

## 16. Smaller felid species

While continued and widespread concern has been aroused over the precarious state of many of the larger wild mammals, resulting in many field studies of such mammals, and

whereas there is up to now practically no sound knowledge available on the status of many smaller felid species, and many of these are still ruthlessly exterminated as "vermin" and/or overexploited for the fur trade, special attention needs to be given to the following species which are either very rare or overexploited:

### *Very rare*

Andean cat (*Felis acobita*)

Kodkod (*Felis guigna*)

Marbled cat (*Felis marmorata*)

Flat-headed cat (*Felis planiceps*)

Himalayan golden cat (*Felis temmincki tristis*)

Bornean red cat (*Felis badia*)

The only recently discovered cat on Iriomote Island (*Felis iriomotensis*)

Sand cat (*Felis margarita*)

Turkestan desert cat (*Felis margarita thinobius*)

Fishing cat (*Felis viverrina*)

Pallas' cat (*Felis manul*)

Caracal (*Felis caracal*)

### *Heavily overexploited*

Ocelot (*Felis pardalis*)

Marguay (*Felis wiedi*)

Tiger-cat (*Felis tigrina*)

Clouded leopard (*Neolelis nebulosa*)

Black-footed cat (*Felis nigripes*)

Serval (*Felis serval*)

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**requests** that particularly the Commission on Legislation and the Survival Service Commission, take steps to promote world-wide protective legislation for these animals and its effective enforcement, and to further and sponsor in every possible way extensive and intensive studies into the status of these and related small carnivores which should yield data on which to base effective measures towards the survival of small carnivores, which constitute one important factor in biological rodent control.

