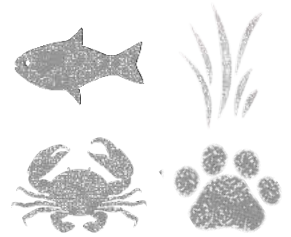




Fishing cats are wetland-adapted wild cat species and one of about 40 other species of wild cats like tigers, lions, pumas and bobcats.

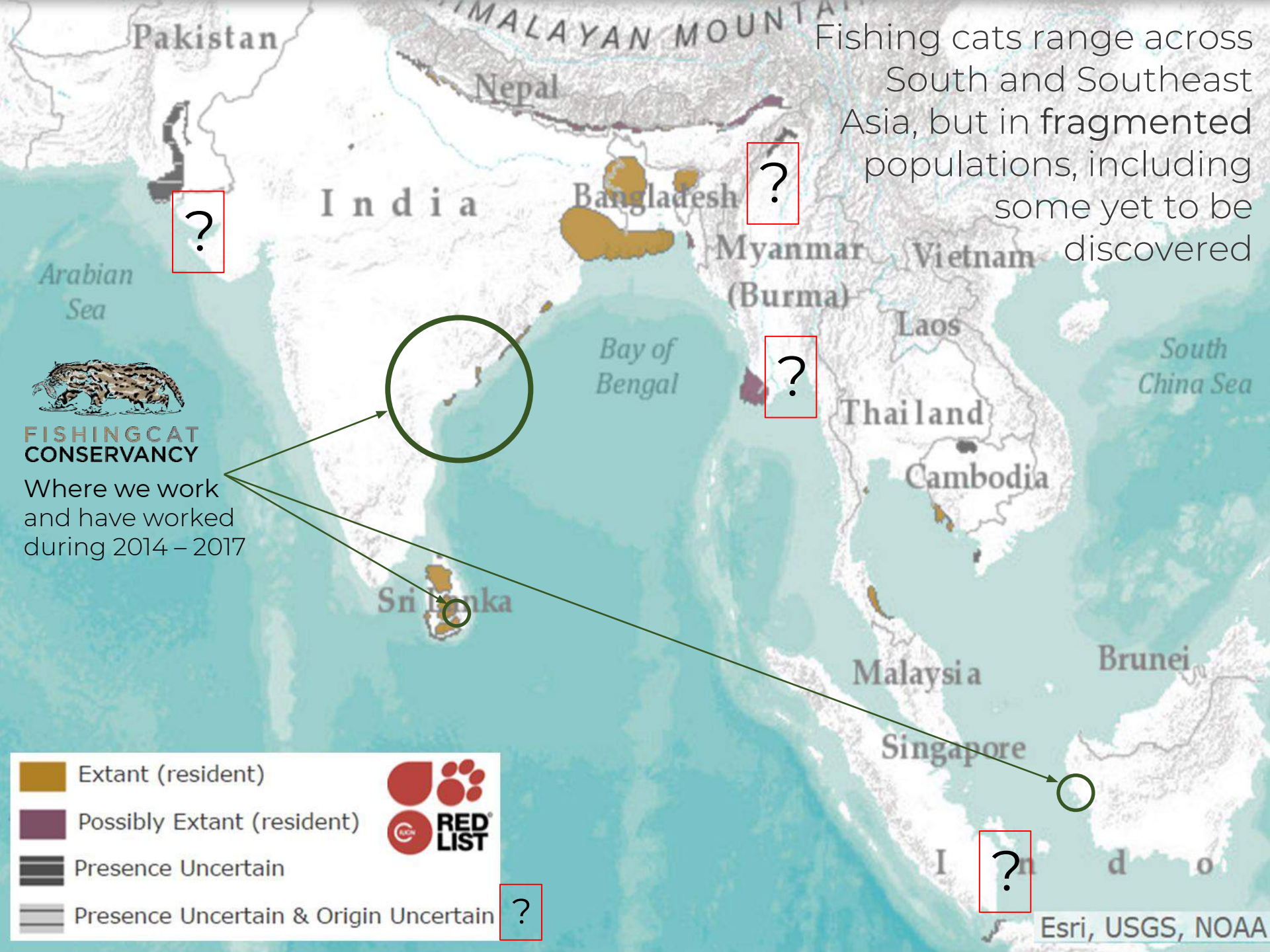


As their name suggests, fishing cats prey on **fish** and other life forms (like crabs and even birds) found in lakes, rivers, and estuaries. However, a lot remains to be learned about this cat.



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Fishing cats range across South and Southeast Asia, but in fragmented populations, including some yet to be discovered



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Where we work and have worked during 2014 – 2017

	Extant (resident)	
	Possibly Extant (resident)	
	Presence Uncertain	
	Presence Uncertain & Origin Uncertain	

Fishing cats were listed as an **Endangered** species by the **IUCN** in 2008.

While further studies continue to help assess and re-assess their current status, they are still threatened by widespread **habitat loss** due to anthropogenic developments, illegal **hunting** (poaching), pet trade, and a general **lack of public awareness** across their known range.



F. Hood

Mangrove forests, which are probably **prime habitat** for **fishing cats**, not only provide local people with fish and **protect entire communities** from natural disasters like **tsunamis**, but also **sequester more than five times** the **carbon** as **tropical forests**.



A. Rao



A. Naidu

But an estimated 50-80% of the historic coastal mangrove cover in South and Southeast Asia has been lost mainly to **agriculture** and **aquaculture**. Protecting the remaining mangrove areas is vital for the survival of both human and animal



We work with local communities, and build their capacity to study, protect and restore their backyards to help protect fishing cats and their globally important wetland and mangrove habitat.



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We explored, **discovered**, documented, and mapped the presence of fishing cats in eight undesignated coastal mangrove patches outside protected areas.

We set up 12 awareness sign boards and **educated** over 800 local people and children in over 25 coastal villages about the **importance** of protecting fishing cats, sympatric species, and mangroves.



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We **trained** and **equipped** more than 20 local youth and adults (including tribals and forest personnel) in tracking, photographing, and reporting fishing cat-related evidence.



For more information, check out our [social media page](#). To help us with our **conservation efforts** and long-term **community-managed monitoring** program, visit our website: www.fishingcatconservancy.org



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