



## Smooth-coated Otters

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Two [smooth-coated otters](#) (*Lutrogale perspicillata*) were brought to the **Delhi zoo** after two decades.

- **About Smooth-coated Otters:** They are a species of **otter** found in **freshwater habitats** across South and Southeast Asia.
- **Physical Traits:** They have **smooth, velvety fur**, a **round head with a prominent naked nose**, a **flattened tail**, and **webbed feet**.
- **Behavior:** They are **social animals** and hunt fishes in **groups**.
- **Protected Areas:** [Corbett](#) and [Dudhwa Tiger Reserves](#), Katarniaghat Wildlife Sanctuary, [Kaziranga National Park](#), [Periyar Tiger Reserve](#) and the [Nagarhole National Park](#).
- **Conservation Status:**
  - [IUCN](#): Vulnerable.
  - [WPA, 1972](#): Schedule I.
  - [CITES](#): Appendix I



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