



SLENDER-TAILED MEERKAT

(Suricata suricata)

INFORMATION

- LEGEND:** A popular belief by some African people is 'Meerkat' is also know as the 'Sun Angel' as they protect villages from the 'moon devil' or 'werewolf' which is believed to attack stray cattle or lone tribesmen.
- FOUND:** Africa - Kalhari Desert in Botswana and South Africa
- HABITAT:** Grassland, open svannah
Live in underground burrows
- SIZE:** Males weigh on average 730 grams
Females weigh on average about 720g
- BODY:** Slender face and body
Slender tail used for balance when standing upright and signaling
- SIGHT:** Excellent vision
Can see out of corners of eyes very well and see at great distances
- FOOD:** Insects, lizards, snakes, eggs, spiders, scorpions, and small mammals
- THREATS:** Predators; jackals, snakes, birds of prey
- OTHER:** Meerkats are immune from the poison from scorpions and snakes