

The Indian Grey Wolf

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Indian grey wolf was spotted in the National Chambal Sanctuary after two decades.

- The last wolf sightings were reported during Operation Bhediya carried out between 1997 and 2000 to map the canines' footprint in Chambal.



[Ref: flickr]

About Indian Grey Wolves (*Canis lupus pallipes*):

- The Indian Grey Wolves is a subspecies of the grey wolf (*Canis lupus*) that is native to the **Indian subcontinent**.
- **Characteristics:**
 - These wolves are **medium-sized predators**, typically measuring about 26-38 inches in length and weighing between 40-60 pounds.
 - They have a distinctive **greyish-brown coat** with a paler underside and are known for their sharp, pointed ears.
- **Habitat:** They are highly adaptable and can be found in a variety of habitats, including deserts, grasslands, and scrublands, across regions of India.
- **Diet:** Indian Grey Wolves are primarily **carnivorous**, with a diet consisting of small to medium-sized mammals, such as deer, rodents, and sometimes livestock.

Threats:

- Habitat loss,
- Human-wolf conflicts, and
- Illegal hunting

Conservation Status:

- **IUCN Red List:** Endangered