



MISSION STATEMENT

The AON's Mission is to increase our knowledge and awareness of otters and ensure their survival in clean and healthy wetlands. The AON brings together biologists and conservationists to help understand and protect Africa's four otter species. It gathers information on otter status and distribution and supports a range of countries with their research and conservation projects.

Otters around the world need our help because without it, they will be ignored and succumb to habitat loss, illegal trade and hunting.

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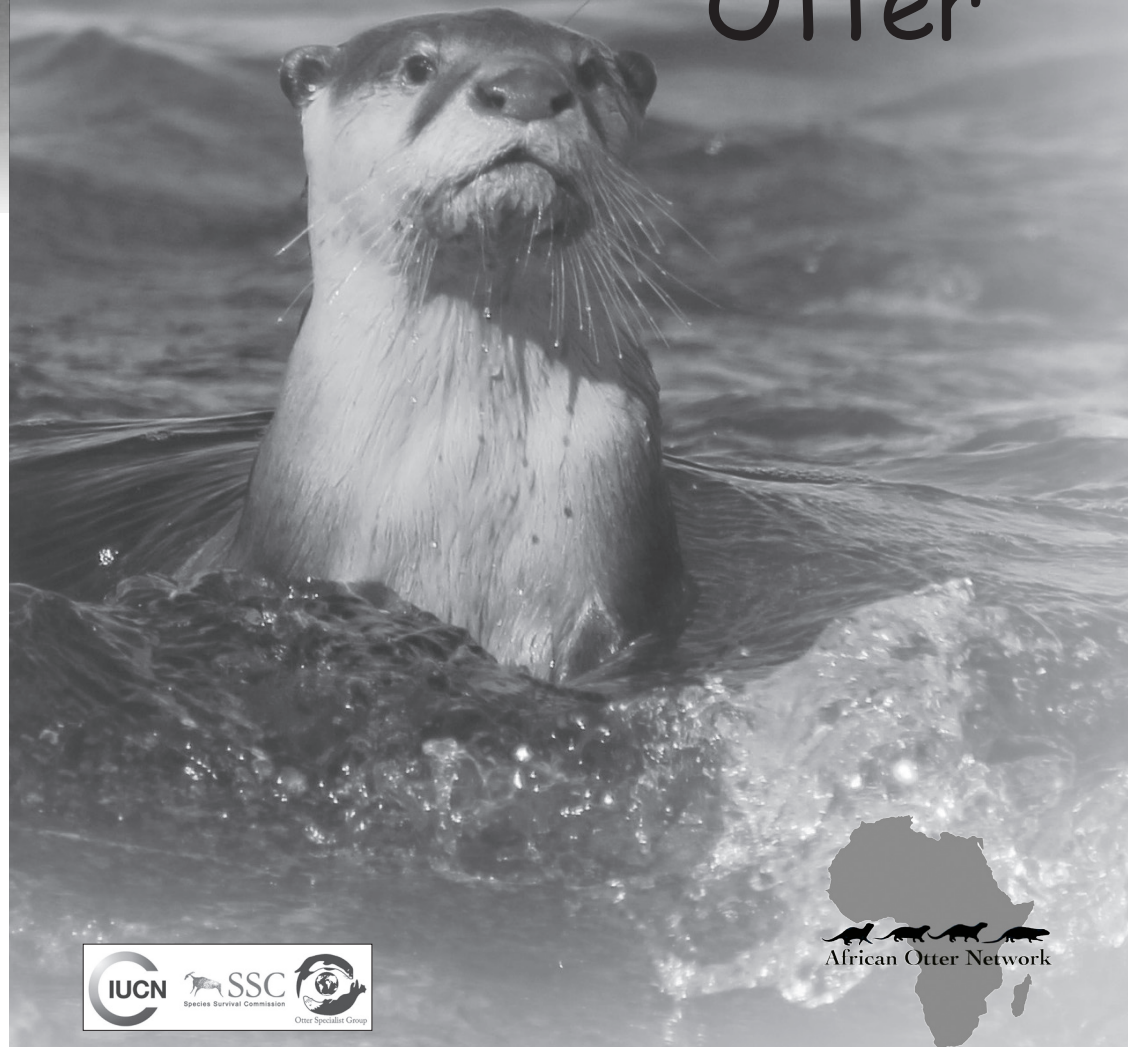


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LET'S FIND OUT ABOUT...

The African Clawless Otter



A LITTLE BIT ABOUT US...

WHERE WE LIVE

Our home is often in a burrow underground, under rocks or roots. We line it with dry grass to make it comfortable.

POPULATION

Our numbers are in decline mainly due to pollution, poaching, habitat loss and hunting. Poaching is illegal in Ethiopia.

WHAT WE EAT

We eat frogs, fish and insects **but** we prefer crabs and crayfish. We find these in shallow lakes near where we live. We like to use our fingers to find food in shallow water, and our whiskers help us to sense any movement in the water.



WHY OTTERS ARE IMPORTANT!

We play a very important role in the ecosystem. We don't like dirty water. Polluted water is no good for otters, neither is it good for people, so if you see us about then the water is clean!



Protecting us protects many other species in our habitat.

