

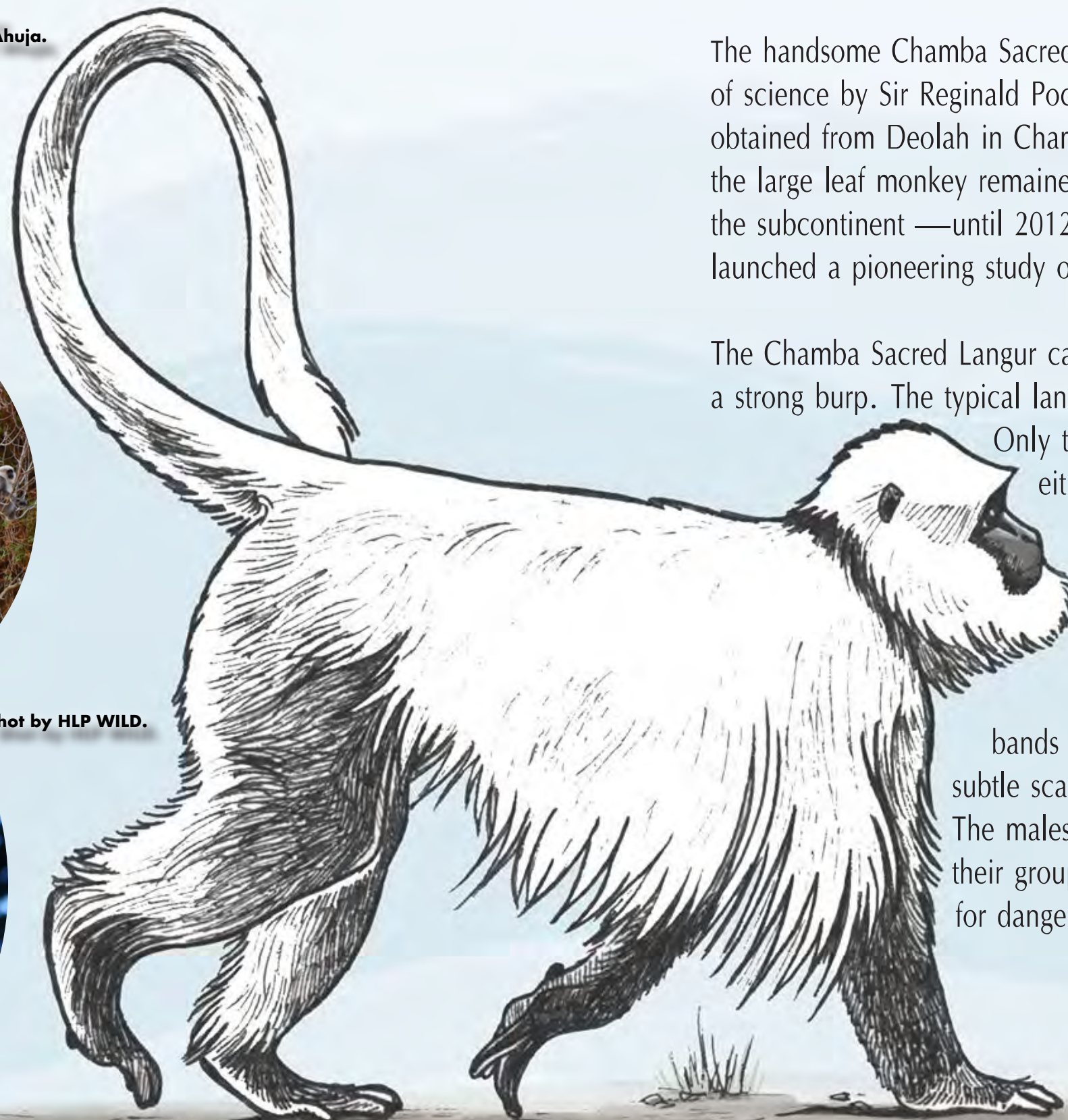
# Himalayan Langur Project



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The handsome Chamba Sacred Langur was introduced to the world of science by Sir Reginald Pocock in 1928 based on a skin specimen obtained from Deolah in Chamba. For the next 80 years, however, the large leaf monkey remained virtually unknown to primatologists in the subcontinent —until 2012, when the Himalayan Langur Project launched a pioneering study on the little-known Himalayan species.

The Chamba Sacred Langur call is a mix of a deep grunt followed by a strong burp. The typical langur whoop is not heard in the species.

Only the adult males have been observed to call, either to collect the group before a movement or to signal the location of one male to another.

Adult male Chamba Sacred Langurs protect their groups from vagrant bachelor bands and neighbouring groups and engage in subtle scare tactics to keep the miscreants at bay. The males have also been observed to look out for their groups while feeding, scouring the feeding area for danger and alerting the members.

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