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New Discoveries: Caqueta monkey



A NEWLY DISCOVERED species of titi monkey purrs like a cat and looks like a leprechaun. The new species, named the *Caqueta titi* monkey or *Callicebus caquetensis*, is one of about 20 species of titi monkeys, which all live in the Amazon basin, according to primatologist Thomas Defler, who led the expedition that made the discovery announced Aug. 12 in Primate Conservation.

The *Caqueta titi* monkey is being recommended for classification as Critically Endangered. The population size has been estimated at less than 250 individuals, and its habitat has been fragmented by clearing for agricultural land.

“All of the babies purr like cats too,” Defler added. “When they feel very content they purr towards each other, and the ones we raised would purr to us.”

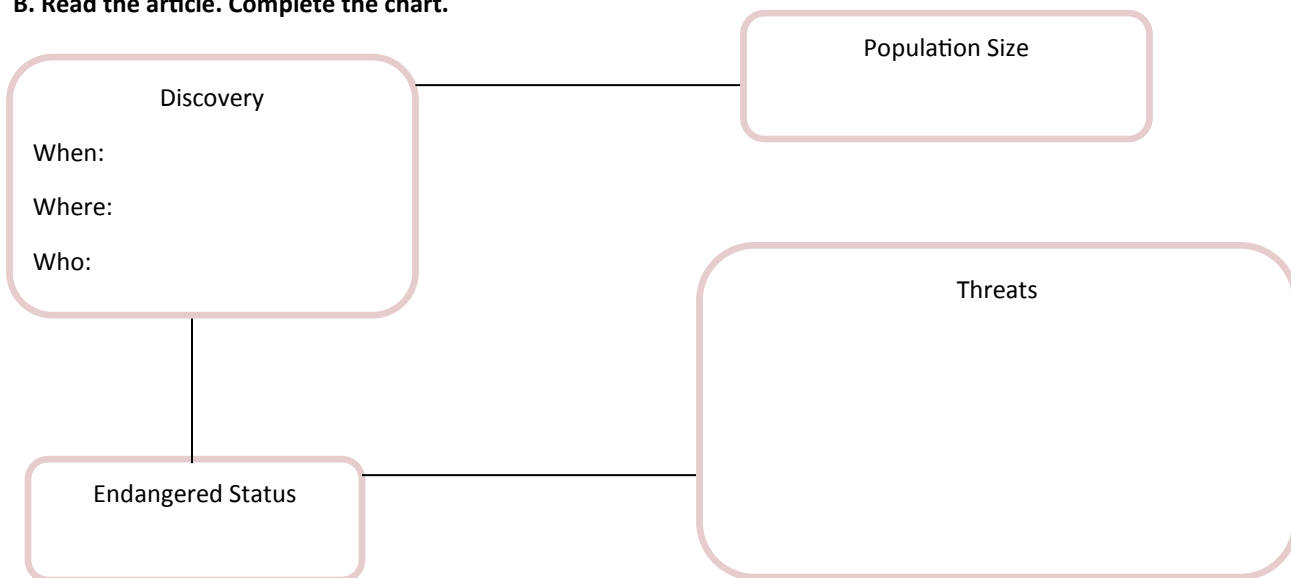
After years of wanting to go to the Caqueta region to search for the monkey, Defler was finally able to go in part because of a new government that has made the region safer, and in part because he met a biology student named Javier Garcia who was from the region, which also made it safer for them to go, Defler said. Conservation International provided funding for the project.

*Article Source: <http://www.wired.com/2010/08/new-titi-monkey/>

*Photo Source: Javier Garcia

A. What makes the Caqueta monkey unique? _____

B. Read the article. Complete the chart.



C. Research the Caqueta monkey. What can you find out about its diet, habitat and lifestyle. Share your findings.