



Human Wildlife Solutions

Monthly Report

July 2020

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A. INTRODUCTION

This monthly report covers the period from 1 to 31 July 2020. July is generally considered the peak of winter and this year was no exception. Cape Town experienced the coldest & wettest winter in five years, characterised by several cold fronts. Winter is when conditions (cold and lack of food) are their worst for baboons. Accordingly, the Constantia 1 troop saw a large increase in time in town this month dropping from 100% out of town to 93.8%. In the south, the Slangkop troop remained a challenge to manage on Slangkop Mountain, however, a significant increase (5%) in time out of town was achieved from 72.9% in June to 77.8% in July. The average time out of town for troops during July was 97.5%, with seven troops nearly 100% time out of town.

B. BABOON MANAGEMENT AND RAID REPORTING

SOUTH EASTERN REGION – AREA MANAGER: CALFORD ZODZI

1. SMITSWINKEL BAY TROOP

In Town Statistics

- The Smitswinkel Bay Troop spent 99.9% of its time out of town in July 2020.
- Individual time out of town was 99% this month.
- The Smitswinkel Bay Troop utilised its southern sleep sites for nineteen nights and the northern sleep sites for twelve nights of the month.

Noteworthy Incidents

Millers Point Boat Club

- The troop visited the braai area at the Millers Point Boat Club on two occasions this month, however on the third occasion (3 July) they only moved past as they were on the coastal area.

Smitswinkel Bay

- The troop moved into Smitswinkel Bay on two occasions this month (18 and 20 July), but they were quickly pushed out. Individual baboons also visited Smitswinkel Bay on two occasions this month, but no raids were recorded.

Farms

- The farms along Plateau Road were visited by the troop on five occasions during July.

SWB6

- SWB6 went down to Smitswinkel Bay houses on one occasion this month (21 July).
- SWB6 was in the urban area on two occasions, on one of these occasions, 15 July, he raided an occupied house on Afrikander Road in Murdoch Valley.

PR3

- PR3 was in the urban area on four occasions, but no raids were recorded.

Births and Deaths

- There were no births or deaths reported for the Smitswinkel Bay Troop during July 2020.

HWS: TROOP MONTHLY REPORT																																				
SECTOR		CLASSES OF BEHAVIOUR																																		
SOUTH EAST		1	In urban area										4	Attacking pets										7	Threatening behaviour/attack/stealing food											
BABOON TROOP:	SMITS	2	Raid bins										5	Raid unoccupied house or vehicle										8	Breaking & Entering/Damaging property											
MONTH: JULY	YEAR: 2020	3	Non malicious damage										6	Raid occupied house or vehicle										9	Nocturnal Raiding											
BABOON ID	Sex	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	TOTAL			
SWB6	M															6							1						1				3			
PR3	M						1					1																1				1	4			
UnId Males	M																																			
UnID Females	F																																			
UnID Juveniles																																				
UnID Individuals																																				
Troop										1,1										1				1			1						4			
	%	TIME SPENT IN TOWN (Minutes)																														HRS				
Troop	0,1									5																	8						0,22			
Individuals	1,0											60				35												83			10		3,13			
Roost:	AM	4	4	4	2	1	7	3	2	5	4	5	4	1	2	9	9	2	7	7	7	7	1	7	1	3	4	2	5	3	5	3				
Roost:	PM	4	4	2	1	7	3	2	5	4	5	4	1	2	9	9	2	7	7	7	7	1	7	1	3	4	2	5	3	5	3	4				
Roost Sites		1	Smits Caves					2	Partridge Point					3	Bluegums					4	Millers Point					5	Rocklands Farm									
		6	Castle Rock					7	SANParks					8	Other/Unknown					9	Murdoch Valley Cliffs					10										
ID Features of Baboons																																				
General remarks		Black, bold and italics text indicates raids at SANParks. Red Italics and bold indicate raids on the farms or Smitswinkel.																																		

Figure 1: The Smitswinkel Bay Troop's raid sheet for July 2020.

2. WATERFALL TROOP

In Town Statistics

- The Waterfall Troop spent 99.9% of its time out of the urban area during July.
- Individuals time out of town was 95.8%.
- There was a total of 87 raids this month, 49 raids on South African Navy properties, while 38 raids occurred in the urban area.
- The Waterfall Troop predominantly slept on the Admiral Footpath Sleep Site, the remaining nights were split between the South African Naval Armament Depot (SANAD) facility, the Quarry sleep site and the North peak sleep site.

Noteworthy Incidents

The South African Navy: Simon's Town

- There were 66 raids by Individuals from the Waterfall Troop during July, on 31 occasions at Navy facilities and thirty-four occasions in the urban area of Simon's Town.
- There were twenty-one troop raids this month, eighteen occasions of these were on the navy facilities while only three were in the urban area of Simon's Town.
- Fruit trees behind What's Your flavor shop and on Cable Hill Road attracted baboons into town.
- Vegetables and fruit peels dumped on Quarry Way attracted baboons in town on 5 July.
- Failure by solid waste to collect rubbish bins on 27 July (owing to a strike by communities) resulted in more baboons being attracted to town to raid bins.

Naval Dockyard

- Poor waste management at the Dockyard Naval facility in Simon's Town continued to attract the baboons this month.
- Bins at the Dockyard were raided on at least ten occasions.

WF7

- WF7 together with two juveniles raided Happy Valley bins on 27 July.
- WF7 raided What's Your Flavor shop on 29 July.

Unidentified Adult Male

- The male went to the Dockyard to raid bins together with other individual females and juveniles on at least two occasions.
- He went to What's Your Flavor shop on at least two occasions and on one occasion he raided the shop together with three females (21 July).

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SOUTH EAST		1 In urban area																4 Attacking Pets																7 Threatening behaviour/attack/stealing food							
BABOON TROOP:	WATERFALL	2 Raid bins																5 Raid unoccupied house or vehicle																8 Breaking & Entering/Damaging property							
MONTH: JULY	YEAR: 2020	3 Non malicious damage																6 Raid occupied house or vehicle																9 Nocturnal Raiding							
BABOON ID	Sex	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	TOTAL								
WF7	M				1	1												1		1		2							1	2.6.1			9								
WFF5	F														6								1										2								
WFF6	F																																0								
UnID Males	M					1	1										2	1		2		6.1	1					2.1	1				11								
UnID Female																								2	2								2								
UnID Females	F				1.1	2	2										2			2		1.2.2					1.1.1.2	1		2			15								
UnID Juveniles			2		1	2	0.1.2									2	2	1	1	1.1		2		2		1	1	1	1				17								
UnID Individuals										2								0.2.6	1	2.2		2	2					1	2	2			10								
Troop		1	0.1.1		0.1.1	1	1			1		1	1	1		1	5	1.1				1.2	1			1		1		1			21								
	%	TIME SPENT IN TOWN (Minutes)																															HRS								
Troop	0.1	5		10												10																0.42									
Individuals	4.2	10		157	10	38									20	25	10	65	7	37		25	24			30	63	122	136	15			13.23								
Roost:	AM	4	15	4	15	4	15	4	10	10	10	10	10	10	4	9	4	4	4	4	4	9	4	4	4	4	4	15	4	15	4	15									
Roost:	PM	15	4	15	4	15	4	10	10	10	10	10	10	4	9	4	4	4	4	4	9	4	4	4	4	4	15	4	15	4	15	9									
Roost Sites		1	Waterfall Cliff							2	Happy Valley Mtn							3	Signal School							4	Admiral Footpath							5	Red Hill						
		6	Mountain CoGHN							7	Gate 3 - Plateau Road							8	Shamballah Pines							9	North Peak							10	SANAD						
ID Features of Baboons		11	Bungalow							12	Murdock Valley Cliffs							13	Rocklands Valley							14	Other							15	Quarry						
General remarks		Red, Bold and Italics indicates raiding inside the South African Naval Ammunition Depot (SANAD) and Signal School. Black, Italics indicates raiding on farms.																																							

Figure 2: The Waterfall Troop's raid sheet for July 2020.

Births and Deaths and Injuries

- There were no births in the Waterfall Troop during July 2020.
- An unidentified adult male had a cut on the right back leg after fighting with WF7 on 2 July. He has since fully recovered from the injury.
- WFF5 had a cut on the back after an altercation with another baboon on 29 July. She has now fully recovered.

3. DA GAMA TROOP

In Town Statistics

- Time out of town for the Da Gama Troop was 98.6% in July, compared to 95.8% in June 2020.
- For individuals, time out of the urban area increased from 83.4% in June to 89% in July.
- The troop spent five nights out of town during July. The baboons utilised Blackhill, Witsands, Kleinplaas and Compass Bakery Sleep Sites. For the remainder of the month (26 nights), the troop mainly utilised the Dalglish Pine Trees near the Da Gama Park naval flats, Outspan pines near Welcome Glen and the 2nd Avenue sleep sites.

Noteworthy Incidents

DG14 (adult male)

- DG14 raided one bin on 9th Avenue in Da Gama Park on 5 July, and another one on 6 July in Welcome Glen on Glenhurst Road.
- On 3 July, DG14 raided some food parcels which were left unattended on the veranda of a house along Glenoak Road in Welcome Glen.

DG19 (Sub-adult male)

- On 2 July, after gaining entry through an open window, DG19 raided an occupied house on Mauritius Road, in Capri, and took a loaf of bread.
- DG19 raided bins on seven occasions, twice in Welcome Glen (Gleneagle and Glenoak Road) and five times in Da Gama Park during July. The bin raids in Da Gama Park occurred along 2nd, 4th, 5th and 16th Avenues.

Welcome Glen

- DG14 raided unattended food parcels in Glenoak Road.
- DG19 raided bins on two occasions in Welcome Glen (3 and 6 July) on Gleneagle and Glenoak respectively. On the second occasion, he raided together with a female.
- Three unidentified individuals raided two bins along Glenoak Road in Welcome Glen on 8 July.
- Another unidentified female which had eyesight problems raided a bin along Glenhurst Road on 25 July.
- DG14 was attracted to a house on Glenoak road by the owner of the property who was giving him bread on the 30 July.
- An unidentified female raided a bin on Glenavon Road on 30 July.

Da Gama Park

- An unidentified female raided an occupied house on 12th Avenue on 20 July. She entered the house through the kitchen door, which was open, but was quickly chased out by the owner of the house.
- An unidentified individual raided a bin on 2nd Avenue on 27 July.
- Two unidentified females raided a bin along Da Gama Road at 16th Avenue on 29 July.
- An unidentified female was attracted to a house along Da Gama Road by porridge and pap which was thrown on the lawn by the owner of the house on 29 July.
- Two juveniles raided a bin along 4th Avenue while DG14 raided another bin on 9th Avenue on 5 July.

Other

- DGF1 and multiple unidentified individuals raided a bin at the sports complex, opposite the Welcome Glen.
- Fruit trees at a property in Glenoak Road continued to attract baboons into the area, drawing them into town on at least two occasions this month.
- Thick and tall alien vegetation around Da Gama Park and Welcome Glen continues to hinder the baboons' movement up the mountain as they easily hide in the vegetation.
- Residents who feed baboons in Welcome Glen and throw their leftover food contribute to attracting baboons into the urban area.

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BABOON TROOP:		In urban area															4 Attacking pets															7	Threatening behaviour/ attacking/ stealing food														
DA GAMA		2 Raid bins															5 Raid unoccupied house or vehicle															8	Breaking &Entering/Damaging property														
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YEAR: 2020																																															
BABOON ID	Sex	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	TOTAL														
Troop						1		1	1									1							1		1	1	1		1		9														
DG14 (O-G)	M	6	2		2,1,1	1,2				1	1		1									1		1									13														
DG19 Sub Male	M	1	2				2,1			1	1,1		1	1							2	1	1				2	2,1	2	1	1		19														
DGF1	F																				1								1				2														
DGF2	F		1																											2			2														
DGF4	F																																														
DGF6 (P-Y)	F						1																										1														
DGF7 (G-G)	F																				1								1				2														
UnID Females	F	1		1	1	1	1			1	1	1,1			1				1			1	1	1		1				2,1	1	1	19														
UnID Female	F				2,1,1	1,2					1		1,1	2							5					2	2				2,1		14														
UnID Individuals			1,1	2			1				1			1				1	1,1		1					1		1					12														
UnID Juvs				1	1	2,1				1				1					1						1		1				1		10														
	%	TIME SPENT IN TOWN (Minutes)																												HRS																	
Troop	1,4					25		20	130									4							40		5	25	10		10		4,48														
Individuals	11,0	25	35	165	40	115	135		60	67	255		150	120				30	70		200	75	115		25	26	30	55	35	145	95	25	34,88														
Roost:	AM	2	6	25	2	3	3	3	3	3	2	3	2	2	3	2	11,0	11	24	2	2	1	2	2	2	3	7	3	3	21	21	3	2														
Roost:	PM	6	25	2	3	3	3	3	3	2	3	2	2	3	2	11	11	24	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	7	3	3	21	21	3	2															
Roost Sites						1	Flats						2	Pines - Flats						3	Pines - Da Gama						4	Pines - WG						5	Sport Fields Stables												
						6	Compass Bakery Cliffs						7	Pines - Outspan						8	Jacks Shop						9	Elsie's Peak						10	Rotary Camp												
						11	Witsand						12	Slangkop						13	Platkop						14	Rasta Camp						15	Ocean View												
						16	KL sleep site						17	Maylands						18	Elsies River Valley						19	Red Hill / Windford						20	Grootkop												
						21	16th Avenue, DG						22	Lewis Gay Dam						23	Pinehaven						24	Kleinplaas Dam						25	Blackhill												
						26	Blue Gums, Waterworks						27	Solole						28	Other																										
ID Features of Baboons																																															
General remarks																																															

Figure 3: The Da Gama Troop's raid sheet for July 2020.

Injuries

- An unidentified female with impaired vision was reported on 28 June. She was monitored closely and she has since shown significant improvement.
- An unidentified female is undergoing hair loss on the shoulder blade region of her upper left flank and will be monitored.

Births and Deaths

- There was one birth recorded in July.
- There were no deaths recorded in July.

SOUTH EAST REGIONAL SUMMARY:

Births and Deaths

- There were one birth and no deaths in the South East region during June.

Recommendations

- **Visible fruit on fruit trees** in baboon-affected areas **should be harvested** so as not to attract baboons.
- **Open vegetable gardens** should be baboon proofed. Baboon-proofing of all domestic vegetable gardens in baboon-affected areas will reduce baboon incursions into the suburbs.
- **New baboon-proof bins are required** for many properties in Da Gama and Welcome Glen.
- **Waste and recycling collection should be prioritised** to occur in the early morning to prevent this waste from being an attractant to baboons throughout the day. This is most important for Dalglish and Van der Graaf Avenues, Da Gama Park.
- The use of **clear recycling bags** in baboon-affected areas should be re-evaluated as this remains an attractant for baboons.
- The installation of **baboon-proof bins at the West Yard**, South African Navy docks would assist in preventing baboon raids. Baboon-proofing at the West Yard cafeteria is recommended.
- Raids at **Waterfall Barracks** and **Happy Valley Home** would be considerably reduced if residents **closed doors and windows** when they left their rooms.
- **Garden waste and household refuse dumped** in the vicinity of the Da Gama Park stream and along the streets in Da Gama Park, **should be removed**. This waste acts as an attractant for the baboons in town, as well as hindering the effectiveness of the rangers to track the movements of the baboons.
- **Poor waste management at the South African Naval Armament Depot (SANAD) and the Waterfall Barracks** needs to be addressed to reduce the number of incidents occurring.
- **Dumping of waste by residents**, as well as food and litter from **contractors** on-site, in the open area **adjacent to the Da Gama Park Convenience Store**, should be removed from the area.
- A **baboon-proofing solution** is still required for the **‘What’s Your Flava’ café in Simon’s Town** to prevent baboons from raiding the shop.
- **Alien vegetation** around **Da Gama Park** and **Welcome Glen** needs to be **cleared** to stop baboons from hiding when they are being pushed up.

SOUTH WESTERN REGION – AREA MANAGER: BERTUS EBERSOHN

1. GROOT OLIFANTSBOS TROOP (GOB)

In Town Statistics

- The GOB Troop spent the majority of the month within the Cape of Good Hope (CoGH) section of the Table Mountain National Park (TMNP) coming out only to roost.
- The troop roosted at Wildschutsbrand for 19 nights, within the boundaries of the CoGH for 10 nights and at Shambalah for two nights.

Noteworthy Incidents

- SANParks has removed the rubbish skips at Kogelfontein. Due to this, the mobile clinic that is set up there to serve the surrounding communities has resorted to leaving their medical waste inside one of the garages. This has attracted baboons and left them vulnerable to being exposed to medical waste.
- The troop also frequented the smallholdings on the border of the Cape of Good Hope Reserve.

Sleep Site Usage

- The GOB Troop is mostly utilizing sleep sites outside of the reserve. This is a seasonal trend observed in the winter months.

Births and Deaths

- No births or deaths were recorded for the GOB Troop during June 2020.

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Unld Males	M																																0	
Females	F																																0	
Unld Individuals																						2											1	
Juveniles																																	0	
Troop																																	0	
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Troop	0,0																																0,00	
Individuals	0,0																																0,00	
Roost:	AM	5	5	5	2	2	2	2	5	5	5	5	2	5	2	4	2	2	5	2	5	5	5	5	5	5	4	5	5	5	2	2	5	
Roost:	PM	5	5	2	2	2	5	5	5	5	2	5	2	4	2	2	5	2	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	4	5	5	5	2	2	5	2	
Roost Sites		1	Misty Cliffs 1					2	CoGH Reserve					3	Red Hill					4	Shamballah					5	Wildschutsbrand							
		6	Perdekloof					7	CoGH Nursery					8	Misty Cliffs 2					9	Gate 1					10	Other							
ID Features of Baboons																																		
General remarks		Black, bold and italics text indicates raids at SANParks.																																

Figure 4: The Groot Olifantsbos Troop's raid sheet for July 2020.

2. THE SLANGKOP TROOP

In Town Statistics

- The troop spent 77,8% of its time out of the urban area.
- Individuals time out of town was 98,9% this month. This high percentage is only indicating that when baboons raided Kommetjie, the whole troop took part on almost every occasion.
- The troop slept both in Kommetjie Village and on the Slangkop Cliffs Sleep Site 2 for the majority of the month (nine nights each), on Slangkop Cliff Sleep Site 3 for seven nights, on Slangkop Cliffs Sleep Site 1 for four nights and on Slangkop Cliff Sleep Site 4 for two nights.

Noteworthy Incidents

Kommetjie

- The Slangkop Troop moved through the suburb of Kommetjie on 16 occasions this month.
- Residential bins were raided on three occasions. Two bins in Gladiola Way (by two unidentified individuals) and one in Sunbird Circle (by two unidentified females).
- Four occupied houses were raided. One in Flamingo Road (by an unidentified juvenile), one in Arum Road (by an unidentified juvenile), one in Sunbird Circle (by an unidentified female) and one in Erica Road (by SK10 and an unidentified juvenile).
- All raided houses were left open and baboons gained access easily.

Injuries:

- On the 2 July a lethargic and weak sub-adult male, SK12, was reported. The vet came out to examine him. He was kept in a holding cage for five days for intense observation. He improved greatly and was released back with the troop. On 13 July, this male was reported with the same condition. He was captured and taken to a veterinarian. It was found that he had liver and kidney failure. The animal was euthanized for humane reasons on 14 July. Post mortem findings confirmed congestive heart failure and also severe peritonitis due to an air rifle pellet penetrating the intestine.
- On 6 July, a male juvenile was seen with blood on its left leg. He was monitored and recovered fully.

Births and Deaths

- Three births and one death were recorded this month.

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SK10	M																	6															1																							
SK11	M				1	1	1			1								1															5																							
UnID Males	M																																0																							
UnID Females	F				1	1				1								1,2,6,6															7																							
UnID Juveniles					1								6					6															2																							
UnID Individuals								6					2,2																				3																							
Troop		1	1	1	1	1	1	1		1	1	1	1	1	1			1	1													1	16																							
	%	TIME SPENT IN TOWN (Minutes)																																HRS																						
Troop	22,2	310	236	30	235	225	165	175		465	580	160	180	595	180			290	205												157	69,80																								
Individuals	1,1				40	35	20			30								90														3,58																								
Roost:	AM	1	1	9	6	9	9	9	6	6	9	9	1	9	9	7	6	6	9	1	6	6	7	7	7	7	6	6	8	8	7	7																								
Roost:	PM	1	9	6	9	9	9	6	6	9	9	1	9	9	7	6	6	9	1	6	6	7	7	7	7	6	6	8	8	7	7	1																								
Roost Sites		1	Slangkop										2	Ocean View										3	Compass Bakery										4	Witsand										5	Other									
		6	Slangkop 1										7	Slangkop 2										8	Slangkop 3										9	Kommetjie																				
ID Features of Baboons																																																								
General remarks		Red, bold and italics text indicates raids at Rogers Farm and the City waste disposal site.																																																						

Figure 5: The Slangkop Troop's raid sheet for July 2020.

3. THE PLATEAU ROAD TROOP

HWS rangers manage the Plateau Road Troop on Plateau Road, but not on agricultural land. The Plateau Road Troop does not raid in the official urban area and is therefore not a fully managed troop. HWS has a ranger stationed on Plateau Road to manage the interface between tourists and baboons. The aim is to prevent tourists from feeding baboons and to keep the troop off the road.

Noteworthy Incidents

Sleep Site preference:

- The troop slept in the pine trees at Gate 7 for the majority of the month (22 nights), at the Gate 4 Sleep Site for eight nights and the remainder (one night) at the Gate 1 Sleep Site.

Troop Movement:

- The troop spent the majority of the month foraging under the pine trees and in the indigenous vegetation on the eastern side of Plateau Road, moving up the mountain once and moving north of Gate 1 once.
- The troop entered the CoGH section of the Table Mountain National Park on 10 occasions during the month.

Births and Deaths

- There were no births or deaths recorder in the Plateau Road troop for this month

SOUTH WEST REGIONAL SUMMARY:

Births and Deaths

- There were three births and one death (humane euthanasia) in the South West region during July 2020.

Recommendations

- All **fruiting trees or visible fruit** should be harvested from fruit trees in baboon-affected areas.
- A **baboon-proof cage** should be installed in the **commercial businesses area in Kommetjie**.
- **Baboon-proof bins** should be used by residents in **Kommetjie**.
- **Residents** are urged to keep their **doors and windows closed** when baboons are in the urban area.
- **Residents** are reminded to keep their **dogs inside** when baboons are in the area.
- **Residents** are reminded that **birdfeed** is a big attractant for baboons.
- Residents are reminded to please report any **illegal activity** such as persons feeding baboons, or shooting baboons with pellet guns, to the baboon hotline (071 588 6540).
- **SANParks** should reinstall a **lockable skip** at Kogelfontein.

NORTHERN REGION – AREA MANAGER: STEPHANUS FERREIRA

1. TOKAI TROOP

In Town Statistics

- Time out of town for the troop was 99.9%.
- Time out of town for individuals was 97.4 %.
- The troop slept (26 nights) in the SANPark's Tokai Picnic Site; (4 nights) at the Tea Garden and (1 night) at the Chrysalis Gums.

Noteworthy Incidents

Cape Academy

- TK 56, an untagged adult male, ventured to the Cape Academy on eight occasions. During which 11 bins raids were recorded.
- MT13 went to Cape Academy on two occasions and raided bins.
- The whole Tokai troop entered the Cape Academy on one occasion and raided bins there.
- An untagged sub-adult male followed TK56 on three occasions to the Cape Academy and went there by himself once during July.

Zwaanswyk

- On 20 July, three females and three juveniles entered Zwaanswyk residential area. No raids were recorded.

HWS: TROOP MONTHLY REPORT																																													
SECTOR			CLASSES OF BEHAVIOUR																																										
NORTH			1	In urban area											4	Attacking pets						7	Threatening behaviour/attack/stealing food																						
BABOON TROOP:	TOKAI		2	Raid bins											5	Raid unoccupied house or vehicle						8	Breaking & Entering/Damaging property																						
MONTH: JULY	YEAR: 2020		3	Non malicious damage											6	Raid occupied house or vehicle						9	Nocturnal Raiding																						
BABOON ID	Sex	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	TOTAL												
MT 13 (Y-W)	M													2	2																		2												
TK 56	M													2	2																		2												
TKF7	F													2																			1												
TKF12 (B)	F													2																			1												
TKF13 (Y)	F													2																			1												
TKF15 (CB)	F													2																			1												
Un ID male	M											1		2							1	2,2	1				1			2,2,2	2,2		15												
Un ID Sub male	M													2	2						1		1			1						5													
Un ID Female	F													2							1											2													
UN ID juvenile														2							1											2													
Un ID individuals														2																		1													
Troop														2,2	2																	3													
	%	HRS																																											
Troop	0,1												20																			0,33													
Individuals	2,6											60			15						45	30	180			30	70		40	22		8,20													
Roost:	AM	1	1	1	5	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	5	5	6	6	6	1	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	9													
Roost:	PM	1	1	5	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	5	5	6	6	6	1	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	9													
Roost Sites	1		Tea Garden							2		Upper Tea Garden							3		Manor House Pines							4		Picnic Site 1							5		Picnic Site 2						
	6		Picnic Site 3							7		Tokai Bridge							8		Mikes Stables Pines							9		Chrysalis Gums							10		Laundry Pines						
	11		Silvermine Pines							12		Promised Land Gums L5							13		Lower Reservoir							14		Cape Academy							15		Other						
ID Features of Baboons																																													
General remarks		Bold, black and italics text indicates non-urban raids.																																											

Figure 6: The Tokai Troop's raid sheet for July 2020.

Births and Deaths

- On 29 July, a dead infant was identified in the Tokai Troop. Cause of death is suspected infanticide.
- No births were recorded in the Tokai Troop for July.

2. ZWAANSWYK TROOP

In Town Statistics

- Time out of town for the troop was 99,9 %.
- Time out of town for individuals was 99,8 %.
- The troop slept (3 nights) at the Tea Garden; (4 nights) at the Manor House Pines; (3 nights) at the Laundry Pines, (5 nights) at the SANParks' Tokai Picnic Site, and (16 nights) the troop utilized the Chrysalis Gums sleep sites.

Noteworthy Incidents

Bloekom Lane:

- The troop entered Bloekom Lane on one occasion during July.
- TK 55 went to Bloekom Lane on one occasion, during which he raided two bins.

Cape Academy:

- ZWF 1 went to the Cape Academy on one occasion by herself, during which she raided three bins.

HWS: TROOP MONTHLY REPORT																																		
SECTOR		CLASSES OF BEHAVIOUR																																
NORTH		1	In urban area	4	Attacking pets	7	Threatening behaviour/attack/stealing food																											
BABOON TROOP:	ZWAANSWYK	2	Raid bins	5	Raid unoccupied house or vehicle	8	Breaking & Entering/Damaging property																											
MONTH: JULY	YEAR: 2020	3	Non malicious damage	6	Raid occupied house or vehicle	9	Nocturnal Raiding																											
BABOON ID	Sex	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	TOTAL	
TKS5 (B-B)	M													1						2,2													3	
TKF5 (G)	F													1																			1	
TKF4 (O)	F													1																			1	
ZWF1	F													1								2,2,2											4	
Un ID Females	F													1																			1	
Un ID juveniles														1																			1	
Un ID individuals														1																			1	
Troop														1																			1	
	%	TIME SPENT IN TOWN (Minutes)																																HRS
Troop	0,1													15																			0,25	
Individuals	0,2																			25		20											0,75	
Roost:	AM	1	1	1	5	6	9	9	9	9	10	3	10	10	3	9	5	3	9	9	9	3	6	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	6	9		
Roost:	PM	1	1	5	6	9	9	9	9	10	3	10	10	3	9	5	3	9	9	9	3	6	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	6	9	6		
Roost Sites		1	Tea Garden				2	Upper Tea Garden				3	Manor House Pines				4	Picnic Site 1				5	Picnic Site 2											
		6	Picnic Site 3				7	Tokai Bridge				8	Mikes Stables Pines				9	Chrysalis Gums				10	Laundry Pines											
		11	Silvermine Pines				12	Promised Land Gums L5				13	Lower Reservoir				14	Cape Academy				15	Other											
ID Features of Baboons																																		
General remarks		Bold, black and italics text indicates non-urban raids.																																

Figure 7: The Zwaanswyk Troop's raid sheet for July 2020.

Births and Deaths

- One birth was recorded in the Zwaanswyk Troop on 25 July.
- No deaths were recorded for the Zwaanswyk Troop during this month.

3. CONSTANTIA TROOP 1(CT1)

In Town Statistics

- Time out of town for the troop was 93,8 %.
- Time out of town for individuals was 97,8 %.
- The troop mostly slept (8 nights) at the Upper Gums; (2 nights) at the Lower Gums; (7 nights) at the Castle Gums; and (13 nights) at the Price Drive Stream and (1 night) at the Dumping site.

Noteworthy Incidents**CON16**

- Entered town on eight occasions during which he raided three bins.

CON17

- Entered town on three occasions during which no raids were recorded.

MT18

- Entered town on five occasions during which one bin raid was recorded.

TROOP

- The troop entered town on four occasions, of which one was on Klein Constantia Road and the other three incursions were around Price Drive.

Births and Deaths

- No births or deaths were recorded for July in the CT1 Troop.

HWS: TROOP MONTHLY REPORT																																																								
SECTOR		CLASSES OF BEHAVIOUR																																																						
NORTH		1	In urban area										4	Attacking pets										7	Threatening behaviour/attack/stealing food																															
BABOON TROOP:	CT1	2	Raid bins										5	Raid unoccupied house or vehicle										8	Breaking & Entering/Damaging property																															
MONTH: JULY	YEAR: 2020	3	Non malicious damage										6	Raid occupied house or vehicle										9	Nocturnal Raiding																															
BABOON ID	Sex	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	TOTAL																							
CON16 (R-W)	M	1	1	1					2,2	1		1	1						2											1			10																							
MT18 (G)	F		2			1				1		1	1																	1			6																							
CON17 (O)	F									1		1	1																	1			4																							
CONF1 (W)	F									1		1	1																	1			4																							
Un ID Male	M				1	1			1	2	1	1	1						2					1			1			1			11																							
Un ID Females	F		2,2							1		1	1														1			1			6																							
Un ID juveniles										1		1	1																	1			4																							
Un ID individuals					2,2,2					1		2,2,2	1																	1			10																							
Troop										1		2,2,2	2																	1			6																							
		%	TIME SPENT IN TOWN (Minutes)																															HRS																						
Troop	6,2									285		240	285																	360			19,50																							
Individuals	2,2	15	68	32	35	30			64		10								87					45			30						6,93																							
Roost:	AM	8	8	5	5	5	8	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	9	1	1	1	1	8	5	5	5	8	2	1	1	8	8	2	1	1																							
Roost:	PM	8	5	5	5	8	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	9	1	1	1	1	8	5	5	8	2	1	1	8	8	2	1	1	3																								
Roost Sites		1	Upper gums										2	Lower Gums										3	Bike Trail Gums										4	Middle Plantation										5	Price drive stream									
		6	Buitenverwachting Gums										7	Block 10 Gums										8	Castle Gums										9	Dumping Site										10	Veels-te-ver									
ID Features of Baboons		11	Watergat										12	Langbos Kloof										13	Other										14											15										
General remarks		Bold, black and italics text indicates non-urban raids.																																																						

Figure 8: The CT1 Troop's raid sheet for July 2020.**4. CONSTANTIA TROOP 2 (CT2)****In Town Statistics**

- Time out of town for the troop was 100 %.
- Time out of town for individuals was 100 %.
- The troop mostly slept at the Upper Gums sleep site during June.

Noteworthy Incidents

- On 14 July, an injured female with wounds to the head and hand in the CT2 Troop was identified and captured for assessment.
- On 16 July a veterinarian came out to assess the female baboon. She was euthanized for humane reasons.

Births and Deaths

- One death was recorded in CT2. An injured female was euthanised for humane reasons on 16 July.
- No births and one death was recorded in the CT2 Troop this month.

5. MOUNTAIN TROOP**In Town Statistics**

- Time out of town for the troop was 99.9 %.
- Time out of town for individuals was 99.9 %.
- The troop slept mostly at Veels-te-Ver sleep site during June 2020.

Noteworthy Incidents

- An individual ventured into Klein Constantia Road on his own on one occasion during the month. It only spent 10 minutes in town before being pushed out.
- The troop ventured into Klein Constantia Road on one occasion during the month. It spent only about 10 minutes there before being pushed out.
- The troop started to move towards the Porter Estate quite frequently this month and slept at the Vodacom Tower on the night of 30 July. This is a cause for concern because there is no permanent staff allocation for this troop which could start raiding the urban area.

Births and Deaths

- One dead infant was identified in the Mountain Troop on 31 July. The cause of death is suspected infanticide.
- No births were recorded for the Mountain Troop during this month.

HWS: TROOP MONTHLY REPORT																																										
SECTOR			CLASSES OF BEHAVIOUR																																							
NORTH			1	In urban area										4	Attacking pets										7	Threatening behaviour/attack/stealing food																
BABOON TROOP:		Mountain	2	Raid bins										5	Raid unoccupied house or vehicle										8	Breaking & Entering/Damaging property																
MONTH: JULY		YEAR: 2020	3	Non malicious damage										6	Raid occupied house or vehicle										9	Nocturnal Raiding																
BABOON ID	Sex	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	TOTAL									
MT19 (B-Y)	M											1																					1									
Un ID Male	M		1									1					2																2									
Un ID Females	F											1																					1									
Un ID juveniles												1																					1									
Un ID individuals												1																					1									
Troop												1																					1									
	%	TIME SPENT IN TOWN (Minutes)																															HRS									
Troop	0,1											10																					0,17									
Individuals	0,1		10																														0,17									
Roost:	AM	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	6	1	1	1	1	1	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	12									
Roost:	PM	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	6	1	1	1	1	1	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1									
Roost Sites			1				Veels-Te-Ver-Stores				2				Veels- Te-Ver Resevoir				3				Veels- Te-Ver Kramat				4				Buitenverwachting gums				5				Block 10 Gums			
			6				Block 5 Pines				7				Watergat				8				Harris Pines				9				Bike trails				10				Upper gums			
			11				Tea Garden				12				Vodacom Tower				13				Manor House Pines				14				Tokai picnic				15				Other			
ID Features of Baboons																																										
General remarks		Bold, black and italics text indicates non-urban raids.																																								

Figure 9: The Mountain Troop's raid sheet for July 2020.

NORTH REGIONAL SUMMARY:

Births and Deaths

- During July, one birth was recorded in the Zwaanswyk Troop. Three deaths were recorded in the North during July. One death occurred in each of the Tokai, CT2 and Mountain Troops.

Recommendations

- Signage** informing the public to **lock their vehicle doors** and keep **windows closed** should be placed at the **SANParks boom gate** on Tokai Road to reduce baboons **raiding vehicles**.
- Signage** informing visitors to Chrysalis Academy not to leave their bags unattended is recommended.
- Bins** at the **SANParks Tokai Picnic Site** need to be closed properly to prevent baboon raids.
- The **electrified perimeter fence** at the **SANParks Tokai Picnic Site** should be **upgraded and maintained** regularly to prevent baboons from entering the picnic site.
- Regular maintenance and upgrades to electrified perimeter fences on wine estates and other areas** will reduce baboon incursions. **Regular trimming and removal of overhanging trees** and closing of porcupine excavations will also reduce baboon access.
- Measures such as storing food in secure areas will reduce the amount of human-derived foods (HDF's) that are available to baboons. This should reduce the level of raiding at **Chrysalis Academy**.
- Removal of fruit trees at the Cape Academy and securing bins in bin cages will reduce the current level of raiding at the **Cape Academy** and therefore reduce the incentive for baboons to go there.
- Measures such as the **baboon-proofing of private and staff houses on wine estates will also reduce baboon access to HDFs**.
- Insulating** the electrical bushings of the **Veels-te-Ver transformer box** by placing covers over them should prevent baboons from getting **electrocuted**.

C. COMMUNITY AWARENESS AND EDUCATION

Community Conservation Officer's (CCO) Monthly Feedback for July 2020

- Various tasks are carried out monthly to improve education and raise awareness amongst the baboon-affected communities on the Cape Peninsula.
- In accordance with the COVID-19 government regulations, implemented in South Africa on 26 March, community activities have been partially suspended, particularly those activities involving large gatherings and education at schools. However, several site visits were conducted to assess ongoing waste management. Baboon-awareness pamphlets were also distributed in several communities on the Peninsula this month.

Table 1: Summary of awareness-raising tasks carried out in baboon-affected communities on the Southern Cape Peninsula in July 2020.

Tasks	Activities - July 2020			
	South East Da Gama	South-East Smits/Waterfall	South-West	North
Site visits	SA Naval Flats; Da Gama Convenience Store	Millers Point Picnic Site; Millers Point Caravan Park; Black Marlin Restaurant; Cape Boat & Ski Boat Club; Happy Valley Home	Kommetjie Superette; Koggelfontein; Soetwater Resort; Lighthouse Pub & Grill; Espresso.Kom Restaurant	Chrysalis Academy; The Range
Residential visits				Porter Estate
Pamphlet distribution	Da Gama Park	Admiral's Kloof	Kommetjie; Scarborough	
Stakeholder Meetings		Cape Boat & Ski Boat Club		
Education sessions		Happy Valley Home		

Noteworthy site visits:**Millers Point Picnic Site**

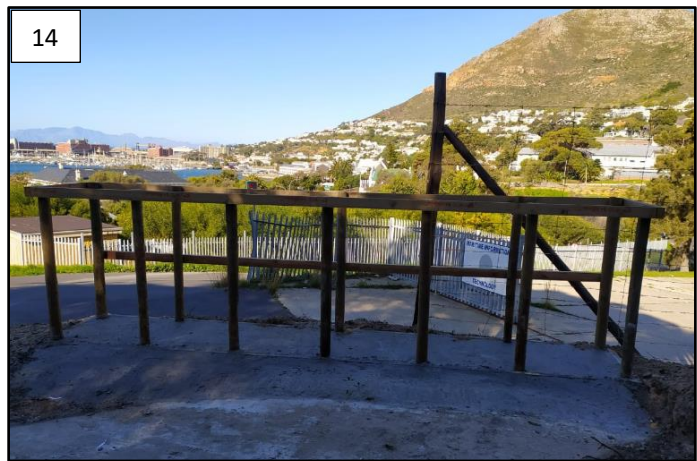
Two visits to this site were conducted during July to monitor waste management. The black wheelie bins have been removed from the site. This has led to some visitors leaving their rubbish in the old bin enclosures and fire pits (see Figures 1-3). Food scraps and waste packaging materials were found on-site, unsecured, during both visits.



Figures 10-12: Bin enclosures and fire pits being used as rubbish deposits at Miller's Point Picnic Site.

Happy Valley Home

Some encouraging news is that the construction of the new secure bin station has begun (see Figures 4 & 5). The bins at this site have acted as regular attractants to baboons in the past. After discussions with HWS about the need for better bin management onsite, several residents of Admiral's Kloof decided to kindly design and sponsor this bin station, in collaboration with Happy Valley Home management. Once complete, the bin station will hold six bins and will secure them from baboon raids when utilised correctly. This project will be monitored going forward. We hope that it will act as a simple, yet efficient, design to be promoted at other problem hotspots.



Figures 13-14: New bin station under construction outside Happy Valley Home in Simon's Town.

Da Gama Park Convenience Store

A site visit was conducted to monitor ongoing waste management. Baboons were found to be raiding the bins of the Da Gama Park Convenience Store which were out on the street for waste collection (see Figure 15). Some of the bins did not lock securely and the contents were often accessible to baboons. The recycling bags, containing numerous bread bags (a favourite of the baboons) were also raided. Recycling bags placed out on the street for collection were not secured against being accessed by baboons. It is vital that communities and the recycling system service provider work together to find a solution to secure recycling bags in baboon-affected communities.

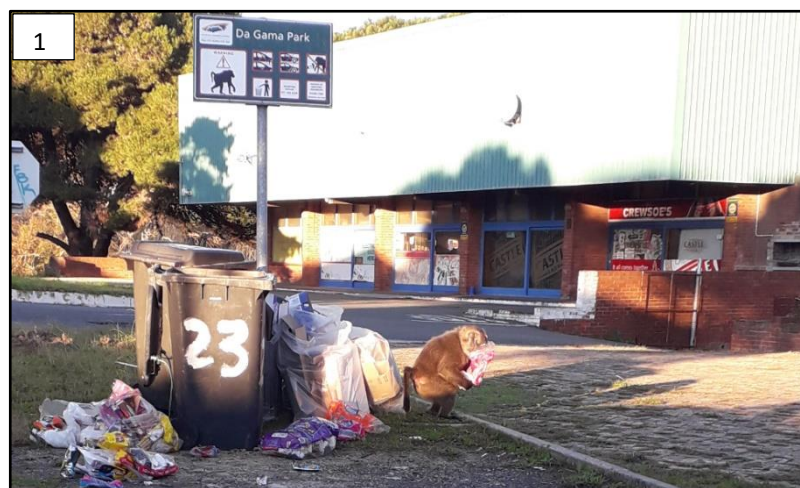


Figure 15: Unsecured bins and recycling bags being raided outside the Da Gama Park Convenience Store.



Figure 16-18: Unsecured bins and herb garden containers in the back courtyard of Lighthouse Pub & Grill and Kommetjie Superette.

Kommetjie Centre courtyard

The bins in the courtyard at the back of the Lighthouse Pub & Grill and Kommetjie Superette remained unsecured from baboon access. Many did not have locks or lids (see Figures 17 & 18). Bricks on the bin lids were used to try and prevent baboons from accessing the contents. There was an open herb garden that had not been secured from baboon access (see Figure 18). These factors acted as attractants for baboons to continue to enter the urban area. A bin cage has been suggested to the managers on several occasions.

Porter Estate

After speaking with the residents of a property on Porter Estate last month about an open food waste pit, a visit was carried out to assess whether the food pit was still in use. On inspection it was found that the food pit had been covered up, there appeared to be no other pit in use in the near vicinity.

D. GENERAL COMMENTS ON ALL BABOON TROOPS

1. POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS

There were five births and four deaths in the managed population during July 2020. Three deaths occurred in the northern sub-population and one occurred in the southern sub-population. By contrast, four births were recorded in the south and only one birth was recorded in the north. The nett population change for July was, therefore, an increase of one in the total population.

TROOP	END JUNE TOTALS								JULY 2020			Total observed Births (1 July 2019 to 30 July 2020)	Total observed Deaths (1 July 2019 to 30 July 2020)	Total Migrations (1 July 2019 to 30 July 2020)
	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Births	Deaths	Emigration / Immigration			
Da Gama	42	43	46	52	52	55	48	48	1	0		11	4	0
Smitswinkel	21	22	24	29	33	35	31	35	0	0		4	2	0
Waterfall	28	29	31	33	37	40	48	47	0	0		7	6	0
GOB	20	19	16	17	23	29	23	25	0	0		1	1	0
Misty Cliffs*	17	16	9	11	-	-	-		0	0		-	-	-
Slangkop	37	40	35	41	40	44	43	42	3	1		6	11	0
SUB TOTAL	165	169	161	183	185	203	193	197	4	1		29	24	
Zwaanswyk	28	28	30	28	30	20	20	18	1	0		3	4	2
Tokai	64	70	62	65	69	75	91	92	0	1		6	13	-2
Mountain	41	47	49	47	57	60	73	63	0	1		5	8	-1
CT1	70	69	77	81	63	46	64	68	0	1		6	5	1
CT2					22	10	8	7	0	0		0	0	0
SUB TOTAL	203	214	218	221	241	211	256	248	1	3	0	20	30	
TOTAL	368	383	379	404	426	414	449	445	5	4	0	49	54	

Table 2: Population data for the eleven managed troops on the Cape Peninsula in July 2020. Emigration/immigration figures show animal movements between troops and are accommodated in the troop population totals.

Deaths	END JUNE TOTALS:									Current Contract	JULY 2020	TOTAL (since July 2012)
	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21			
Management	17	10	9	4	11	8	4	5				68
Human Induced (HID)	5	3	22	13	5	8	17	11				84
Direct **	5	3	4	8	2	7	8	10				47
Indirect ***			18	5	3	1	9	1				37
Natural	19	21	22	8	27	28	18	30	4	4		177
PLOHP****						7						7
Unknown	5	9	5	8	7	13	6	6				59
TOTAL DEATHS	46	43	58	33	50	64	45	52	4	4		395

Table 3: Causes of baboon deaths since 2012 (*Data collected during the first half of 2012 provided by Baboon Research Unit, UCT); **Deaths caused directly by humans such as motor vehicle accidents, shooting, poisoning and dogs. ***Deaths caused indirectly by humans such as electrocutions. ****Private Land Owner Hunting Permit; Deaths of damage-causing animals hunted on farmland in accordance with a provincial hunting permit issued by CapeNature in terms of Nature Conservation Ordinance 19 of 1934.

2. HOTLINE DATA

In July, 224 hotline calls were received with 171 raid related calls. The increase in calls from last month (121 raid related calls) can be attributed to a marked increase in hotline calls from the northern region (specifically Zwaanswyk and Constantia) which received 79 raid-related calls. By contrast, in June only three raid related calls were received from the northern suburbs.

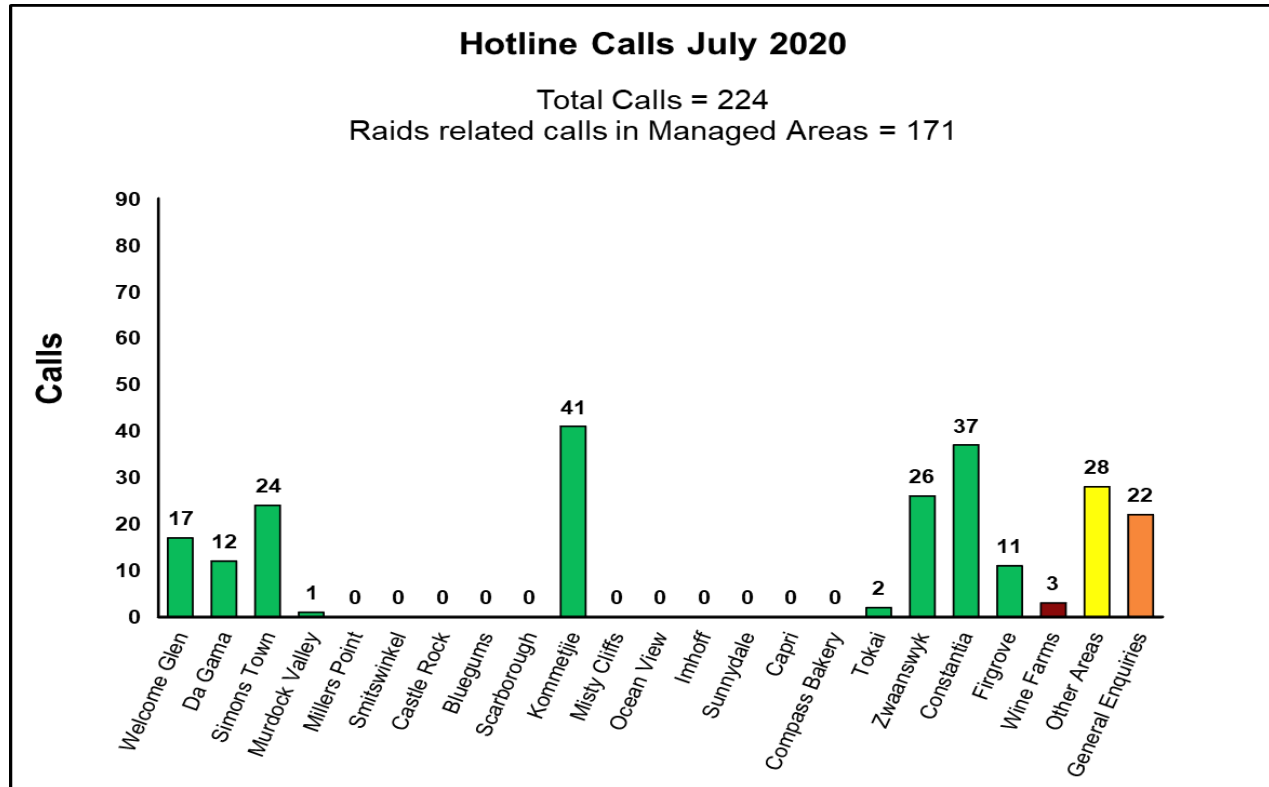


Figure 19: Hotline calls summary per urban area for July 2020. Raid related hotline calls are calls reporting managed baboons in urban areas. Managed Areas are those areas in which managed baboon troops raid. Other Areas represent those areas beyond the urban edge or the range of managed baboons.

Hotline Calls July 2020

Raid Related Calls in Managed Areas = 171

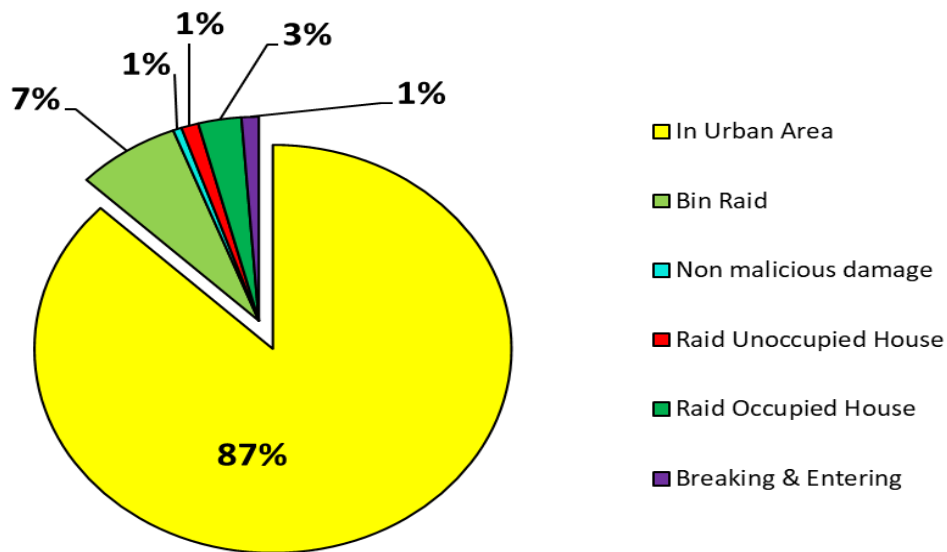


Figure 20: Composition of raid-related hotline calls during July 2020.

% Time Troops Spent Out of Town Jul 2020

Troop Average = 97,0 %
Individuals = 97,8 %

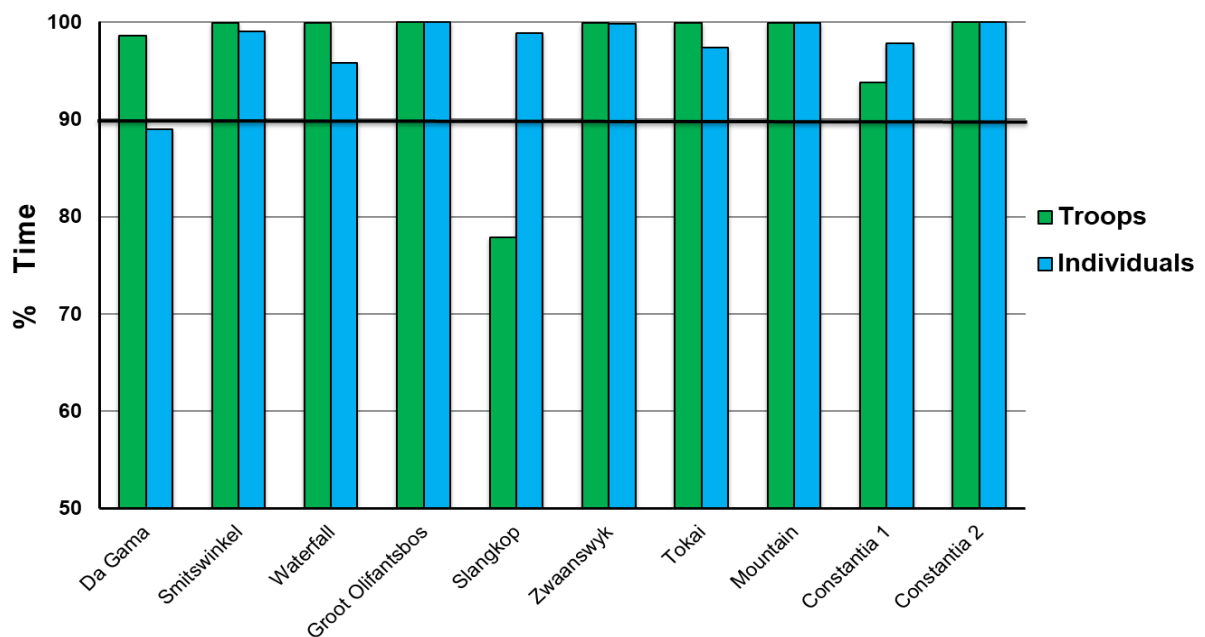


Figure 21: Percentage of time troops spent out of town during July 2020. The solid line at 90% indicates the City of Cape Town's 2014 and current contract requirement.

3. PERCENTAGE TIME OUT OF TOWN

The average percentage time the troops spent out of town in July 2020 was 97%, a minor increase up on the June percentage (96.9%). Even though good increases were recorded for time out of town for both the Da Gama (95.8 - 98.6%) and Slangkop (72.9 - 77.8%) Troops, this was counteracted by a large drop in time out of the town of the Constantia 1 Troop, which decreased from 100% in June to 93,8% in July. It was notable that almost all the time in town recorded for CT1 happened on only 4 days. During July, HWS continued to allocate additional staff whenever possible to try and mitigate the excessive raiding by the Slangkop Troop in Kommetjie.

E. CONCLUSION

July followed the normal trend one expects in winter months, with most of the troops spending more time on the lower slopes where it is warmer, and where they are more protected from the cold winter winds. Being lower down, the baboons are also closer to the urban edge and human-derived foods. It is not surprising, therefore, that winter is a time when baboons, in general, make more attempts to go into the urban area. This was confirmed by the increase in raid related hotline calls from 121 in June to 171 in July.

The most significant management challenge during July was the persistent attempts made by SK11 to take splinter troops into the urban area. He regularly challenged the line of rangers, and when he had managed to break through, he would call to his female friends and their offspring to follow. Thus, SK11 often took a small splinter group of about 11 – 13 individuals into Kommetjie. Once this had happened the rest of the troop became determined to join them, and almost invariably also succeeded in breaking the line and joining the first group on town.

After this had happened, it usually took at least 3 – 4 hours to slowly herd the troop together and push them out the other side of town. If the rangers did not try to keep the troop more or less together in a long line, it easily enabled some baboons to double back to create numerous little groups all over town. If this happened it took many more hours to get the troop out of town, if at all. In total, the Slangkop Troop slept nine nights in town, and the more often they slept in town the more difficult it became to chase them out the next morning. This became a major challenge for the management of the Slangkop Troop

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