



Tonkin Snub-nosed Monkey (*Rhinopithecus avunculus*)

Size: Head and body length, 50 - 65 cm; tail, 65 - 92 cm **Weight:** Males approx. 14 kg; females approx. 8.5 kg **Habitat:** Lowland tropical broadleaf monsoon forests in montane limestone formations **Surviving number:** Estimated at 260



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Phantom of the forest. Once presumed extinct, the Tonkin snub-nosed monkey reappeared in 1989 like a ghost from the past and today clings to a precarious existence in a few isolated locations. Large, semi-cohesive bands of 25-80 individuals are organized around family groups, all ranging and resting together. Active during the day, they move through the trees searching out edible leaves, fruits and seeds. When hunted,

bands split into smaller units. But with their habitat being lost or disturbed at an alarming rate, it's becoming harder and harder to vanish into the forest and leave the hunters behind.

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