

RED-CHEEKED CRESTED GIBBON

Nomascus gabriellae

Thomas, 1909



CLASSIFICATION

Class: Mammalia

Order: Primata

Family: Hylobatidae

No recognized subspecies



APPENDIX I



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Identification : Body length of 49.5 cm, weight of 5.2 kg. Sexually dichromatic species, males being entirely black with buff cheeks. Females are light gray-beige with black face surrounded with white, black crest and slightly buff cheeks.

Range: The species occurs in South-East Asia and only found in South Vietnam and adjacent South-East Cambodia.

Habitat : Mostly in wet evergreen forests, very rarely in dry forests, up to 2300 m.

Behavior: Diurnal and arboreal species, living in pairs with their latest offsprings. Feeds mostly on fruits (especially figs), also takes flowers, buds and leaves.

Status in the wild: The species is legally protected but still declining because of habitat destruction, capture for the wildlife trade (killing mothers for getting babies).

In captivity: The species is kept in about 30 zoos in Europe where the population is managed by a breeding program. Outside Europe, it's very rarely kept and known from few collections in Asia and America. First bred in Europe in 1987.