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Chacma Baboon - Papio ursinus

Family
CERCOPITHECIDAE

NEMBA Status
Not listed

CITES Listing
Appendix II

Geographic location / distribution
South Africa, Swaziland, Lesotho, Mozambique, Botswana, Namibia, Zambia, Zimbabwe, Angola

Physical characteristics
Size: Head-body length: 50-114cm
Tail length: 45-84cm
Male weight: 21-44kg
Female weight: 12-17kg

NOTE: The male is larger than the female, with a slightly longer mane of hair around the neck and shoulders, and much larger canine teeth, which can measure up to 5 cm in length.

The female chacma baboon develops a large, brightly coloured sexual swelling during oestrus, while the rump becomes bright red during pregnancy (bare rump under the tail)

Traded parts, derivatives and products
Trophies, Bushmeat, Live animal for lab experiments.

Threats
Hunting, traditional medicine, use in medical research
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**Dog-like face, upper face is tan, pronounced brow ridges, slightly upturned nose, skin of face is dark purple-black.**

**The tail is fairly short and bent, the first third is characteristically held upward, with the rest drooping down.**

**Relatively long limbs with short digits.**

**The bare skin of the face, ears, hands and feet is dark.**

**The coat is short, coarse, & light grey to dark olive-brown in colour, with darker lower limbs.**

**Newborns are black with a reddish face. Fur is replaced with adult-like fur around 6 months of age.**

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