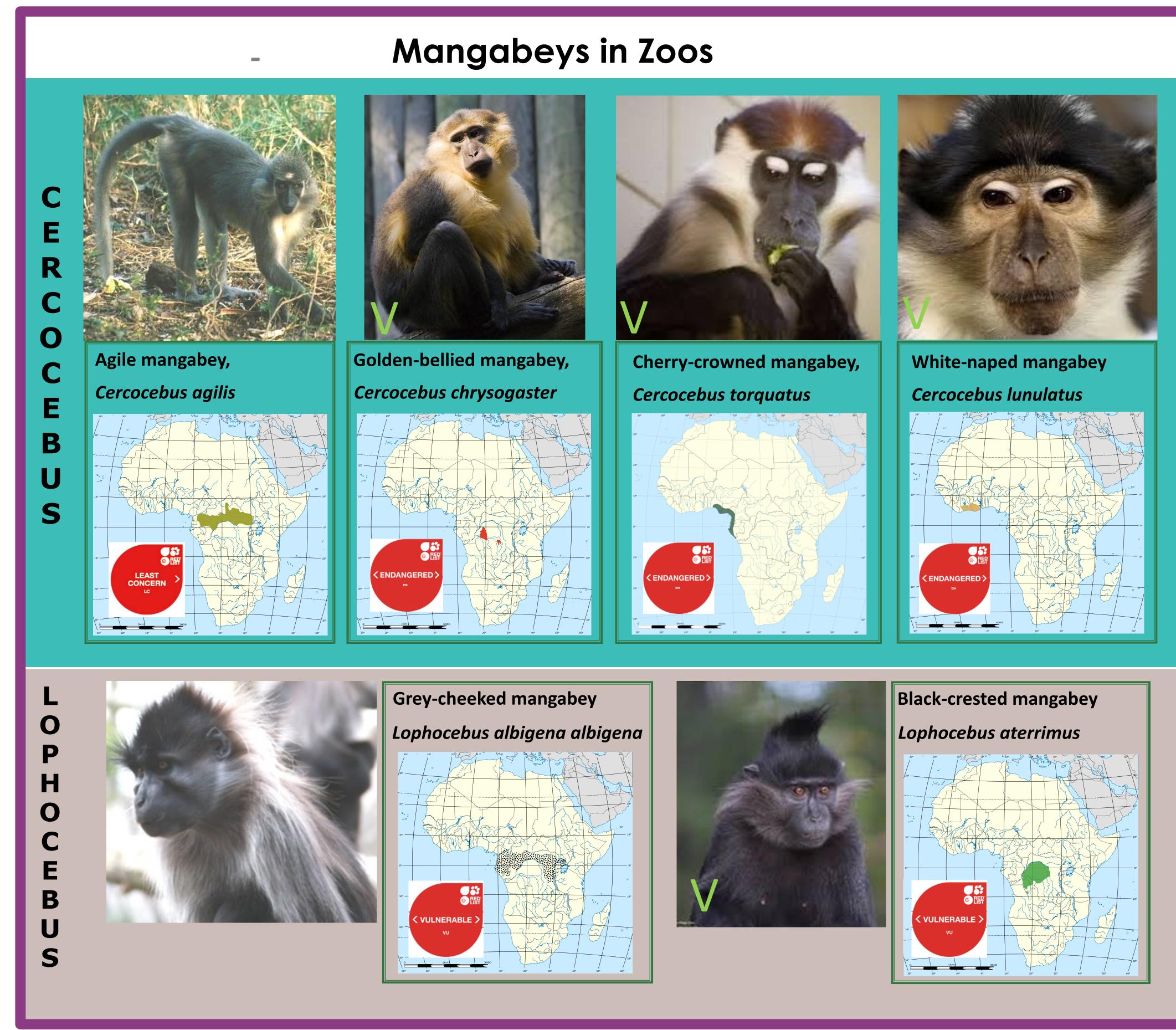


Are You M.A.D about Mangabeys?

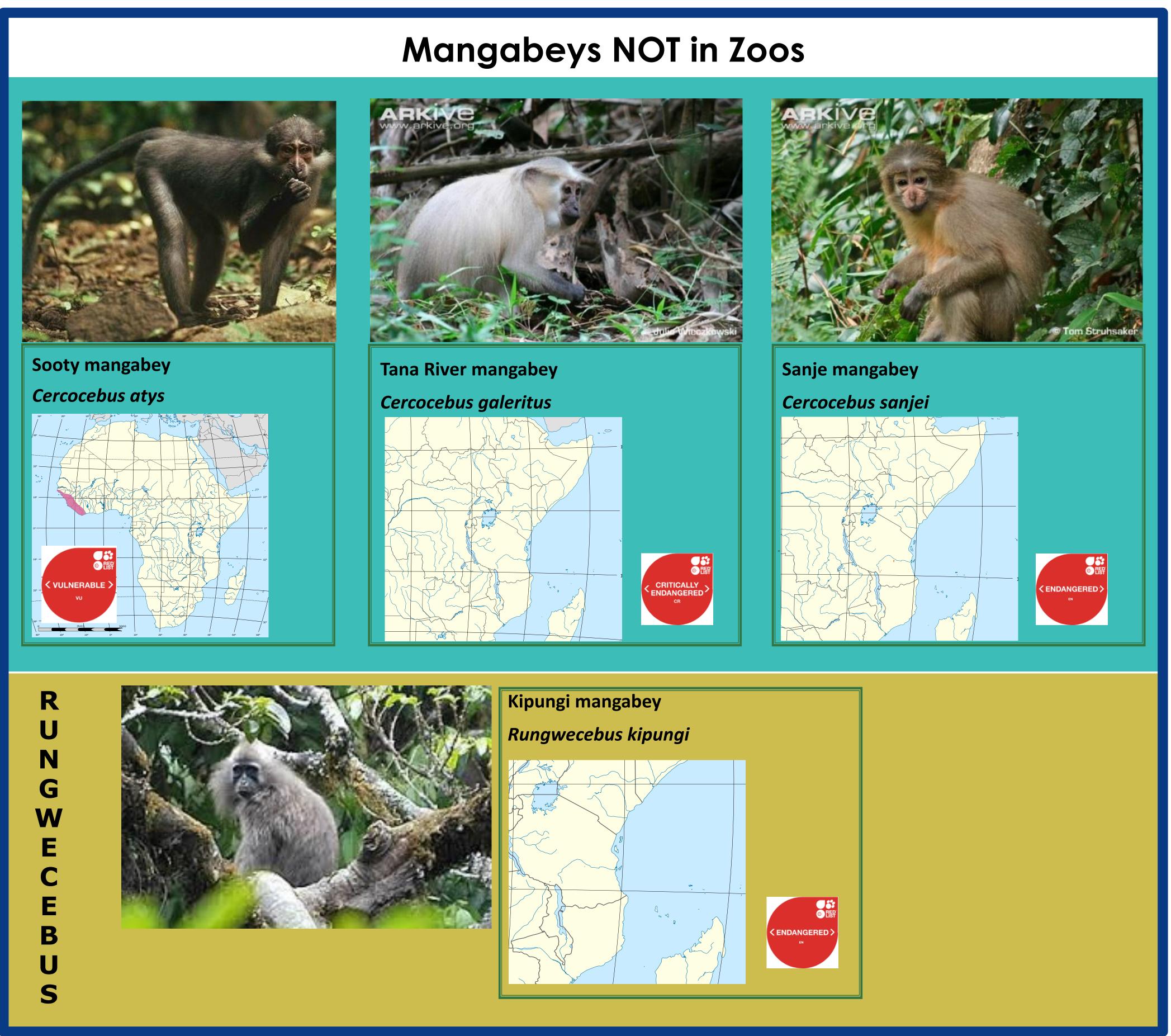


1st August is Mangabey Awareness Day

Mangabeys are not a commonly known species of monkey and they are often missrecognized as a baboon, a macaque or sometimes even a baby gorilla! Mangabeys are diverse, distinct, and beatiful accross their different species. Mangabeys are under constant **THREAT** from the **bushmeat and pet trade** and habitat loss through **deforestation for agriculture, charcoal production and illegal lumbering** which is reducing their habitat, in some cases as much as 80%.



Mangabeys are not common in our zoos, only **FOUR** of fifteen species/sub-species are held in VIABLE (= V) breeding programmes, with another **FOUR** species **NOT** in captivity and therefore with no 'reserve population' classified as **ENDANGERED** or **CRITICALLY ENDANGERED**. It is imperative to raise their profile and make visitors, donors and decision makers aware of their importance and their fragile existence.



How can you help?

Visit zoos on a regularly basis - your entrance fee will go towards conservation efforts working in a mangabey habitat range. **Hold a fundraising event** next year for Mangabey Awareness Day. **Be a sustainable consumer** in lumber, coffee and vegetable oil. **Support a mangabey conservation programme.**

