

Golden Langurs

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Recently, seven endangered golden langurs (*Trachypithecus geei*), rescued from wildlife traffickers, were released in the Sikhna Jwhlwao National Park.

About Golden Langur

- It is an **Old World monkey** which is also known as **Gee's golden langur**.
- It can be most easily recognized by the color of their fur, after which they are named.
- **Distribution**
 - It is found only in a narrow geographic corridor comprising **western Assam** and the foothills of **southern Bhutan**.
 - The area they inhabit is restricted to the region surrounded by four geographical landmarks: the foothills of Bhutan (north), **Manas river** (east), **Sankosh river** (west), and **Brahmaputra river** (south).
- **Habitat**

- They occupy **moist evergreen and tropical deciduous forests** as well as some riverine areas and savannas in Assam and Bhutan.
- They are very much dependent on trees, living in the upper canopy of **sub-tropical forests** in the south and in more temperate forests in the north.
- They may be found at elevations close to sea level in the south and up to 3000 m at the foothills of Bhutan in the north.

- **Characteristics**

- It has been noted that their **fur changes colors according to the seasons**.
- The color of the young also differs from adults in that they are almost pure white.
- These are **arboreal and diurnal creatures**.

- **Conservation status**

- **IUCN:** Endangered
- **CITES:** Appendix I
- **Wildlife Protection Act, 1972:** Schedule I

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