

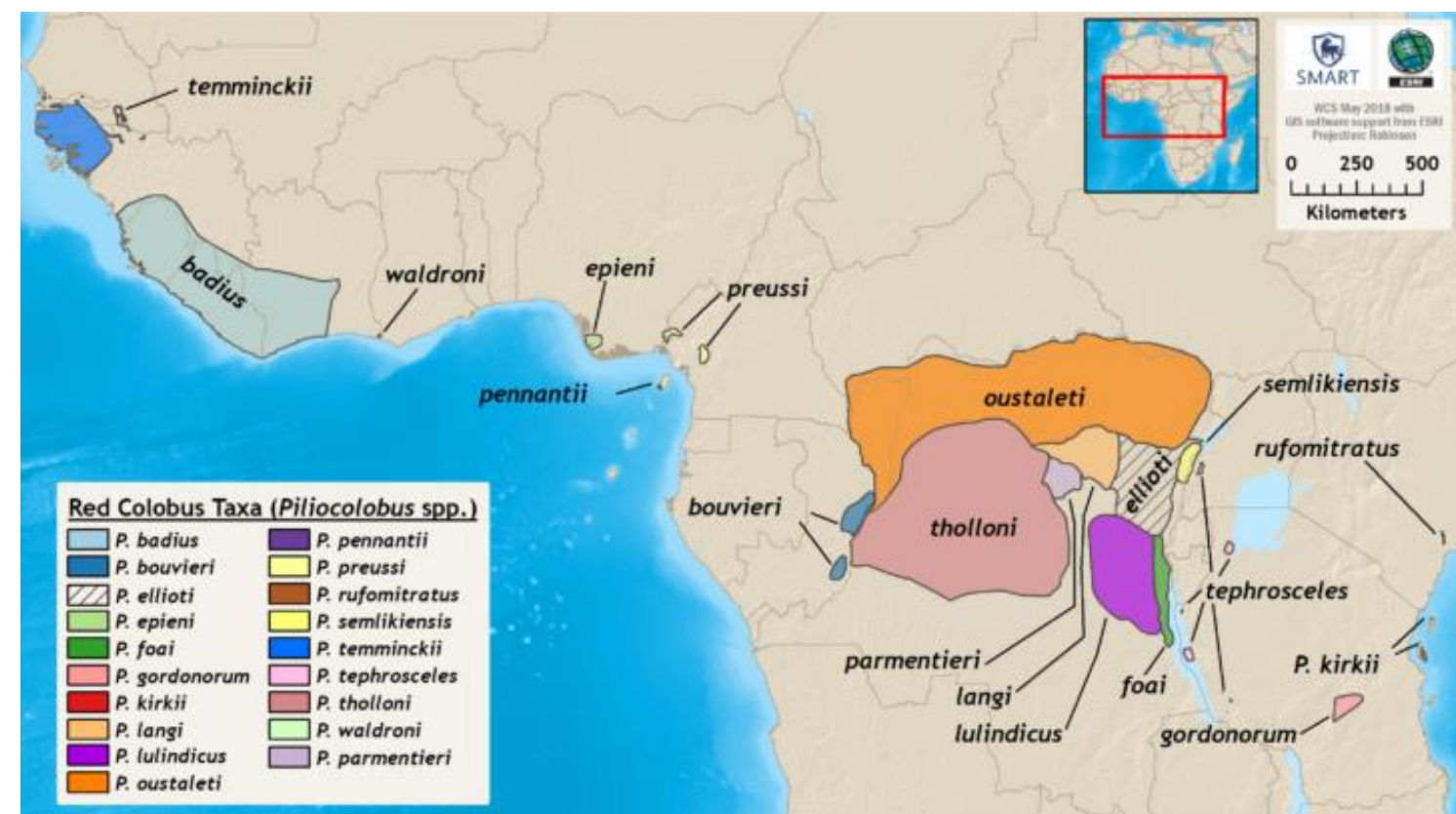


Studying Preuss's Red Colobus in Cameroon

What is happening to their populations?

As you can see in the map below, red colobus monkeys can be found across western, central, and eastern Africa. However, logging and the loss of forests from industrial agriculture is reducing the habitats where they can live.

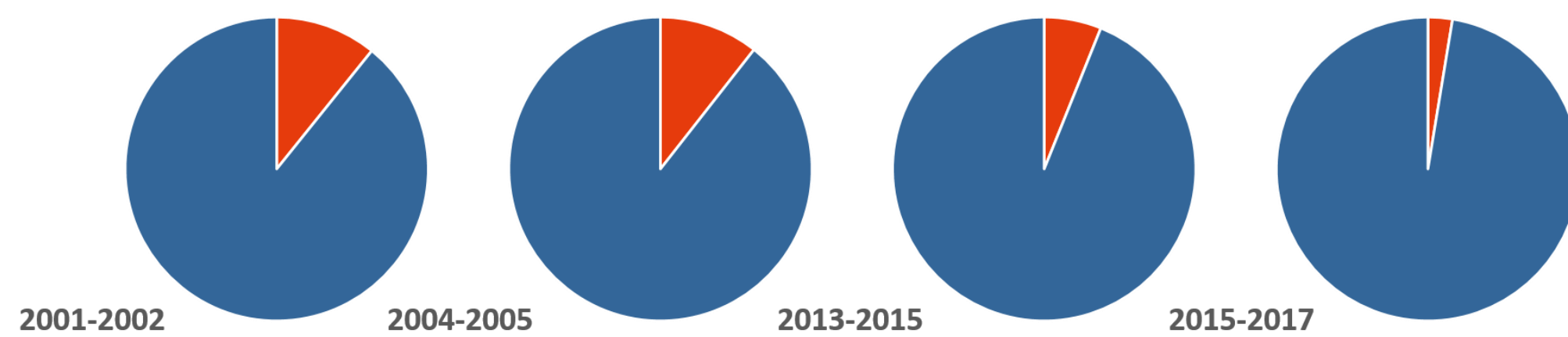
There are at least 18 different forms of red colobus and ALL are threatened with extinction.



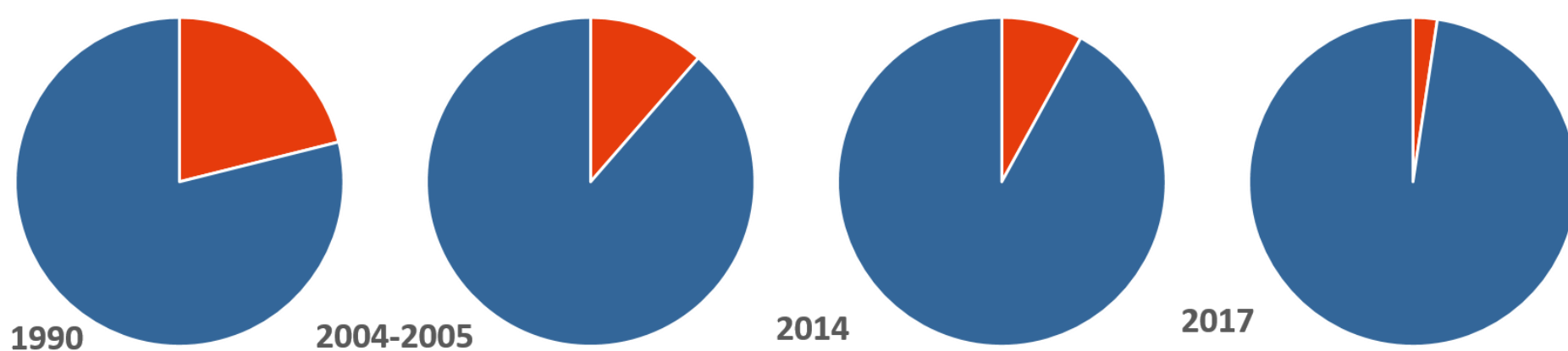
Map of the distribution of red colobus forms across Africa. © Red Colobus Action Plan.

Forest surveys in Korup suggest that the population has seriously decreased). The most severe threat to Preuss's red colobus is hunting.

These charts show data collected by researchers in Korup. Teams of people walked through the southern and northeastern parts of the forest to find monkeys. Below you can see what percentage of monkeys found were Preuss's red colobus. The bottom row is the northeastern forest and the top row is southern Korup. You can see that this monkey is becoming less common over time.



Percentage of Preuss's red colobus compared to other monkeys in southern Korup.



Percentage of Preuss's red colobus compared to other monkeys in northeastern Korup.

Taking action to save red colobus.

In 2018, scientists and the International Union for the Conservation of Nature began the Red Colobus Conservation Action Plan (ReCAP). The goal of the plan is to raise awareness and support for the protection of ALL red colobus species. This is the first action plan to focus on an entire group of African monkeys!

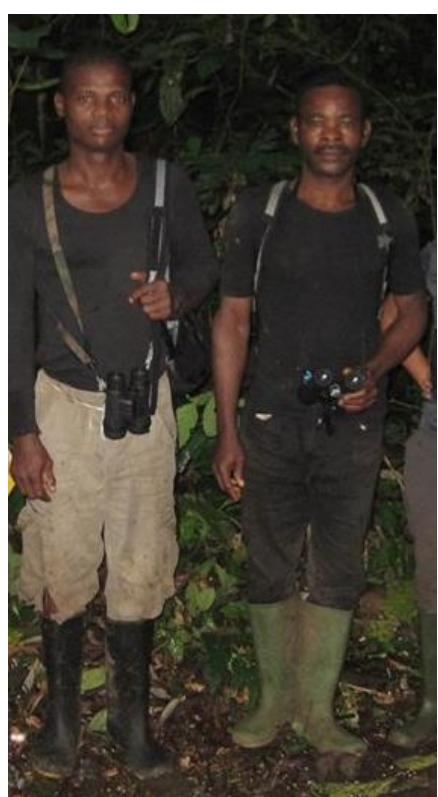
Many people are working here in Cameroon to know more about Preuss's red colobus. Scientists continue to work to determine how many of these endangered monkeys are left in the forest and to support the human communities that live near these special animals. (For more information on this plan go to www.piliocolobus.org).



(left) © Red Colobus Action Plan (right) Korup National Park Acoustic Monitoring and Survey Team.

How do we learn about red colobus?

Red colobus belong to a group of monkeys called *Piliocolobus*. This is one of Africa's most threatened taxonomic groups of primates. One of the most Critically Endangered red colobus types is located here in Cameroon: Preuss's red colobus (*Piliocolobus preussi*). In fact, Preuss's red colobus is only found in Nigeria and Cameroon.



(left) Survey team in northeastern Korup National Park; (right) Camera Trap Survey Team in Banyang-Mbo Wildlife Sanctuary.

Researchers study this type of monkey, and many animals, by going out into the forest. They walk many kilometers searching for them by their smells, calls, and the foods they drop on the forest floor. They also find them on camera traps. When researchers find monkeys, they collect information about the size of the group, where they are in the forest, and their behavior.

The most detailed information about Preuss's red colobus has come from surveys in and around Korup National Park, South West, Cameroon. This is only protected area in Cameroon in which the species is found.

What can you do to help this species?

These special primates are part of our heritage.

If we do our small part, we can protect them for future generations.

How can you help?

- Share what you have learned with your family and friends.
- Teach your children about the importance of the environment.
- Look for alternatives to bushmeat.
- Join a conservation network.
 - Limbe Wildlife Center
 - Korup Rainforest Conservation Society



(top) © Kathleen Reinhardt (bottom) Korup Rainforest Conservation Society.



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