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Geographical range

Amazing Species: François's Langur

François's Langur, *Trachypithecus francoisi*, is listed as 'Endangered' on the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species™. Its geographic range is from south-west China to north-east Vietnam, but the population is rapidly dwindling and numbers have been declining steadily over the past 30 years.

One of the major threats François's Langur is hunting for bush meat (predominantly for the Chinese restaurant market) and traditional "medicines". In Guangxi province, China, the threat of hunting is extremely severe, due to the illegal production of "black ape wine" made specifically from this primate. Another threat is habitat destruction, due to logging and land clearance, for local cultivation and firewood extraction.

The government of Vietnam has included this langur in 'Decree 32', which means it is strictly banned from exploitation and use for commercial purposes. It is also listed on CITES Appendix II, which makes it an offence to trade this species internationally without a permit. However, law enforcement is inadequate and hunting, logging and land clearance continue to threaten the survival of François's Langur. Future conservation of will depend upon community-based conservation programs and sustainable forest management.

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