

Decken's Sifaka

Indian

(Propithecus deckenii)

Size:

Head and body length, 42 - 48 cm; tail, 50 - 60 cm

Weight: 3 - 4.5 kg Habitat:

Dry, deciduous forest patches Surviving number: Unknown

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Leaping lemur. As it moves through its forest home in search of fruits, seeds, flowers and its favored leaves, Decken's sifaka leaps as far as 12 meters. These prodigious bounds are powered by its strong, long legs. From its elongated hands to its limb-grasping feet, this lemur is adapted to the unusual means of locomotion called "vertical clinging and leaping."

Although it is taboo to hunt Decken's sifaka, its future remains very much up in the air due to the loss and fragmentation of its habitat.

As Canon sees it, images have the power to raise awareness of the threats facing endangered species and the natural environment, helping us make the world a better place.



