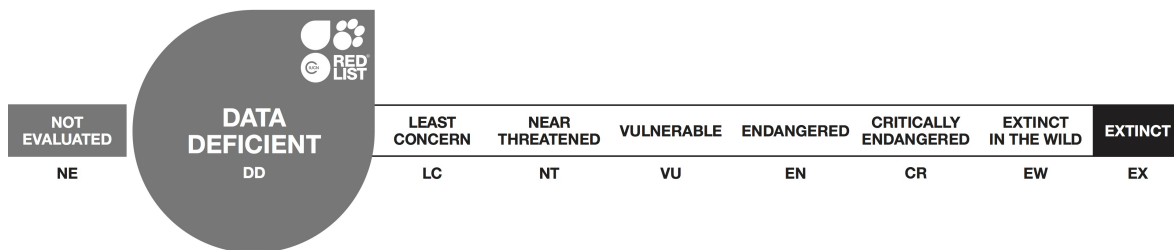


Genetta poensis, King Genet

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Taxonomy

Kingdom	Phylum	Class	Order	Family
Animalia	Chordata	Mammalia	Carnivora	Viverridae

Taxon Name: *Genetta poensis* Waterhouse, 1838

Common Name(s):

- English: King Genet
- French: Genette royale

Taxonomic Notes:

This species has been considered synonymous with Pardine Genet (*Genetta pardina*; e.g., Crawford-Cabral 1980, Schlawe 1981, Grubb *et al.* 1998) and has also been listed as a valid species (Rosevear 1974). It is here considered distinct following the evidence presented by Gaubert (2003) and Gaubert *et al.* (2004). See Wozencraft (2005) and Gaubert (2013) for further discussion.

Assessment Information

Red List Category & Criteria: Data Deficient [ver 3.1](#)

Year Published: 2015

Date Assessed: April 20, 2015

Justification:

Listed as Data Deficient because this species is known only from 10 museum specimens, with no confirmed records since 1946, and the habitat requirements and distribution range are not well known. It often has been considered synonymous with other large-spotted genet taxa (especially Pardine Genet *Genetta pardina*), and the uncertainty surrounding its status is likely to owe much to past confusion with other genets. The data are so uncertain that all categories between Critically Endangered under criterion C2a(i) (reflecting small population size and decline) and Least Concern are plausible categories. Surveys are urgently needed to determine the current distribution, size and threats to subpopulations.

Previously Published Red List Assessments

2008 – Data Deficient (DD) – <http://dx.doi.org/10.2305/IUCN.UK.2008.RLTS.T136435A4291296.en>

Geographic Range

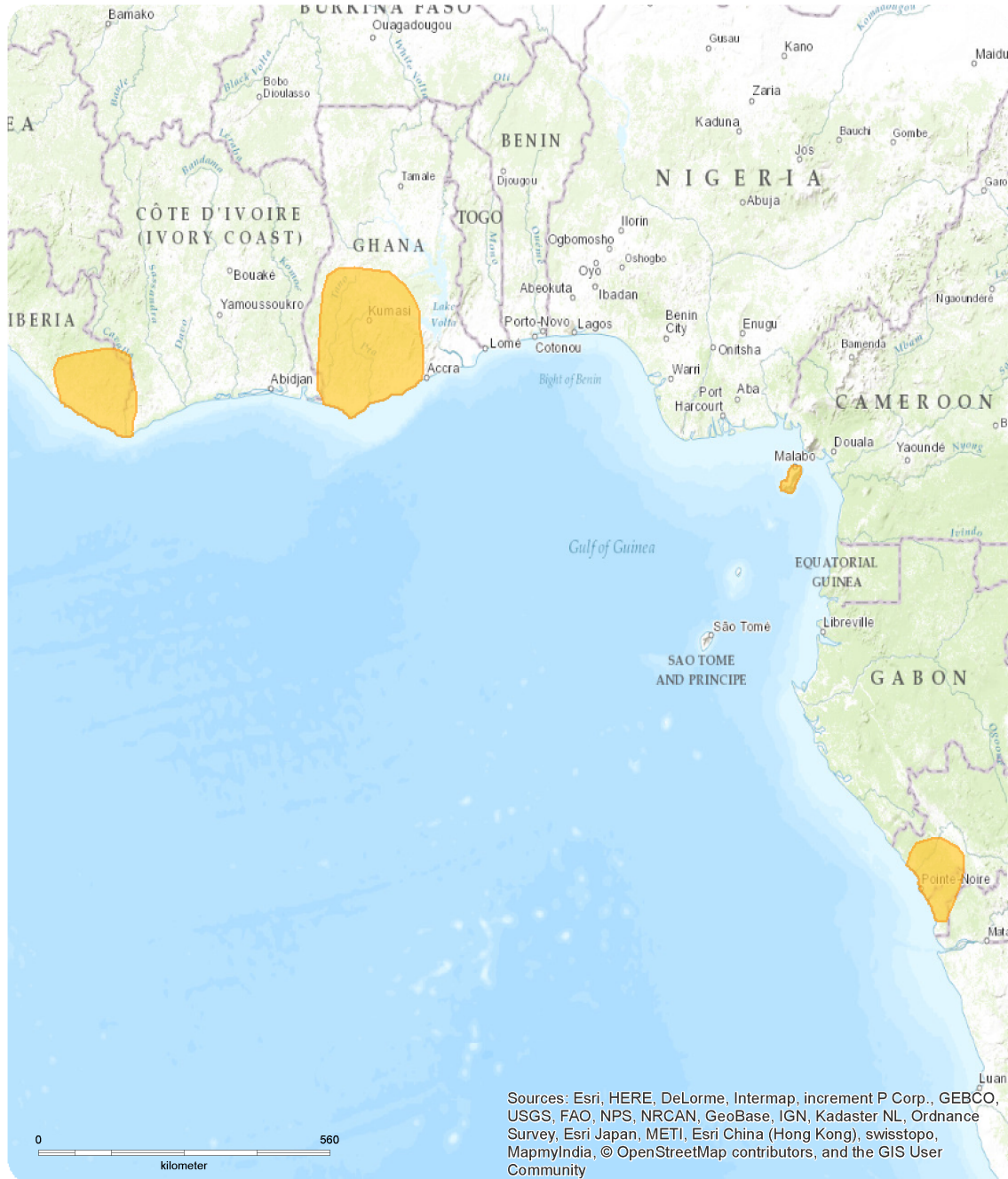
Range Description:

King Genet is recorded from Liberia, Côte d'Ivoire, Ghana, Equatorial Guinea (Bioko I.), and Republic of Congo (Gaubert 2003, 2013).

Country Occurrence:

Native: Congo; Côte d'Ivoire; Equatorial Guinea (Bioko); Ghana; Liberia

Distribution Map



Genetta poensis

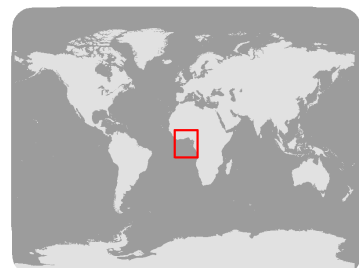
Range

■ Extant (resident)

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Population

There is no information on the population status of this species, but the scarcity of records suggests that it is rare and localised. It is represented by 10 known specimens in collections, and has neither been collected nor observed in the wild since 1946 (Gaubert 2003, 2013). It is unknown whether the possible confusion with other genet species (e.g., Pardine Genet *G. pardina* and Large-spotted Genet *G. maculata*) also partly explains the 'lack' of records.

Current Population Trend: Unknown

Habitat and Ecology (see Appendix for additional information)

The localities from which the species has been collected to date suggest that it might be restricted to rainforest (Gaubert 2003, 2013).

Systems: Terrestrial

Use and Trade

This species is hunted and used as bushmeat.

Threats (see Appendix for additional information)

Threats to this species are unclear, but hunting is a likely threat because most of the museum specimens were collected from local hunters or bushmeat markets (Gaubert 2013). Deforestation might also represent a threat in parts of its range.

Conservation Actions (see Appendix for additional information)

It is not known whether this species occurs in any protected areas.

Credits

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Appendix

Habitats

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

Habitat	Season	Suitability	Major Importance?
1. Forest -> 1.6. Forest - Subtropical/Tropical Moist Lowland	-	Suitable	-

Threats

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

Threat	Timing	Scope	Severity	Impact Score
5. Biological resource use -> 5.1. Hunting & trapping terrestrial animals -> 5.1.1. Intentional use (species is the target)	Ongoing	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown
	Stresses:	2. Species Stresses -> 2.1. Species mortality		
5. Biological resource use -> 5.3. Logging & wood harvesting -> 5.3.3. Unintentional effects: (subsistence/small scale)	Ongoing	Minority (50%)	Unknown	Unknown
	Stresses:	1. Ecosystem stresses -> 1.1. Ecosystem conversion 1. Ecosystem stresses -> 1.2. Ecosystem degradation 2. Species Stresses -> 2.2. Species disturbance		
5. Biological resource use -> 5.3. Logging & wood harvesting -> 5.3.4. Unintentional effects: (large scale)	Ongoing	Minority (50%)	Unknown	Unknown
	Stresses:	1. Ecosystem stresses -> 1.1. Ecosystem conversion 1. Ecosystem stresses -> 1.2. Ecosystem degradation 2. Species Stresses -> 2.1. Species mortality		

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: Unknown

Conservation Actions Needed

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

Conservation Actions Needed
2. Land/water management -> 2.1. Site/area management

Research Needed

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Research Needed
1. Research -> 1.1. Taxonomy
1. Research -> 1.2. Population size, distribution & trends
1. Research -> 1.3. Life history & ecology
1. Research -> 1.5. Threats

Additional Data Fields

Population
Continuing decline of mature individuals: Unknown
Extreme fluctuations: Unknown
Population severely fragmented: Unknown
Continuing decline in subpopulations: Unknown
Extreme fluctuations in subpopulations: Unknown
All individuals in one subpopulation: Unknown
Habitats and Ecology
Generation Length (years): 4

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