has changed. The term 'monkeypox' is being phased out and the preferred term is now 'mpox'.

Ape Abundance Estimates

Definitive, up-to-date abundance estimates are not available for all ape species. The most recent Abundance Annex—available at www.stateoftheapes.org—presents estimates at the site level. For great apes, it uses abundance classes to indicate population ranges; for gibbons, it employs a mix of abundance classes and density estimates. In this volume, the Apes Overview and some chapters feature abundance information based on other geographic scales, drawn from a variety of sources, including forthcoming Red List assessments. Consequently, some figures may not align exactly.

Ape Range Maps

The ape range maps throughout this volume show the extent of occurrence (EOO) of each species. An EOO includes all known populations of a species contained within the shortest possible continuous imaginary boundary. Some areas within these boundaries may be unsuitable for apes or unoccupied.

The Arcus Foundation commissioned the ape distribution maps in the Apes Overview, Figures AO1 and AO2, to provide the most accurate and up-to-date illustration of range data. These maps were created by the IUCN Primate Specialist Group, which manages the A.P.E.S. portal and database. This volume also features maps created by contributors who used ape range data from other sources. As a consequence, the maps may not all align exactly.

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