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Conservation Island Animal



Name: *Gatundi*

Size: Head-body length: 60-80cm Height: 40-55cm Weight: 10-30lbs.

Appearance: *Gatundi* are small cats with fur that ranges in color from dark brown to tan. Their fur is one color, except for a patch of white on the belly. Fur length is short with longer tufts of fur on top of the ears.

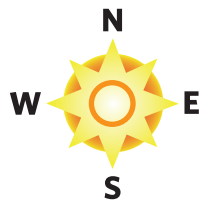
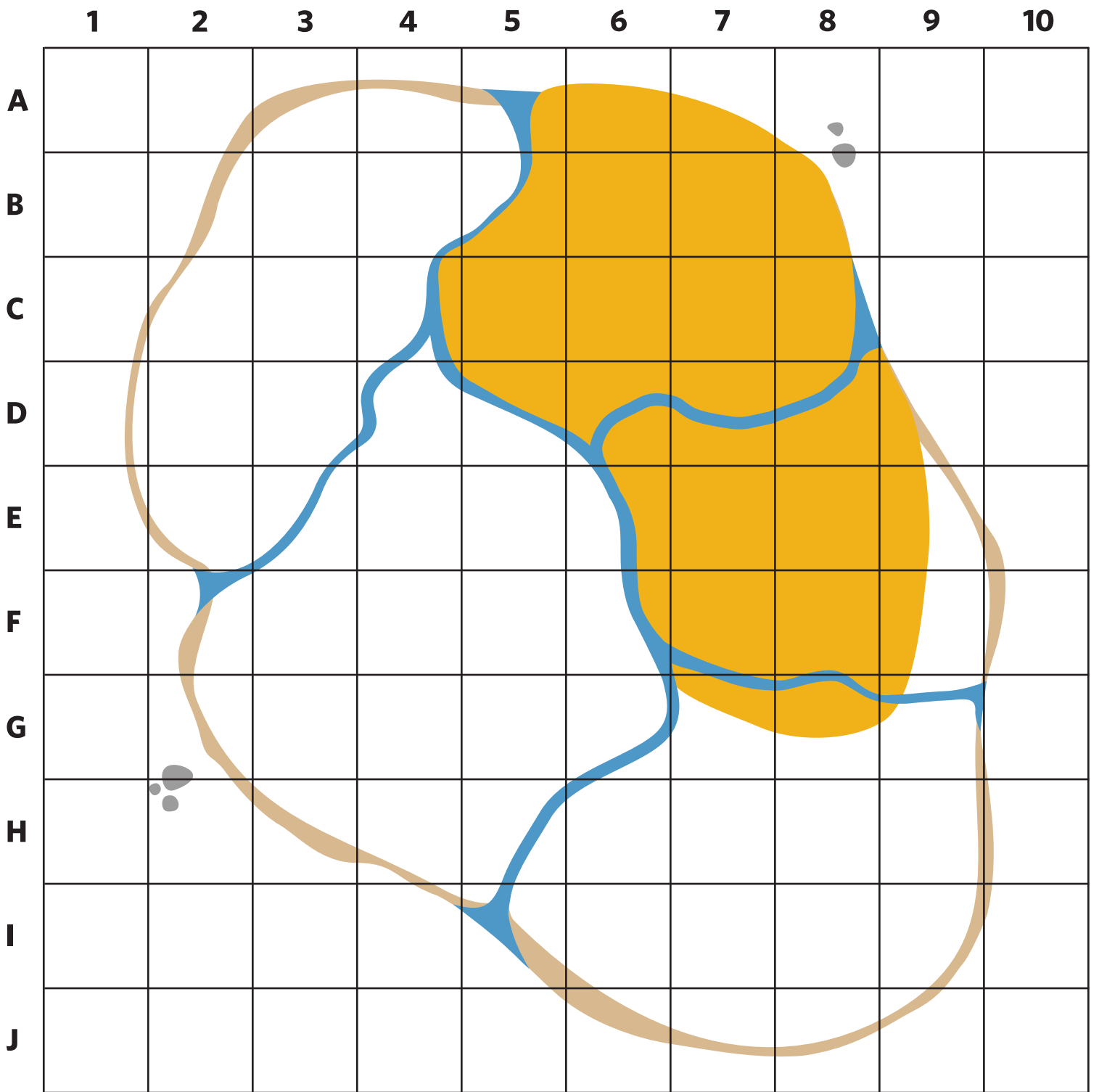
Habitat: Forest floor and understory of tropical rainforests. *Gatundi* are also known to hunt in grassland or farmland just outside of forests.

Behavior: *Gatundi* hunt alone at dawn and dusk and are extremely territorial. Although they hunt on the ground, they take some of their prey into trees to eat. They are good at running and climbing and occasionally swim.

Range: See map on the back.

Diet: *Gatundi* are carnivorous. They hunt a variety of small animals including ground-dwelling birds, rabbits, rats, guinea pigs, mice, lizards and frogs.

Threats: The population of *Gatundi* is estimated to be 25% of what it was when first surveyed in 1971. Although they still have a large range on Conservation Island, there are few individuals left because humans have cleared rainforest for agriculture and have hunted *gatundi* for their soft fur.



GATUNDI RANGE

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Name: Macamarelo

Size: Head-body length: 72- 89 cm Height: .6- .9 m Weight: 34- 65 lbs.

Appearance: Yellow coat, naked face with a distinct tuft of hair on the nose and often a short yellow beard, prominent chin, protrusive lips, and a yellow and white ringed tail. The infants have a tan to yellow face that brightens with age.

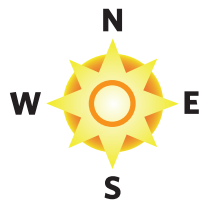
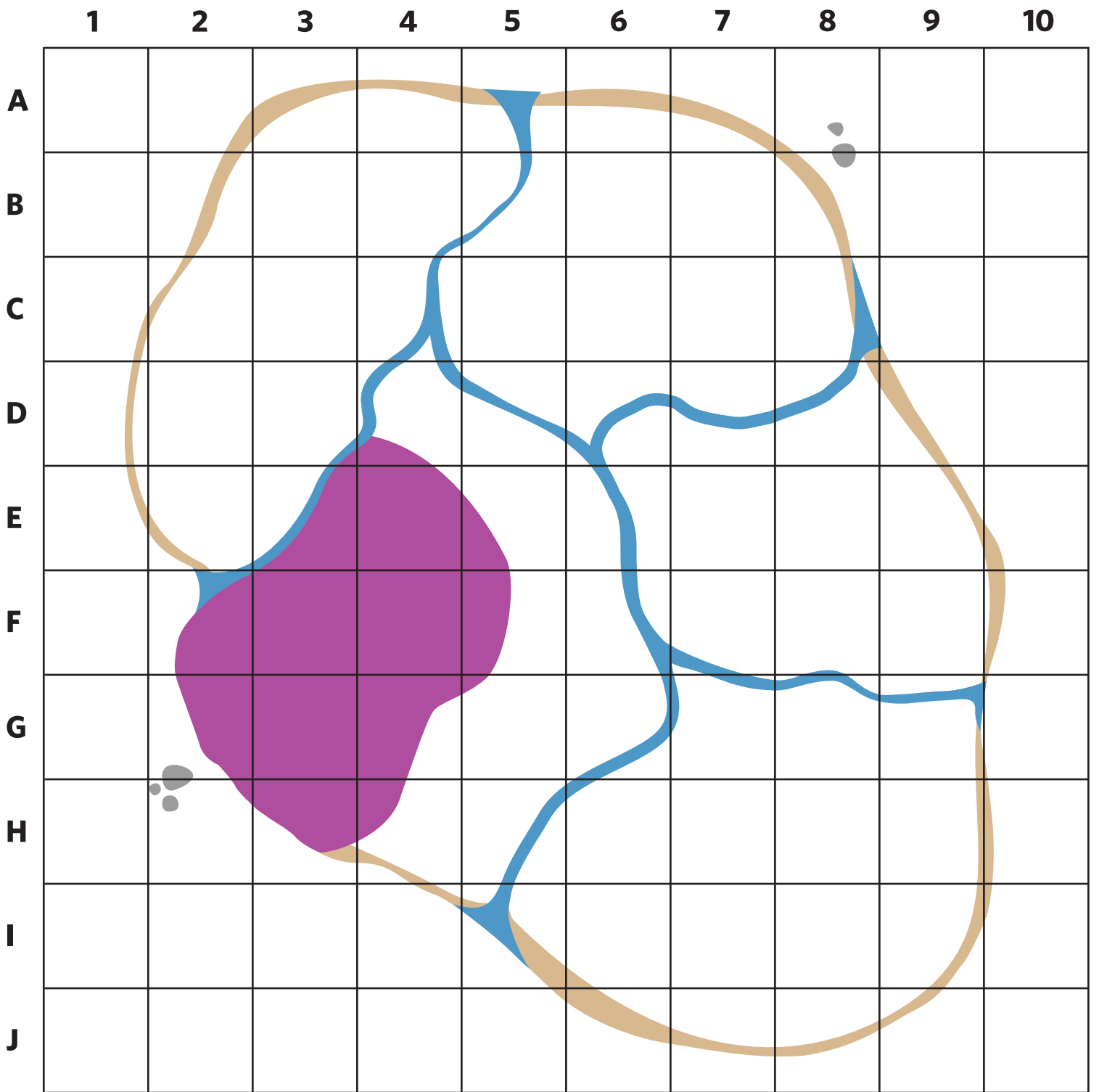
Habitat: Primary and Secondary forest, near rivers

Behavior: Groups of 15 to 40 individuals (including females and offspring) form male bonded societies, diurnal, make nests at night, use a variety of tools, feed by rivers and sleep in trees, long life span

Range: See map on the back.

Diet: Cashews from the cashew trees and clay from the river banks to counteract the toxins in the nuts.

Threats: The population of Macamarelos has decreased to 17% of what it was when it was last surveyed in 1971. This is due to the loss of habitat and access to rivers. Although these animals are protected according to World Conservation Union Red List poachers sell their yellow coats to the black market.



MACAMARELO RANGE

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Name: Ursolito - Forest bear

Size: Height: 1.4 - 1.9 m (5 - 7 ft) Weight: 65 - 75 kg (150 - 180 lb)

Appearance: Forest bears are the second smallest bears in the family Ursidae. They have short, wide, flat heads with small round ears. This coat is entirely black except for an orange "star" shaped patch on the chest and an orange muzzle. The paws are large with sickle-shaped claws and naked soles which are thought to be helpful in climbing trees.

Habitat: Primary and secondary tropical forest, near rivers

Behavior: Forest bears are active at night and are excellent climbers. They sleep and sunbathe in trees.

Range: See map on the back.

Diet: Ursolitos are omnivores; they have long tongues that are helpful for obtaining insects from trees, termites from their nests, and honey from bee hives. They also collect fruit.

Threats: Forest bears are one of the rarest bears. The exact number alive today is not known, but the population is steadily declining due to deforestation and hunting. Poachers use products from the bears' bodies, such as their gall bladders, for illegal trade in medicine.

