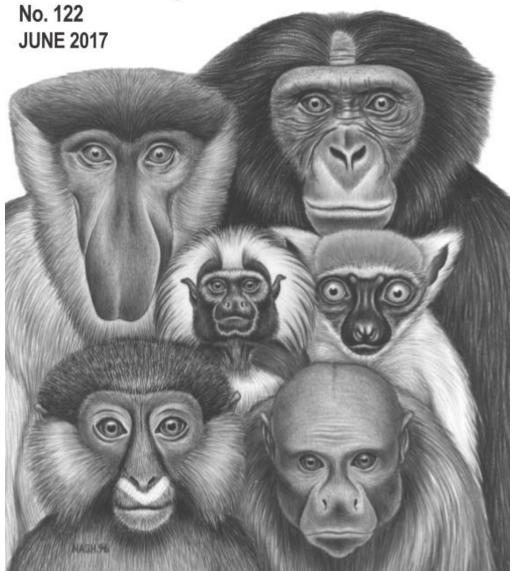
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Lethal intergroup aggression in wild crested black macaques (Macaca nigra) in Tangkoko Nature Reserve (North Sulawesi, Indonesia)
Intergroup coalitionary lethal attacks have only been confirmed in two species of anthropoid primates: chimpanzees and humans. Both share two traits that have been suggested to be key for the occurrence of lethal intergroup aggression: fission-fusion dynamics and raiding parties. Here we report an ad libitum observation of a case of lethal aggression in an Old World monkey: the death of an adult crested black macaque (Macaca nigra) female during a coalitionary attack by a neighbouring group. Our study suggests that intergroup lethal violence in primates can occur in the absence of fission-fusion dynamics and raiding parties.