Carnivore distribution in Namibia

There are about 34 carnivore species in Namibia, ranging from meerkat, mongooses, genets and small cats to hyaenas, wild dog and large cats (cheetah, leopard & lion). We are currently working to improve the information we have on the distribution of these carnivores. Please help us fill in the gaps.

The following pages list all the carnivore species in Namibia, together with a distribution map and a photograph. For most species, particularly the smaller species, there is limited information on their distribution. The attached maps were prepared using museum specimens (from the Namibian State Museum and eight other museums around the world), sightings, camera trap information, information from satellite collared animals, road kills etc.

You can see more detail on the Atlasing in Namibia website (www.the-eis.com/atlas) and you can also enter new records there.

We are approaching farmers, tourism lodges, tour guides, hunters, conservancies, park staff and other people working in different parts of Namibia and potentially interested in carnivores, to contribute their sightings and other records.

You can email your sightings and records to us at carnivore.atlas@gmail.com.

Please provide as much information as possible:

- **Location** where the carnivore was seen (coordinates – either GPS or monad (1 minute by 1 minute grid), pentad (5’ x 5’ grid), ¼ degree square (15’ x 15’ grid), or farm name with farm number and district / region, or description of location (e.g. lodge name and general location).
- **Date** when the sighting was made
- **Species** seen
- Any other information would be useful, such as:
  - whether the species is common or unusual
  - farm type (cattle/game/mixed/tourism/hunting)
  - fencing type (cattle/short game fence/high game fence/predator proof fence)
- One or more photographs of the carnivores would be useful, particularly for the smaller, less easy to identify species. If you are not sure of the identification, please just send the photo with date and place, and our carnivore specialists will identify it for you. Please do not send hundreds of camera trap photos of the same species at the same location – just a few at each location in different months. If you prefer to upload photos to a Dropbox, Google Drive, or other storage system please get in touch with the details.

* = all three pieces of information (species, date and place) are needed for the record to be useful.

If you have any questions, please contact Alice Jarvis at carnivore.atlas@gmail.com.

Thank you for your help!

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Cape Fox
*Vulpes chama*

Bat-eared Fox
*Otocyon megalotis*
Black-backed Jackal
*Canis mesomelas*

Side-striped Jackal
*Canis adustus*
African Wild Dog  
*Lycaon pictus*

Cape Clawless Otter  
*Aonyx capensis*
Spotted-necked Otter
*Lutra maculicolis*

Honey Badger
*Melivora capensis*
Striped Weasel
Poecilogale albinucha

Striped Polecat
Ictonyx striatus
Banded Mongoose
*Mungos mungo*

Selous’s Mongoose
*Paracynictis selousi*
Small grey Mongoose

*Galerella pulverulenta*

Black Mongoose

*Galerella nigrata*
Slender Mongoose
Galerella sanguinea

Large grey Mongoose
Herpestes ichneumon
Water Mongoose
*Atilax paludinosus*

Dwarf Mongoose
*Helogale parvula*
White-tailed Mongoose
*Ichneumia albicauda*

Yellow Mongoose
*Cynictis penicillata*
Meerkat (Suricate)  
*Suricata suricatta*

Small-spotted Genet  
*Genetta genetta*
Large-spotted Genet
*Genetta tigrina*

Civet
*Civettictis civetta*
Spotted Hyaena
*Crocuta crocuta*

Brown Hyaena
*Hyaena brunnea*
Aardwolf

*Proteles cristatus*

African Wild Cat

*Felis silvestris subsp. lybica*
Small Spotted Cat (Black-footed Cat)  
*Felis nigripes*

Serval  
*Leptailurus serval*
Caracal
Caracal caracal

Cheetah
Acinonyx jubatus
Lion  
*Panthera leo*

Leopard  
*Panthera pardus*