



# furget-me-not ... Cambodia

Otters ....  
the forgotten ones in wildlife crime

Otters are vanishing fast from Asia.

Four species found: Eurasian Otter, Smooth-Coated Otter, Hairy-Nosed Otter and Asian Small-Claw.

All are hunted despite formal legal protection

Asia: since 2000 - thousands of illegally-hunted otter skins seized - far more get through than are intercepted

Massive market in Tibet and China

Nominal legal protection not enforced; hunters very poor, middlemen hire them traps and buy skins. Middlemen make huge profits.

Money has been poured in by conservation organisations to try to stop it - but the money never gets down to the frontline

## What can we do?

Cambodia: Tonle Sap Lake: largest fresh-water lake in South-East Asia. Home to Asian Small-Clawed Otters, Smooth Otters, and one of the only four places on earth where the incredibly rare Hairy-Nosed Otter still lives. All are hunted extensively and are disappearing from the lake.

We have a plan... We are starting small. If it works, we will extend it locally, and into other countries. We have local contacts to directly work with the hunters and fishermen. Conservation International are at the moment working with the FiA to demarcate a large wildlife sanctuary in the Tonle Sap flooded forest, with otters as flagship species.

Need to raise **£32,000 pa** to fund this

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So many of us have Asian short clawed otters in our collections  
How can we collectively do something to help?

### GIVE US YOUR IDEAS!

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