

# African Clawless Otter

*Aonyx capensis*

## AFRICAN CLAWLESS OTTERS ARE A **NEAR THREATENED SPECIES**!

Their fresh water **habitats**  
are **decreasing**.

Predators like **crocodiles**  
or **snakes** are a danger.

In some places, otters are **hunted**  
for their **fur** or for **food**.



## WHERE DO AFRICAN CLAWLESS OTTERS LIVE?

**Africa!** They are found  
across **east** and **west**  
**Africa** and also use **shore**  
**habitat** in **south Africa**.

They will live almost  
anywhere with permanent  
**fresh water**. They prefer  
to live in places with  
plants on the waters'  
edge. They also live along  
the seashore.



Large head with  
room for large  
teeth to crush  
their prey

Silky fur

Webbed  
back  
paws

Claws on  
three toes  
on back  
paws

Long fingers  
help hold their  
food while  
they eat

No claws  
on the  
front paws  
mean the  
otter can  
be delicate  
with small  
prey

## WHAT DO AFRICAN CLAWLESS OTTERS EAT?



African Clawless Otters  
eat **crabs**, **fish**,  
**worms** and  
**insects**.

