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Hoolock Gibbon

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Recently, a stranded family of Hoolock gibbons was rescued in Arunachal Pradesh's Lower Dibang Valley district by officials.

About Hoolock Gibbon

Gibbons, the smallest and fastest of all apes, live in tropical and subtropical forests in the southeastern part of Asia.

The hoolock gibbon is one of 20 species of gibbons on Earth

Distribution of Hoolock Gibbon

Its distribution in Southeast Asia spans India, Myanmar, Bangladesh, and southern China.

It is the only ape found in India.

In India, it is found in Assam, Meghalaya, Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram, and Tripura, south of the Brahmaputra.

Hollongapar Gibbon Sanctuary in Assam has the largest concentration of the hoolock gibbon.

It is categorised into Eastern Hoolock Gibbon (*Hoolock leuconedys*) found in a specific region of Arunachal Pradesh and Western Hoolock Gibbon (*Hoolock hoolock*) distributed elsewhere in the northeast



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Characteristics of Hoolock Gibbon

They are diurnal and arboreal, brachiating through the trees with their long arms.

They are monogamous (same partner throughout life).

They live in small families and communicate with other gibbons by vocalisation.

Life span: 25 years

Conservation Status of Hoolock Gibbon

IUCN Red List

Eastern Hoolock Gibbon: Vulnerable

Western Hoolock Gibbon: Endangered

Both are on Schedule I of the Wildlife (Protection) Act of India, 1972