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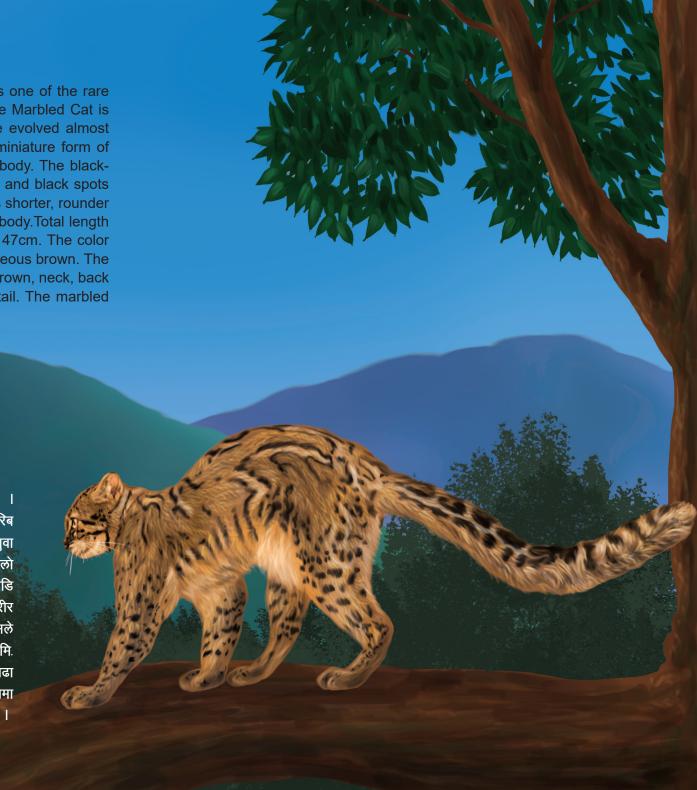
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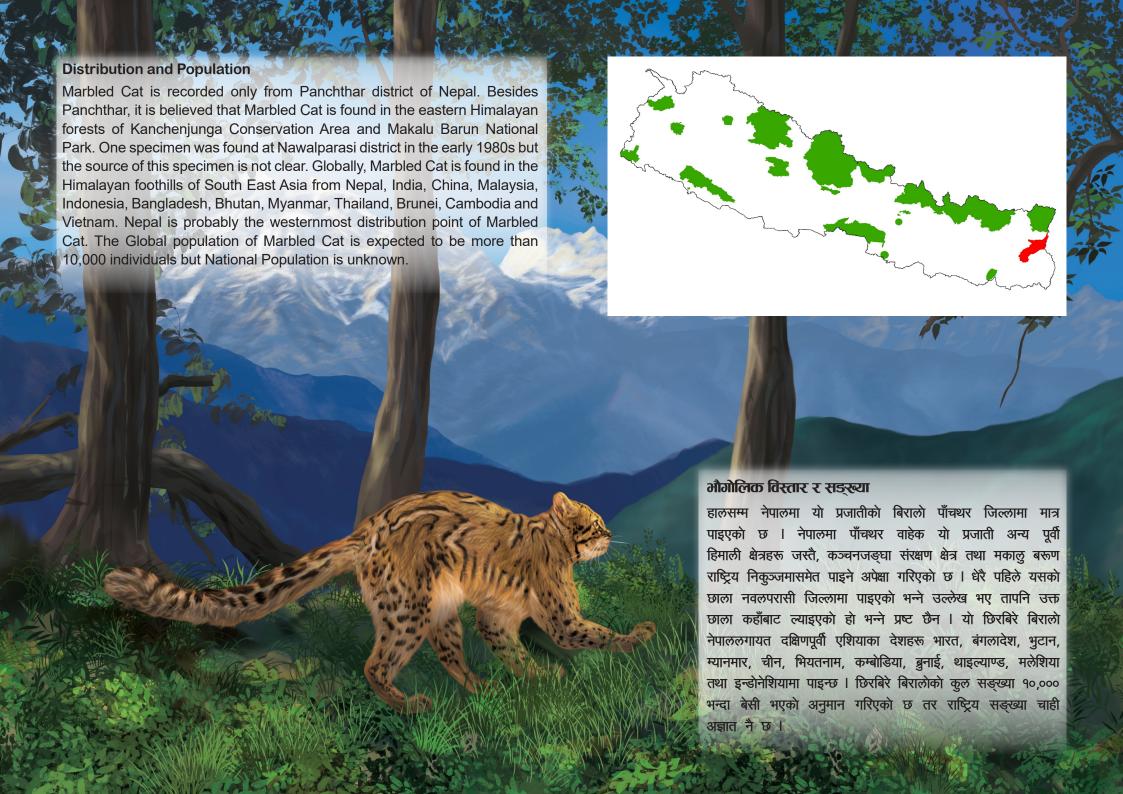
Morphology and Structure

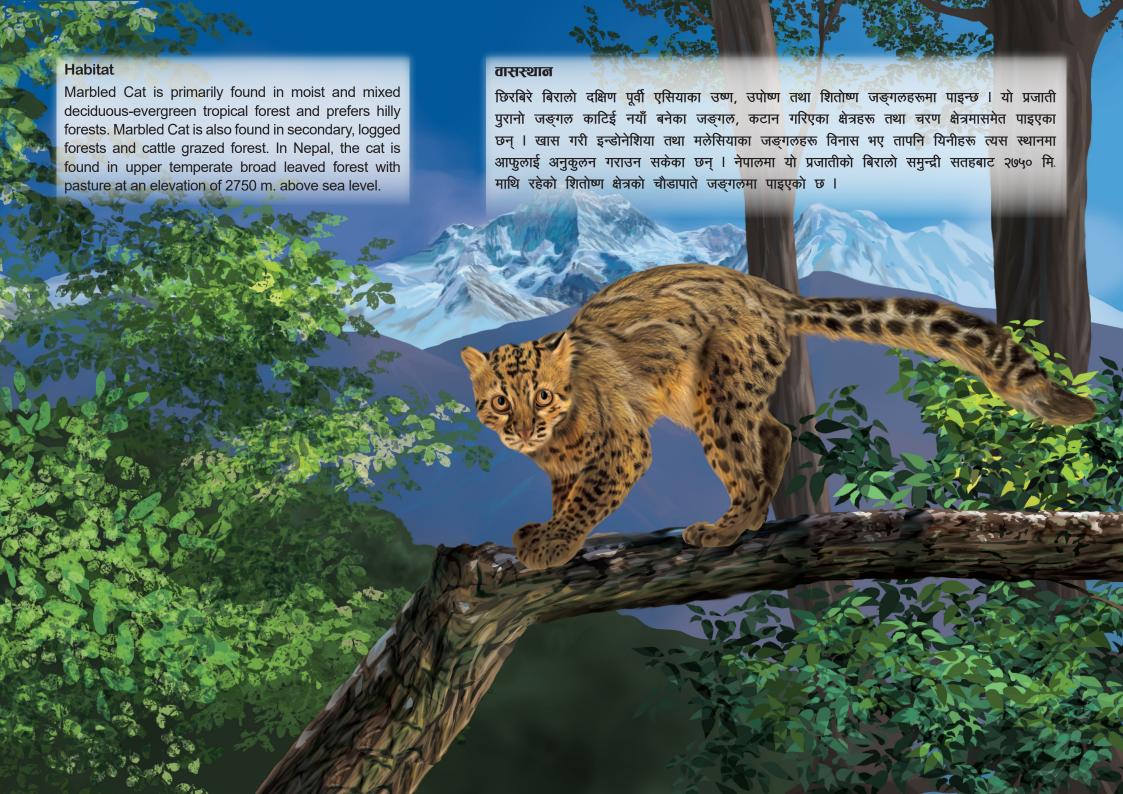
The Marbled Cat (*Pardofelis marmorata* Martin, 1836) is one of the rare and illusive among the small cat groups. Genetically, the Marbled Cat is member of the Bay Cat lineage and is thought to have evolved almost 5.41 million years ago. The Marbled Cat, looks like a miniature form of a clouded leopard with a cloud-like spot pattern on the body. The blackedged blotches on the sides of its body are less distinct and black spots on the limbs are more numerous. Marbled cat possesses shorter, rounder skull and a long bushy tail equal to the length of its own body. Total length of the body of this species is 48cm. and length of tail is 47cm. The color of this species is from tawny brownish grey to richer ochreous brown. The patterns of so called marbled spots are presents on the crown, neck, back of larger or small blotches in the limbs, underside and tail. The marbled blotches of the flanks are variable in size.

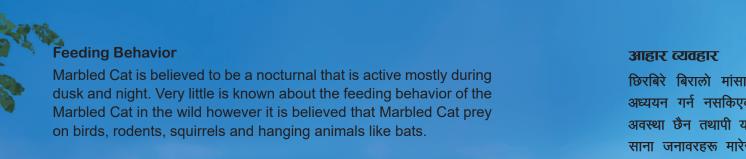
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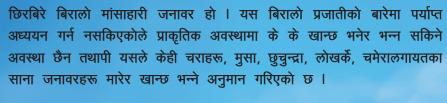
सानो बिरालो वर्गमा पर्ने छिरबिरे बिरालो लज्जालु स्वभावको हुन्छ । आनुवंशिक तवरले बे क्याटको निजक रहेको यो बिरालोको जाती करिब ५४ लाख वर्षदेखि अस्तित्वमा रहेको विश्वास गरिन्छ । ध्वाँसे चितुवा जस्तै यसमा पिन स-साना खिया रङका चिन्हहरू रहेका हुन्छन् । कालो किनारा भएका यी चिन्हहरू प्रष्ट रूपमा नदेखिएता पिन अगांडि पछांडि प्रसस्तै रहेका हुन्छन् । यसको सानो, गोलो टाउको हुन्छ र शरीर जित्तकै लामो भुवादार पुच्छर हुन्छ र यही पुच्छरको सहयोगले यसले आफुलाई सन्तुलनमा राखेको हुन्छ । यसको शरीरको लम्बाई ४८ से.मि. तथा पुच्छरको लम्बाई ४८ से.मि. तथा पुच्छरको लम्बाई ४७ से.मि. मापन गरिएको छ । यसको शरीर गाढा पहेंलो खैरो रङको हुन्छ । यसको टाउको, घाँटी तथा तल्लो भागमा धर्का हुन्छन् तथा शरीरमा भएका चिन्हहरू विभिन्न साइजका हुन्छन् ।





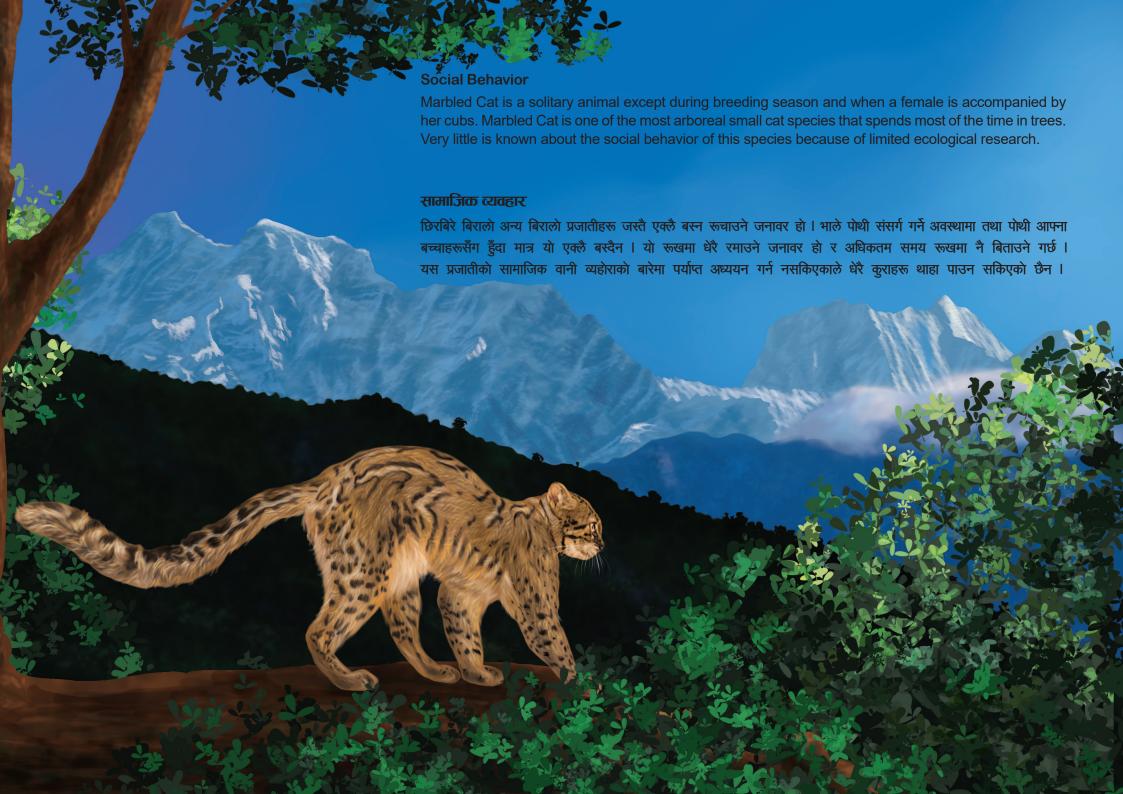


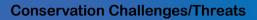








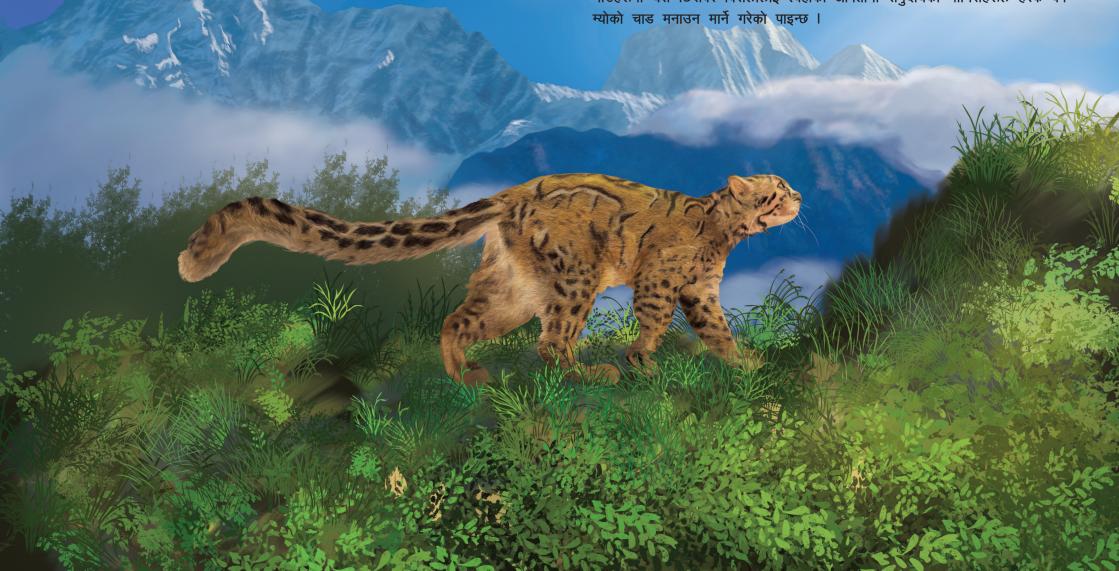




In Nepal, there are no any evidences of illegal trade of this species or conflict with human. Due to inadequate information, it is difficult to list the specific threats to Marbled Cat in Nepal. The general threats to this species are deforestation, mining, hydropower construction, heavy grazing around its distribution. In few villages of Aunanchal Pradesh (India), the Marbled Cat is killed by hunters during the celebration of Myoko festival by the indigenous community named Apatani in March/April every year.

संरक्षण चुनौति

नेपालमा यो प्रजातीको अवैध व्यापार भएको प्रमाण हालसम्म फेला परेको छैन । साथै स्थानीय मानिसहरूसँग यो प्रजातीसँग कुनै प्रकारको द्वन्द पनि छैन । यस प्रजातीको बारेमा पर्याप्त अध्ययन गर्न नसिकएकाले यस प्रजाती संरक्षणका चुनौतीहरूको बारेमा पनि धेरै कुराहरू थाहा पाउन सिकएको छैन । सामान्यतया यसको वासस्थान क्षेत्रमा वनफँडानी, खानी उत्खनन, जलविद्युत आयोजनाहरूको सञ्चालन, अत्याधिक चरिचरणनै यस प्रजातीको संरक्षणका मुख्य चुनौतीहरू हुन । भारतको अरूणाञ्चल प्रदेशको केही गाउँहरूमा यस छिरबिरे बिरालोलाई त्यहाँका आपतानी समुदायका मानिसहरूले हरेक वर्ष म्योको चाड मनाउन मार्न गरेको पाइन्छ ।



Conservation and Legal Status

Marbled Cat is categorized as Near Threatened and Data deficient respectively on the Global and National IUCN Red List Assessment. This species is listed in Appendix I of Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) agreement. According to National Parks and Wildlife Conservation Act, 1973 A.D. (2029 B.S.), harming or killing or carrying trophies of this cat is a punishable crime with the penalty of NPR 20,000-50,000 or imprisonment of 6-12 months or both. According to the act to regulate and control international trade in endangered wild fauna and flora 2017 A.D. (2073 B.S.), harming or carrying trophies of this cat is punishable crime with the penalty of NPR 5,00,000.00-10,00,000.00 or imprisonment of 5-15

years or both. संरक्षण र कानुनी त्यवस्था छिरबिरे बिरालोलाई आइ.यु.सि.एन.को अन्तर्राष्ट्रिय र राष्ट्रिय रातो सूचीले ऋमशः न्यून संवेदनशिल र डाटा नभएको भनेर वर्गिकरण गरेको छ 🚽 अन्तर्राष्ट्रिय महासन्धि साइटिसले भने यसलाई अनुसुची १ मा राखेको छ । नेपालको राष्ट्रिय निकुन्ज तथा वन्यजन्तु संरक्षण ऐन्, २०२९ मा कसैले छिरबिरे बिरालोलाई मारेमा, घाईते बनाएमा, कुनै प्रकारले हानी पुऱ्याएमा वा बेचिवखन गरेको पाईएमा अभियुक्तलाई बीस हजारदेखि पचास हजार रूपैंया जरिवाना, त्यसै गरी ६ महिनादेखि १ वर्षसम्म कैद वा दुवै सजाय हुने प्रावधान छ । त्यसैगरी सङ्कटापन्न वन्यजन्तु तथा वनस्पतिको अन्तर्राष्ट्रिय व्यापारलाई नियमन तथा नियन्त्रण गर्न बनेको ऐन, २०७३ मा अनुसूची १ मा उल्लेखित छिरबिरे बिरालोको खरीद बिक्रि गर्ने, आफूसँग राख्ने, प्रयोग गर्ने, पालन पोषण गर्ने, ओसार पसार गर्ने, निकासी वा पैठारी गर्ने वा गराउनेलाई पाँचलाखदेखि दशलाख रूपैयासम्म जरिवाना, पाँच वर्षदेखि पन्ध्र वर्षसम्म कैद सजाय वा दुवै हुने प्रावधान छ ।

Key Facts	
मुख्य विशेषता	
Common Name	Marbled Cat
नाम	छिरबिरे बिरालो
Scientific Name	Pardofelis marmorata Martin, 1836
वैज्ञानिक नाम	
Global Status	Near Threatened
अवस्था (विश्व)	न्यून संवेदनिशल
National Status	Data Deficient
अवस्था (राष्ट्रिय)	डाटा नभएका
National Distribution	Panchthar district
फैलावट (राष्ट्रिय)	पाँचथर जिल्लामा
Global Population	More than 10,000 individuals.
सङ्ख्या (विश्व)	१०,००० भन्दा बढी
National Population	Unknown
सङ्ख्या (राष्ट्रिय)	अज्ञात
Global Distribution	Himalayan foothills of South East Asia from Nepal, India, China, Malaysia, Indonesia, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Myanmar,
फैलावट (विश्व)	Thailand, Brunei, Cambodia and Vietnam
	यो छिरविरे बिरालो नेपाल लगायत दक्षिणपूर्वी एशियाका देशहरू भारत, बंगलादेश, भुटान, म्यानमार, चीन, भियतनाम, कम्बोडिया, ब्रुनाई, थाईल्याण्ड,
	मलेशिया तथा ईन्डोनेशियामा पाइन्छ ।
Threats	No known threats in Nepal
खतरा	नेपालमा यो प्रजातीको बिरालोलाई रहेको प्रत्यक्ष खतरा तथा अवैध व्यापार भएको प्रमाण हालसम्म फेला परेको छैन ।

Small Mammals Conservation and Research Foundation (SMCRF) is a non-profit making, non-governmental organization based at Kathmandu, Nepal. It is dedicated to the conservation and research of biodiversity in Nepal with particular reference to diversity and conservation of small mammals since 2009. Apart from conservation and research in biodiversity, SMCRF is also involved in promoting livelihood on community through conservation, formulating conservation policy, developing multi-stakeholder partnership promoting leadership and promoting future generation of wildlife researcher and conservation biologist. The research on small mammals is rare and so the conservation initiative is on the opening stage. SMCRF joins for the goal of development of this sector.

