



African Otter Network

Comparison of water mongoose, African clawless otter and spotted-necked otter

African clawless otter *Aonyx capensis*



12– 21kg/1-1.6m long
Dark fur on back, lighter fur under neck & belly



Roughly 20-32mm diameter
Crab, crayfish, fish remains



footprints: left hind foot
60 – 90mm wide

Spotted-necked Otter *Hydrictis maculicollis*



3-7kg/62-95cm long
Dark fur with varied spot pattern on neck



Roughly 11-21mm diameter
Fish, crab, crayfish remains



left hind foot track over front
40 – 45mm wide

Marsh mongoose *Atilax paludinosus*



2-5.4kg/43-61 cm long. Shaggy fur, bushy tail, nocturnal, solitary and territorial



Roughly 15-22mm diameter
Crab, small mammal, frog, insect, bird



left hind foot
+/- 30mm wide

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