

Malabar Civet

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In News: Recently, Malabar Civet was found on the streets of Kerala in the backdrop of lockdown due to COVID-19 Pandemic.

About Malabar Civet

- One of the world's rarest mammal
- Malabar Civet is a nocturnal and elusive animal.
- It is endemic to Western Ghats of India.
- Civetone extract from the scent gland used in medicine, and in perfumes.

Habitat

- Wooded plains and hill slopes of evergreen rainforests
- Lowland forests, lowland swamp and riparian forests in the coastal plain districts of the Western Ghats

Major Threats

- Habitat destruction and Hunting.
- Deforestation.
- Commercial Plantations .

Conservation Status

- **IUCN Red List:** Critically Endangered.
- **Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972:** Schedule I
- **CITES:** Appendix III