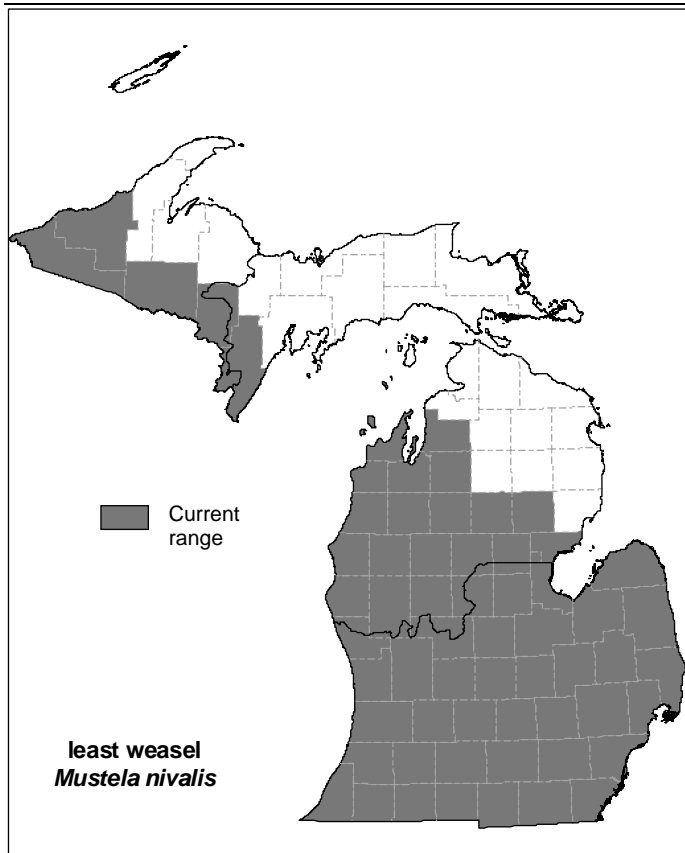


MAMMALS



least weasel

(*Mustela nivalis*)

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: Statewide abundance is poorly documented, but least weasels may be locally common and populations likely fluctuate in response to prey densities.

ASSOCIATED LANDSCAPE FEATURES: prairie; idle/old field; hayland; pasture; row crop; fence row; lowland hardwood; mesic hardwood; dry hardwood; forest opening; ephemeral wetland; river/stream/riparian/floodplain corridor; coastal dune/beach; edge

ASSOCIATED THREATS: invasive plants & animals; lack of scientific knowledge; unknown

COMMENTS: House cats (including feral cats) may pose a significant threat to this species. A threats assessment is needed for this species.