

Giant River Otter

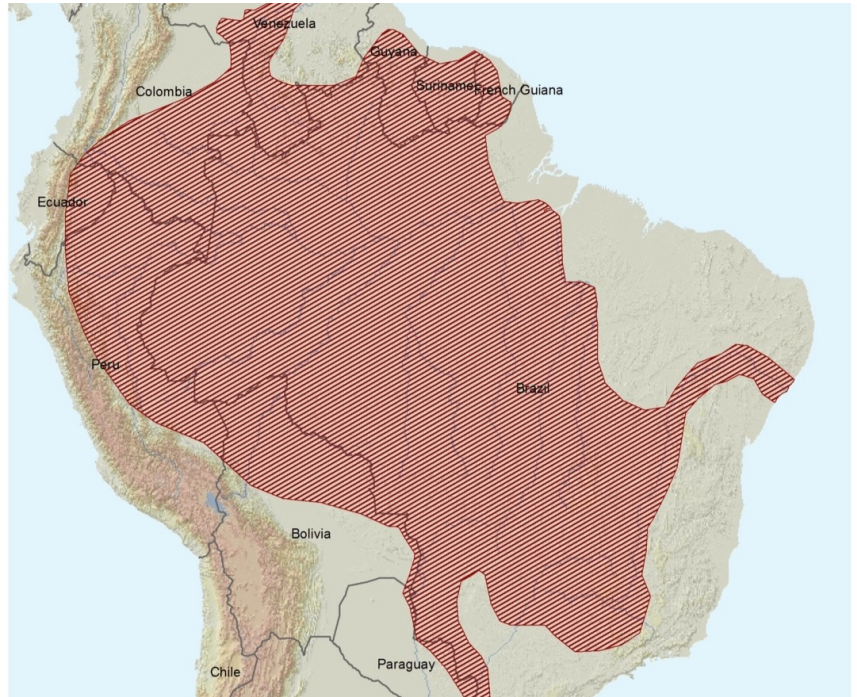
Pteronura brasiliensis

Order: Carnivora Family: Mustelidae

Populations by countries

At this time there are no current population data available. Below is a list of countries with breeding populations:

Ecuador
Brazil
Venezuela
Guyana
Surinam
Colombia
Peru
French Guiana



There are two recognized subspecies of Giant River Otter

The northern subspecies *Pteronura brasiliensis brasiliensis* is native to Suriname, the Guianas, Venezuela, Colombia, Ecuador, Paraguay, Peru and Brazil and the southern subspecies *P. b. paranensis* which live in southern Brazil, Uruguay and northern

The Giant river otter is listed as endangered by the IUCN. Hunting is a major threat due the a pelt that is one of the densest of any mammal. Other threats include habitat loss, pollution, and disease from domestic animals.