessor(s): Mateke, C.W., Bird, T.L.F., Swanepoel, L.H. & Do Linh San, E.

Reviewer(s): Duckworth, J.W. & Hoffmann, M.

Contributor(s): Stuart, C., Stuart, M. & Hoffmann, M.

Bibliography

Bird, T.L.F. and Mateke, C.W. 2013. A preliminary survey of the presence and distribution of small carnivores in the Lower Zambezi Protected Area Complex, Zambia. *Small Carnivore Conservation* 48: 47-59.

IUCN. 2016. The IUCN Red List of Threatened Species. Version 2016-1. Available at: www.iucnredlist.org. (Accessed: 30 June 2016).

Monadjem, A. 1998. *Mammals of Swaziland*. The Conservation Trust of Swaziland and Big Game Parks.

Stuart, C. and Stuart, T. 2013. *Paracynictis selousi* Selous's Mongoose. In: J. Kingdon and M. Hoffmann (eds), *The Mammals of Africa. Volume V: Carnivores, Pangolins, Equids and Rhinoceroses*, pp. 339-341. Bloomsbury Publishing, London, UK.

Citation

Mateke, C.W., Bird, T.L.F., Swanepoel, L.H. & Do Linh San, E. 2016. *Paracynictis selousi*. *The IUCN Red List of Threatened Species 2016*: e.T41622A45209173. <http://dx.doi.org/10.2305/IUCN.UK.2016-1.RLTS.T41622A45209173.en>

Disclaimer

To make use of this information, please check the [Terms of Use](#).

External Resources

For [Images and External Links to Additional Information](#), please see the Red List website.

Appendix

Habitats

(<http://www.iucnredlist.org/technical-documents/classification-schemes>)

Habitat	Season	Suitability	Major Importance?
2. Savanna -> 2.1. Savanna - Dry	-	Suitable	Yes
4. Grassland -> 4.5. Grassland - Subtropical/Tropical Dry	-	Suitable	Yes

Threats

(<http://www.iucnredlist.org/technical-documents/classification-schemes>)

Threat	Timing	Scope	Severity	Impact Score
12. Other options -> 12.1. Other threat	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown
	Stresses:	2. Species Stresses -> 2.1. Species mortality 2. Species Stresses -> 2.3. Indirect species effects -> 2.3.2. Competition		

Conservation Actions in Place

(<http://www.iucnredlist.org/technical-documents/classification-schemes>)

Conservation Actions in Place
In-Place Land/Water Protection and Management
Occur in at least one PA: Yes

Research Needed

(<http://www.iucnredlist.org/technical-documents/classification-schemes>)

Research Needed
1. Research -> 1.2. Population size, distribution & trends
1. Research -> 1.3. Life history & ecology
1. Research -> 1.5. Threats

Additional Data Fields

Population
Population severely fragmented: No

Habitats and Ecology
Generation Length (years): 3

The IUCN Red List Partnership



The IUCN Red List of Threatened Species™ is produced and managed by the [IUCN Global Species Programme](#), the [IUCN Species Survival Commission \(SSC\)](#) and [The IUCN Red List Partnership](#).

The IUCN Red List Partners are: [BirdLife International](#); [Botanic Gardens Conservation International](#); [Conservation International](#); [Microsoft](#); [NatureServe](#); [Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew](#); [Sapienza University of Rome](#); [Texas A&M University](#); [Wildscreen](#); and [Zoological Society of London](#).