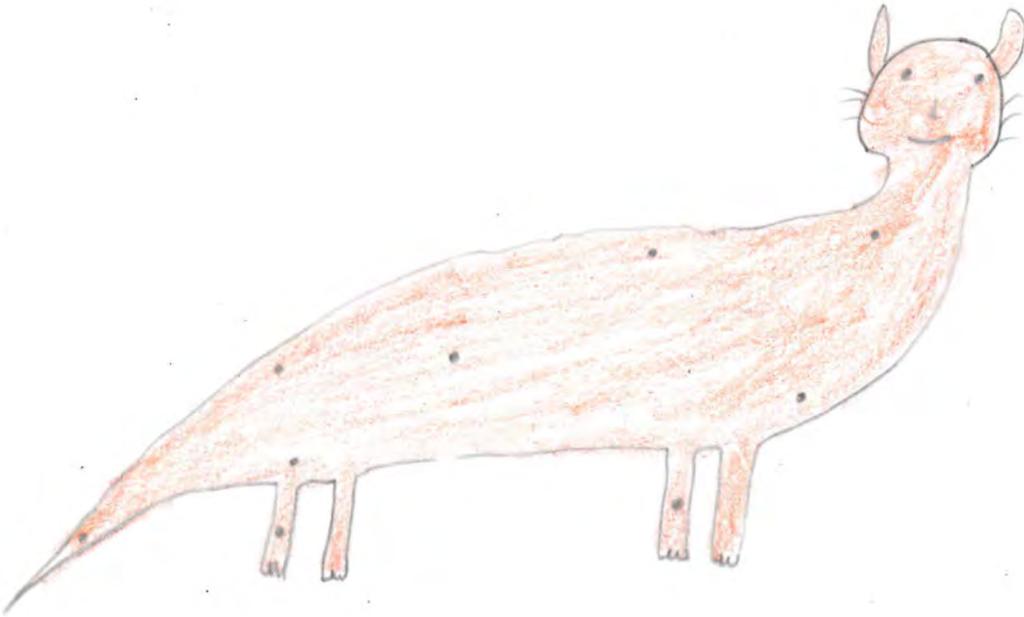


**My Savanna Animal Book on**  
African civet cat.



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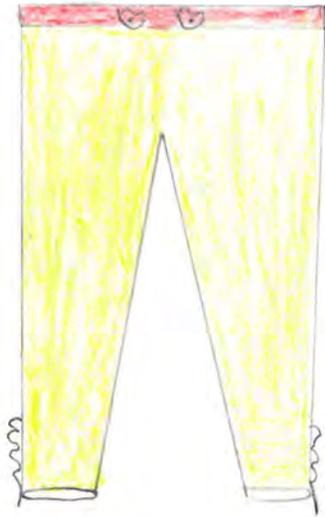
Hello fellow students. My name is Ivy  
ALICIA. and I'm a 5<sup>th</sup> grade student at  
Midas Golden Academy in Kenya.  
We are learning about *savannas* and I'd like to  
share with you about what *savannas* are, how  
*important* they are, and an *animal* of particular  
interest to me, The African civet cat.



**About me...**

**But before I start my book, I'd like to share with you about some of my favorite things.**

My favourite colour is red. I love eating fried chicken and fried rice. I love watching Barbie cartoons and my favourite attires are dress tops & a pair of jeans.



**Okay, now I'm ready to write about what savannas are, their importance, and facts about one of my favorite animals, African civet cat.**

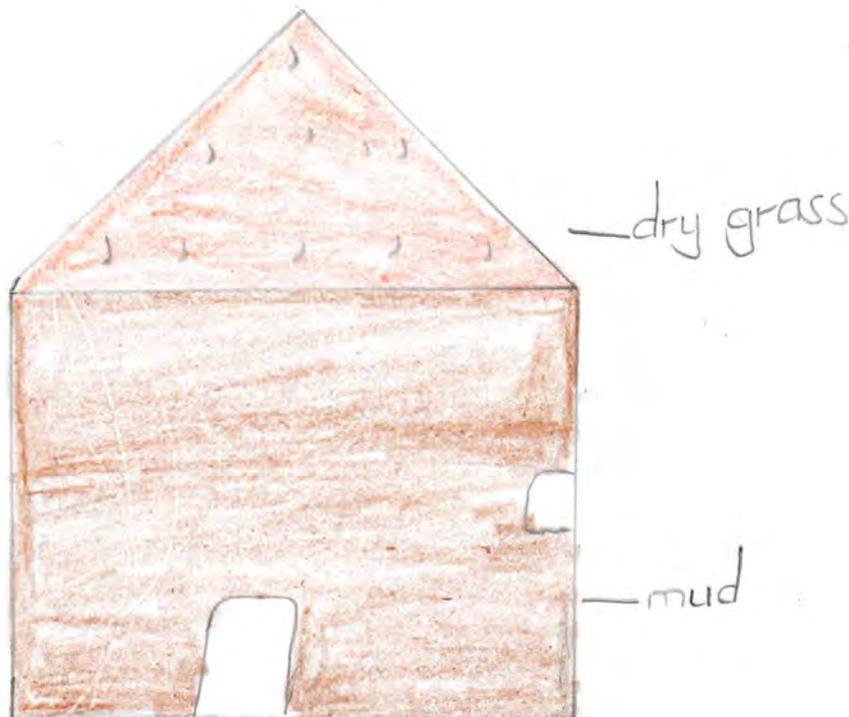
First, *savannas* are found in a wide band on either side of the equator on the edges of tropical forests and desert biomes. Savannas are typically characterized as rolling grasslands scattered with shrubs and isolated trees. Additional characteristics are:

They grow in dry areas. It's climate is hot and dry. It is found in arid and semi arid areas and is mostly found in Kenya.



Second, we are very fortunate to literally have savannas as part of our community. They serve many *important* purposes, such as:

Savanna is a tourist attraction in Kenya and earns foreign exchange for our country. It's grass is also used to thatch traditional houses and is home for wildlife for example lions.

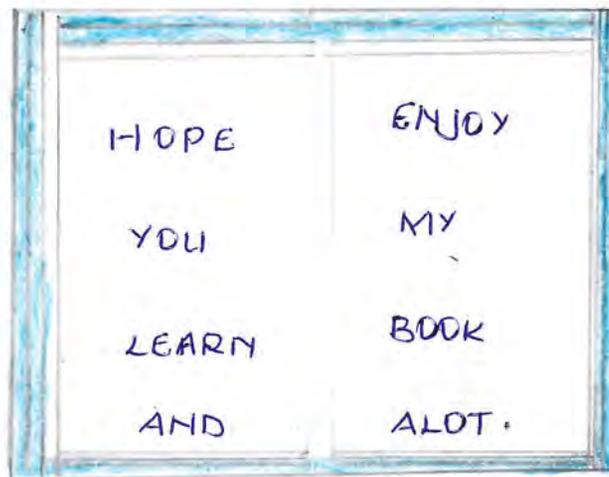


Third, there is a particular *animal* of interest to me, namely the African civet cat. I chose this *animal* because of its spotted colour on its skin, which makes it beautiful and because it looks like one of my favourite pets, a cat.



In the following paragraphs, I will briefly discuss what I researched about my animal of interest, the African civet cat. I will cover the following: classification, common name, scientific name, physical characteristics, behavior, if the animal camouflages, adaptations, range, migratory, population, status, reproduction, habitat, prey, predators, where animal fits in food web, and whether aborigines used the animal for food, clothing, or other purposes.

*I hope you enjoy the book!*



## Classification

The African civet cat is a vertebrate because it has a backbone. It is classified as a carnivore because it eats meat.



## Names

The African civet-cat has two names. The common name is African civet, and the *scientific name* is Civettictis civetta.

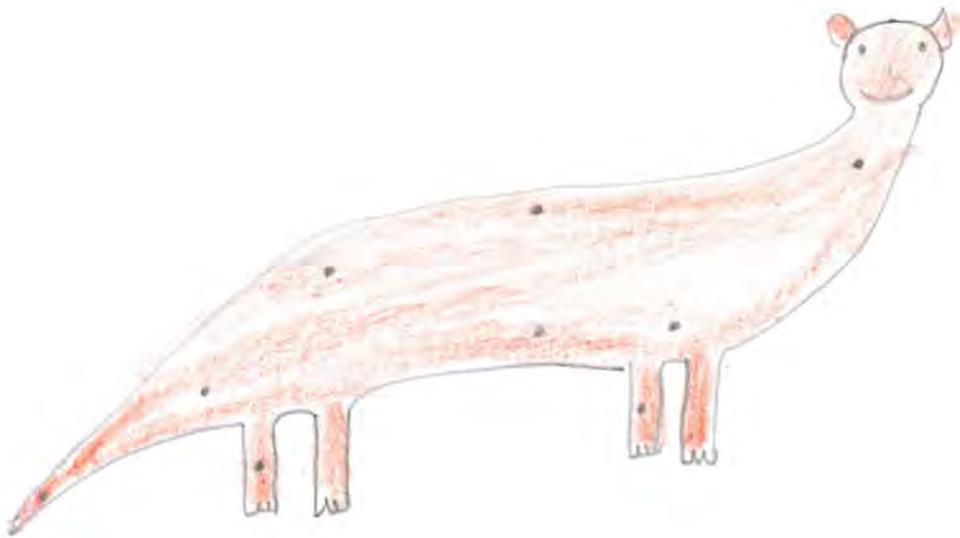
In science, the *scientific name* is the genus and species of the animal or plant.

***Physical characteristics... my animal looks like...***

**My animal** looks broadly like a cat.  
It has an extended muzzle and black and  
white markings on its face.

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***Camouflage...does my animal blend into its environment?***

**After looking at my animal and reading more**  
**about it, I realize that it** camouflages because  
it feeds during the night because it is  
not easy to see it because of its  
colour.

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## ***Adaptations***

**My animal is unique because** its colours  
allow it to blend in the environment.  
Its claws allow it to stay up in the  
trees.



## ***Animal behavior***

**The way I would describe the behavior of my animal is** a solitary animal that is  
also nocturnal. However, during mating  
season 10-15 of them gather in groups.  
It is a tree-dwelling animal.

## **Range**

The African civet is found across the  
entire sub-Saharan Africa i.e Coast  
across sub-Saharan region.

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***Migratory...does it travel from one location to another during seasons?***

The African civet does not migrate. For example, \_\_\_\_\_

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## *Population*

The population of my animal is quite low  
as their coverage has reduced.

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## *Status*

The status of the African civet tells me  
whether it is endangered, threatened, or stable.  
What I found out is that the African civet is  
endangered. I find this  
interesting because Humans have encroached  
on its habitat.

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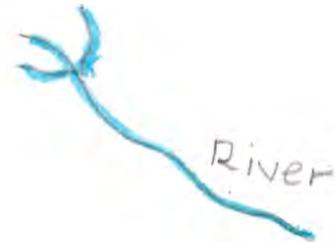
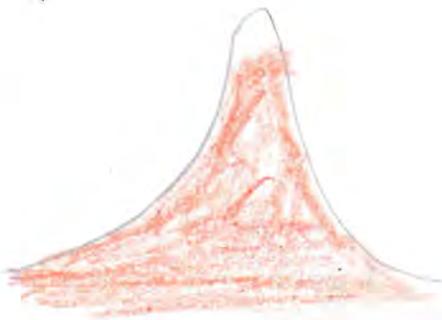
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## Reproduction

The reproduction of the African civet's is age of sexual maturity is 11-12 months, gestation period is 60-70 days and litter size is 3-4

## Habitat...home

The African civet's habitat is woodland savannas near lakes, rivers, mountain biomes and tropical rainforests.



**Prey and predator...(to eat and to be eaten)**

The prey my animal eats are: Small  
vertebrates, invertebrates, eggs, insects  
and vegetable matter. sometimes.

**My animal eats other things such as:**

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The predators that eat me are: Lions,  
snakes and leopards.

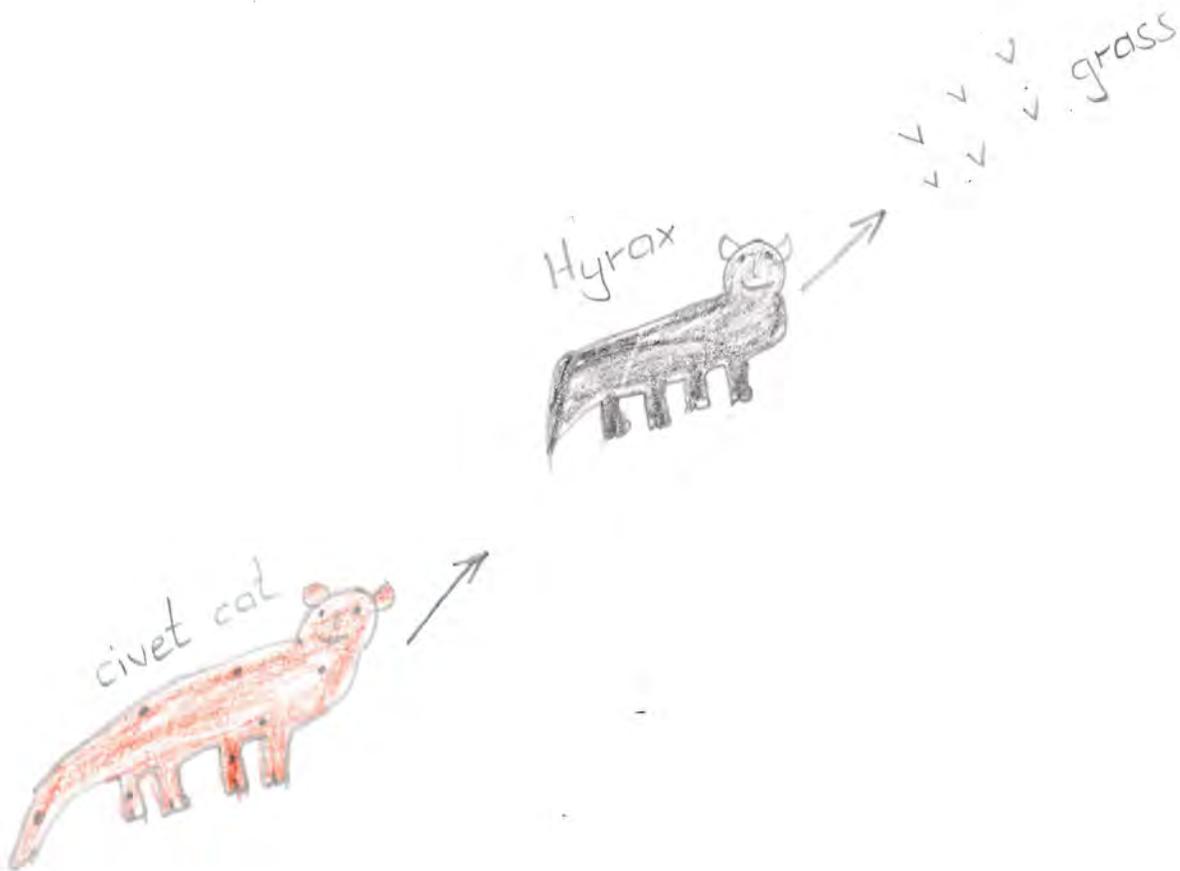
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Snake

## Food web

My animal is a mostly carnivorous. The following picture demonstrates where my animal fits in the food web.



## Aborigines

I'm curious to see if the aborigines used the African civet in anyway, for example, for food, clothing, or for other purposes. What I discovered is that their strong-smelling secretion was used to make perfumes and it is still used now.

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Thank you for reading my book. I hope you enjoyed it and learned a lot about the African civet cat. Please feel free to *comment* about my book and also, test your knowledge by answering the following *questions* below. I look forward to hearing from you.

**Comments for me:**

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**Questions for you: (See if you can answer these...)**

1. What did you like about the African civet?
2. What did you like about the savanna?
3. The prey of civet cat are: