



Mummified Baboons

The origin of **mummified baboons** in Egypt has puzzled scientists for over a century. Recently scientists uncovered the secrets behind these ancient relics using mitochondrial DNA.

- DNA analysis traced the baboons' origin to the ancient **city of Adulis, in present-day coastal Eritrea**.
- The study shed light on the potential location of the **lost city of Punt**, a significant trading partner with ancient Egypt, and Adulis.
- The findings emphasized the historical trade relationships between Egypt and Adulis, highlighting the **Red Sea** as a crucial node in **trade history between India, Egypt, and Europe**.
- ***Papio anubis* and *Papio hamadryas*** are both species of baboons. Baboons are Old World monkeys that are part of the genus *Papio*.
 - ***Papio anubis*** is the most broadly distributed baboon species, ranging through most of **central sub-Saharan Africa**.
 - ***Papio hamadryas*** is found on the African continent in the area of the southern Red Sea, in Ethiopia, Somalia, and Eritrea.
 - The **IUCN Red List** rates them "**Lower Risk, Least Concern**."



