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Searching for Otters in Northern Malawi.

The African Clawless Otter and the Spotted Necked Otter are very seldom seen so our surveys have concentrated on seeking tell-tale signs along river banks and in the wetlands of the Vwaza Marsh Wildlife Reserve. Almost all the major rivers sampled so far have signs that indicate the presence of otters, and we have found most evidence of otters in the northern part of the protected area, where the dense flooded grassland is dominated by papyrus marsh with patches of bulrush and reeds.