

European Otter (*Lutra lutra*)

Size: 80 - 110 cm

Weight: 7 - 11 kg

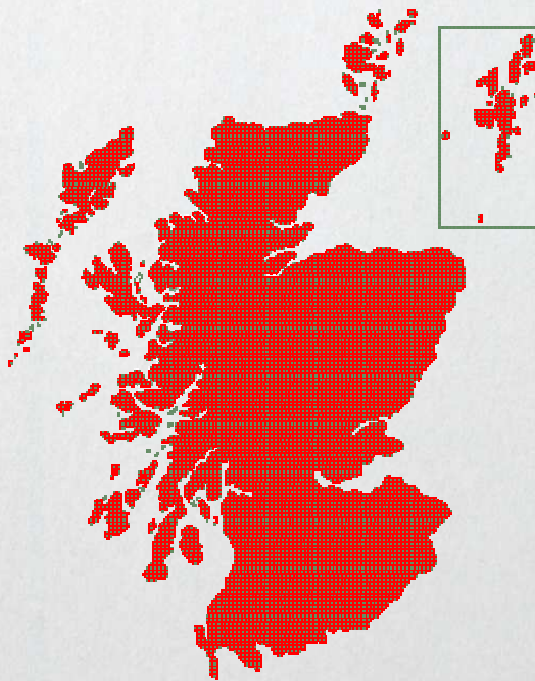
Lifespan: up to 10 years

Diet: Mainly fish but also birds, insects and frogs.

Habitat: Any unpolluted fresh water (some coastal).

Predators: Humans.

Status: Near threatened.



o An otter's home is called a holt.

o Baby otters are called cubs.

o They mark their home territories using poo (spraints).

o They can close their ears and nose while under water.

o They can swim for 400m under water without coming up for a breath.

