



Red Colobus

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A recent study suggests that **Red Colobus Monkeys**, a rare and endangered population of monkeys found in various regions of **Africa** are facing threats to their survival and are at risk of becoming extinct.

- These monkeys act as "**indicator species**," meaning their presence and well-being reflect the overall health of the forest ecosystem.
- Colobines are primarily **leaf-eaters**. They also play a vital role in **seed dispersal**, contributing to the regeneration of diverse plant life.
 - Their **unique digestive system** allows them to **consume and disperse seeds**, ensuring the continuation of various plant species.
- Across Africa, there are 17 red colobus species (18 if subspecies are counted), spanning from **Senegal to the Zanzibar** Archipelago.
 - 14 of them are classified as **Endangered or Critically Endangered on the [IUCN Red List of Threatened Species](#)**.



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