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INDIAN WOLF:

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IUCN has flagged hybridisation between Indian wolves and feral dogs in Gujarat and Maharashtra — three confirmed cases in Gujarat's Surendranagar & Little Rann of Kutch, plus genetic evidence in Maharashtra

About Indian Wolf:

- Scientific Name: *Canis lupus pallipes*, commonly referred to as the Peninsular wolf or Indian grey wolf.
- Conservation status: Classified as Vulnerable by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN).
- Distribution: The Indian wolf was historically found across northern and western India, from Punjab and Haryana to Rajasthan and Maharashtra, thriving in open plains and semi-arid regions.

Physical Characteristics:

Smaller and leaner build: The Indian wolf is smaller and slimmer than Himalayan or Eurasian wolves, reflecting adaptation to open and dry landscapes.

Distinct coat coloration: It has a light brown-grey coat and short fur, which helps it camouflage in scrub and grassland habitats.

Adaptation to heat: The wolf lacks the thick undercoat found in northern wolves, enabling it to survive in high temperatures and low-rainfall regions.

Agile and long-limbed: Its long limbs and narrow body allow for speed and endurance during hunting in open terrains.

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