Black and White Colobus Monkey

Period 1
Classification

- Phylum: Chordata
- Class: Mammalia
- Order: Primates
- Family: Cercopithecidae
- Scientific Name: Colobus angolensis, Eastern guereza
Body Facts

- Curved back
- Long feet
- Bent knees
- 30 inches long
- 15 to 30 pounds
- Black and white fur
Distribution

- Kenya
- West of Democratic Republic of Congo
- Congo
- Gabon
- Liberia
- Sierra Leone
Habitat

- African rainforests
- Mountain forests
- High humidity
- Heavy rainfall
- Tropical
- Trees
Diet

- Leaves
- Flowers
- Twigs
- Fruits
- Charcoal
- Bark
- Stem
- Bamboo shoots
- Seeds
Conservation Status

- “Least concerned”
- “Vulnerable”
- Not endangered
- Decreasing population trend
Food Web

Tertiary Consumers
- Jaguar

Secondary Consumers
- Frog
- Vampire Bat

Primary Consumers
- Colobus Monkey
- Grasshopper
- Macaws

Producers
- Leaves
- Bamboo Trees
- Banana Trees
- Coconut trees
Classification and General Facts Video

Colobus monkeys have long hairs that hang from their body and tail.
Habitat

- High from predators
- Food
- Travel
- Sleep
Adaptations

Social

- Defend their young
- Packs of 3-15
- Carry Young on their stomach

Colobus Monkey taking care of their young
Adaptations

Travel

- 45-50 feet horizontal jump
- Slender bodies
- About 30 lbs

Colobus Monkey jumping from tree to tree
Adaptations

Stomach

- Two Stomachs
- Fruits
- Leaves
**Defence**

- Tongue clicking
- Low-pitched warning call
- Chase intruders
Colobus Monkey eating leaves
Reproduction #1

- When born fur is white
- Weighs 0.9 lbs (0.4 kg)
- Fur turns black as it matures
- Life span 25-30 years
- Sexual Maturity: Female 6 years
- Sexual Maturity: Male 4 years
Reproduction #2

- Doesn’t have a mating season
- Can reproduce when they want
- Prefer to reproduce when there is a lot of food
- If not enough food they will stop reproducing

Seasons they can mate:
- Spring
- Summer
- Fall
- Winter
Reproduction #3

- Baby Colobus monkey clings itself to its mother
- Protects itself like this
- Mother is able to do more with hands
Reproduction #4

- Baby monkeys play with each other
- Gives them the physical skills needed for land and trees
Reproduction #5

- More common that mother carry young
- Male Colobus monkeys will carry their young once in awhile
- Male carry young for protection
Video

Colobus monkey clinging to its mother
HUMAN INTERACTION #1

- People destroy forests (their habitat), for agriculture, settlements, and roads
HUMAN INTERACTIONS #2

- Organizations help raise Colobus monkeys, protect environment, improve livelihoods
HUMAN INTERACTIONS #3

- Hunted by humans for fur, food, rituals, medicinal mixtures, animal testing, and used in ecotourism
HUMAN INTERACTIONS #4

- Have diseases (like Yellow Fever), infect humans when exposure of saliva or feces
- violent mood swings cause harm
HUMAN INTERACTIONS #5

- Zoos put males and females in the same enclosure to control numbers, have troops of colobus monkeys, prevent inbreeding, and ensure wildlife.
Human Interactions video

Troops of Colobus Monkeys at Zoo
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