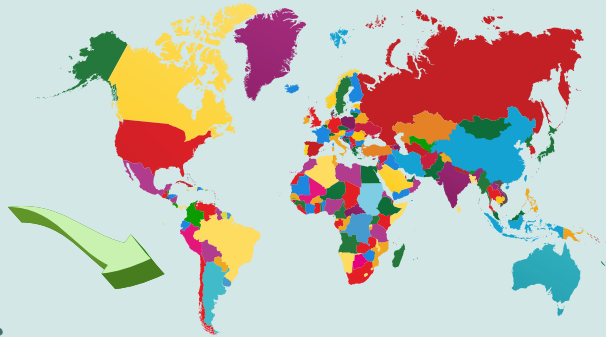


South American River Otter

Lontra provocax

WHERE CAN SOUTHERN RIVER OTTERS BE FOUND?

They live in **Chile** and **Argentina**. Although called *river otters* they can also live in a **marine environment**.



DID YOU KNOW?

These otters are considered a very close relative of the North American River Otter

Long tail

Short, velvety fur

Can close nostrils and ears underwater

Webbed feet

Strong claws



SOUTHERN RIVER OTTERS ARE **ENDANGERED**!

They are the most endangered otter of the New World or South America



An increase in **tourism** and **human activity** means **habitat loss** for the otters.

Wild dogs might kill an otter or give it a nasty **disease**.



WHAT DO SOUTHERN RIVER OTTERS EAT?

Southern River Otters eat a lot of **fish** and **shellfish** but when given the chance they might eat **birds** and **small mammals**.

