

# Clouded Leopard

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- Clouded leopards are found in the hunting grounds of Asia from the rain forests of Indonesia to the foothills of the Nepali Himalayas.
- In India, it occurs in Northern West Bengal and North east.
- They prefer grassland, shrubs, subtropical and dense tropical forest.
- They are good climbers and can even hang upside down beneath large branches, using their large paws and sharp claws to secure a good grip.
- They are aided in their hunting by the largest canine teeth (proportionate to body size) of any wild cat.
- It is named after a cloud shaped pattern on its skin.
- It is the State animal of Meghalaya.
- It has been added to India's Recovery Programme for Critically Endangered Species and the Dampa tiger reserve in Mizoram has been chosen as the study site.
- IUCN status – Vulnerable