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Dear Marvin:

As you suggest, the identities and taxonomy of Dendrolagus are more or less of a mess and I would not like to venture an opinion concerning your present problems. As far as I know, the group has not been subject to complete recent revision but I think you might get some help (or more confusion!) from Tate, G.H.H., 1948, Studies on the anatomy and phylogeny of the Macropodidae (Marsupialia), Results of the Archbold Expeditions. 59. Bull.Am.Mus.Nat.Hist., Vol.91, Article 2. Running down races of living mammals, even when at hand, is generally not easy.

I'll be happy to follow your judgement on the female Gaur at Washington - unless, as you say, it proves to be wrong, which seems very unlikely! The longevity is certainly within reason.

Dologale dybowskii is maintained as a valid name by Allen, 1939, with H. nigripes as a synonym. Of course, I have no idea as to whether or not the name should be applied to Washington's animals.

Sincerely yours,



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