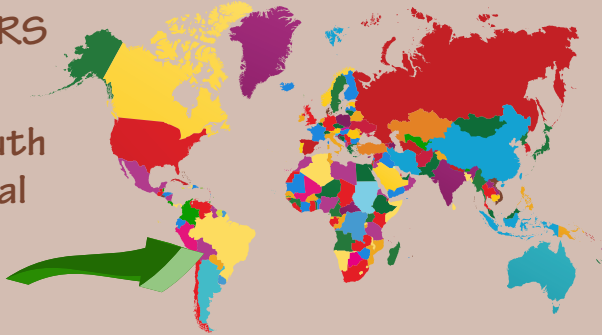


# Giant Otter

*Pteronura brasiliensis*

## WHERE CAN GIANT OTTERS BE FOUND?

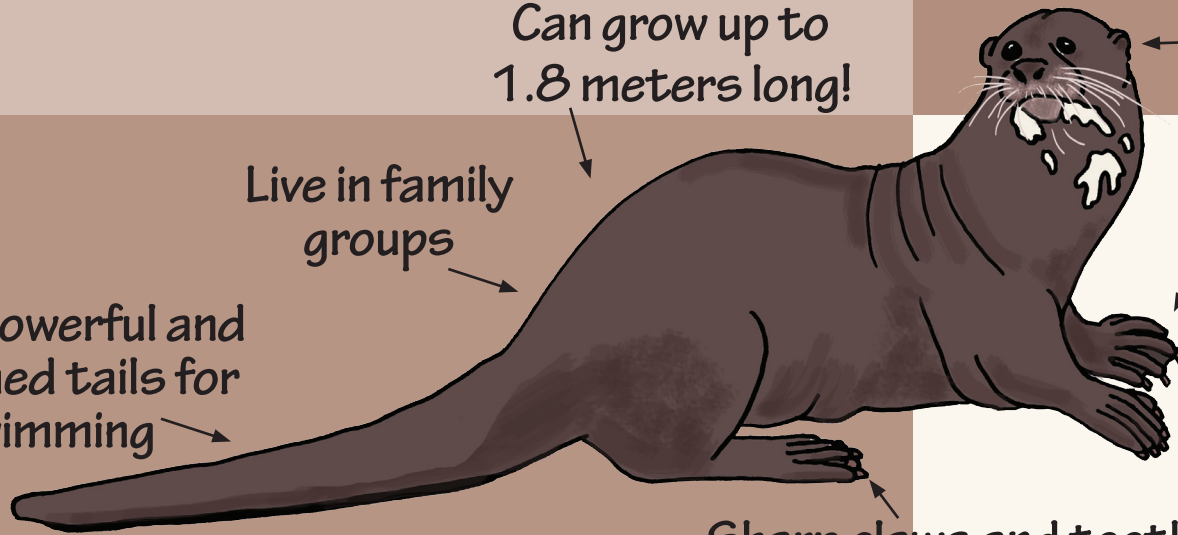
Giant otters are from South America. They like tropical rivers and streams or lakes and swamps.



Can grow up to 1.8 meters long!

Live in family groups

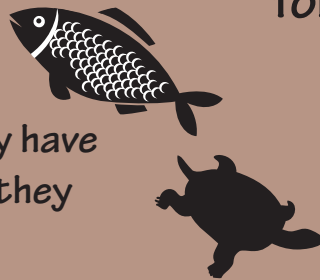
Long, powerful and flattened tails for swimming



Sharp claws and teeth for catching fish

## WHAT DO GIANT OTTERS EAT?

Giant otters eat almost only fish! They have to eat up to 4kg a day. Occasionally they might eat a small turtle as well.



## DID YOU KNOW?

Locally, giant otters are known as Lobo del Rio meaning 'River Wolf'



## DID YOU KNOW?

Giant otters are very big and vocal making them vulnerable to hunting

Can close nostrils and ears to stop water getting in

Webbed paws for swimming

## GIANT OTTERS ARE ENDANGERED!

Their habitat is being destroyed by building roads and dams.

They are sometimes killed by fishermen who think the otters are stealing their fish!

## HOW CAN THIS BE STOPPED?

By creating protected areas for the otters to live in and by finding a way for the otters and fishermen to live peacefully.

