



Pygmy Raccoon
(*Procyon pygmaeus*)
Size: Body length,
68 - 79 cm
Weight:
3.1 - 3.8 kg
Habitat: Prefers
mangrove forests
and coastal wetlands
**Surviving
number:**
Estimated at
320 - 950

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Island life. The pygmy raccoon is well adapted to the rhythms of the tropics, taking advantage of the abundance of crabs when available and shifting its diet to insects and fruit when hurricanes roar in and destroy beaches. But the world's smallest raccoon is facing oversized challenges: it has to compete with non-native coatis and feral dogs while doing its best to

avoid introduced boa constrictors that can easily swallow it whole. A combination of competition, disease and habitat fragmentation is making for a cloudy future.

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