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1 INTRODUCTION

NCC Environmental Services (Pty) Ltd (NCC) was appointed on 1 October 2020 as the service provider for the City of Cape Town's Urban Baboon Programme (UBP) on a three-year contract. NCC are contracted to prevent baboon troops from entering the urban area for at least 90% of daylight hours to minimise human-baboon conflicts.

2 SOUTHERN SUBPOPULATION

AREA MANAGER – CATH SHUTTE

2.1 DA GAMA TROOP (DG)

TIME OUT OF TOWN

- The DG Troop spent 96.7% of the time out of the urban area.
- Individual baboons spent 92.7% of the time out of the urban area.

FACTORS THAT IMPACTED MANAGEMENT

- The Da Gama Troop moved through Welcome Glen and Da Gama Park this month.
- The troop and/or individuals accessed bins and unoccupied houses on occasion in both Da Gama Park and Welcome Glen.
- The troop spent the majority of the month utilising roosting sites in the vicinity of Da Gama Park this month.
- On 13 March, TK55 crossed from Glencairn Heights, over the Glencairn Expressway and moved along Glen Road, Glencairn, in the direction of the Da Gama Troop which was foraging at the SA Navy sports fields. On 14 March, DG19 became aware of TK55 as he moved into Welcome Glen. There were initial vocalisations, however no further interactions were noted. Over the following days, TK55 began following the Da Gama Troop and roosting near them. There has been an occasional altercation between DG19 and TK55. However, both males have healed from their injuries.

RECOMMENDATIONS & ACTIONS

RECOMMENDATIONS	ACTION TAKEN
There is 3km of above ground electricity line running through a section of the DG Troop's natural ranging area. This line should be diverted underground to protect baboons and other wildlife from further electrocutions.	NCC and members of the CCT Biodiversity Management Branch are engaging with CCT Electricity Department regarding short-term and long-term mitigation measures for electricity poles and power lines in baboon ranging areas.
Residents are advised to keep windows and doors closed when baboons are in the vicinity and to baboon-proof their properties as much as possible.	Site inspections and visits to residents were carried out in Welcome Glen this month.

Waste collection in baboon-affected areas should be prioritised.	Meetings have been held with the CCT Biodiversity Management Branch, CCT Solid Waste Department & NCC to highlight such areas.
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2.2 GROOT OLIFANTSBOS TROOP (GOB)

TIME OUT OF TOWN

- The GOB Troop spent 100% of the time out of the urban area.
- Individual baboons spent 100% of the time out of the urban area.

FACTORS THAT IMPACTED MANAGEMENT

- The troop moved in and out of the Cape of Good Hope section (CoGH) of the Table Mountain National Park (TMNP) during the month.
- The troop moved into the northern sections of their ranging area near the Baskloof Nature Reserve on a number of occasions during the month.

RECOMMENDATIONS & ACTIONS

RECOMMENDATION	ACTION TAKEN
Residents of Scarborough should remain alert to the possibility that baboons may visit the village and maintain baboon-proofing of their properties.	NCC have left educational pamphlets at the local Scarborough restaurants, which are popular with Scarborough residents.
Owners of rental properties should alert their guests to possible presence of baboons and proper conduct required to mitigate against intrusions.	Unknown.
Both skips at Kogelfontein should be kept locked to reduce this troop's access to human-derived foods.	Regular site visits are carried out of the Kogelfontein skips and addressed immediately if the skips are overfilled.

2.3 SLANGKOP TROOP (SK)

TIME OUT OF TOWN

- The SK Troop spent 89.1% of the time out of the urban area.
- Individual baboons spent 87.8% of the time out of the urban area.

FACTORS THAT IMPACTED MANAGEMENT

- The troop and/or individuals moved extensively throughout the low-lying area of the eastern reaches of its ranging area. This led to an increase in conflicts within the urban area.
- While in the eastern section of its ranging area the troop and/or individuals frequently moved into Ocean View, Capri and areas of Sunnysdale where they accessed bins and entered houses often.
- The access to waste in Ocean View, Capri and Sunnysdale continued to encourage the troop and/or individuals into the urban space.

RECOMMENDATIONS & ACTIONS

RECOMMENDATIONS	ACTION TAKEN
Residents and business owners are advised to keep windows and doors closed when baboons are in the vicinity and to baboon-proof their properties as much as possible.	Regular site and residential visits are carried out in Capri, Sunnysdale, Ocean View and Imhoff's Gift. Site visits have been carried out with business owners at Heron Park & Fish Eagle Park. Educational pamphlets have been distributed in Ocean View, Capri, Sunnysdale, Heron Park & Fish Eagle Park.
The installation of electric fencing aprons on the roofs of businesses within the Heron Park industrial area would discourage the baboons from utilizing them as a roosting site.	To be actioned by the industrial park. Communication between NCC and the industrial park is ongoing.
The installation of a strategically placed baboon-proof electric fence in Kommetjie would discourage baboons from entering the village while in this section of their ranging area.	Communication with the Kommetjie community regarding the installation of a strategic baboon-proof fence along the Kommetjie firebreak is ongoing.
The Peach Pip Farm Stall should place their bins in a baboon-proof enclosure to ensure that baboons are not able to access waste.	Regular site visits and waste storage checks are carried out at the farm stall.
Continued environmental education in Ocean View, particularly with children, is recommended in an attempt to reduce the level of human-baboon conflict along the urban edge.	Informal education with children takes place regularly. Formal educational visit to school to be actioned.
The alien invasive trees on Kommetjie Vineyard Estate are dense and overgrown. This vegetation should be removed as it obscures the troop's movements and allows them to enter the urban space undetected. It also poses a fire risk for the urban area.	Ongoing communication is taking place between both the landowner and developer with regards to alien invasive species as well as baboon-proof perimeter electric fencing.
Waste collection in baboon-affected areas should be prioritised.	Meetings have been held with the CCT Biodiversity Management Branch, CCT Solid Waste Department & NCC to highlight such areas.

2.4 SMITSWINKEL BAY TROOP (SWB)

TIME OUT OF TOWN

- The SWB Troop spent 96.9% of the time out of the urban area.
- Individual baboons spent 96% of the time out of the urban area.

FACTORS THAT IMPACTED MANAGEMENT

- The troop increased the use of their sleep sites in the southern portion of their ranging area.
- On 24 March, SWB12 was darted and translocated by Stormberg Conservation Centre.
- WF8, adult male in the SWB Troop, showed an increase in aggressive behaviour towards people this month. On two separate occasions, he displayed aggressive behaviour towards NCC field staff and members of the public.

- When trying to enter a locked building/home WF8 began using force by pulling and twisting window frames, pulling a sliding door off its hinges and breaking glass to gain access.
- While in the southern reaches of the troop's ranging area, SWBF2 attempted to encourage the troop to move north by moving north herself and vocalising for the troop to follow.

RECOMMENDATIONS & ACTIONS

RECOMMENDATION	ACTION TAKEN
Residents and business owners are advised to keep windows and doors closed when baboons are in the vicinity and to baboon-proof their properties as much as possible.	Regular site inspections and visits to residents were carried out in Murdock Valley, Froggy Farm & Miller's Point. Pamphlets have been distributed and regular community feedback is carried out in the above areas.
The troop often moves past the Black Marlin restaurant. An electric fence around the property would prevent baboons from accessing food here.	Recommendations have been given by both CCT officials and NCC to improve the baboon-proofing of the Black Marlin property.
The Cape Boat and Ski Boat Club should continue to store all bins containing food waste inside the baboon-proof bin enclosure.	Regular communication takes place between NCC and Solid Waste Department as well as between NCC and the Cape Boat and Ski Boat Club regarding their bin enclosure.
The baboon-proofing of waste areas, windows and doors in facilities on South African Navy property would reduce access to human-derived foods and assist baboon management. Alternatively, an initiative to keep doors and windows closed when baboons are in the area would reduce access.	Communication between NCC, CCT Biodiversity Management Branch and the SA Navy is ongoing and future meetings are being planned to address ongoing issues.
Waste collection in baboon-affected areas should be prioritised.	Meetings have been held with the CCT Biodiversity Management Branch, CCT Solid Waste Department & NCC to highlight such areas.

2.5 WATERFALL TROOP (WF)

TIME OUT OF TOWN

- The WF Troop spent 87.5% of the time out of the urban area.
- Individual baboons spent 89% of the time out of the urban area.

FACTORS THAT IMPACTED MANAGEMENT

- Troop dynamics continue to be affected this month as both adult males in the troop were seen fighting with each other on several occasions. This resulted in the troop splitting and moving in fragmented groups.
- Inadequate waste management at SA Naval facilities continues to be a key factor attracting the troop to the urban area of Simon's Town. This month there was an increase in time spent

on SA Navy property which facilitated the movement of the troop and/or individuals into Simon's Town.

- Poor waste management at the Waterfall Barracks continues to encourage the baboons to roost on the Waterfall Barracks ladies' flats roof and subsequently facilitates the troop's movement deeper into the urban space.
- WF9, adult male natal to the Waterfall Troop, continued to show an increase in aggressive behaviour towards people this month. On four separate occasions, he displayed aggressive behaviour towards NCC field staff and members of the public.

RECOMMENDATIONS & ACTIONS

RECOMMENDATION	ACTION TAKEN
Residents and business owners are advised to keep windows and doors closed when baboons are in the vicinity and to baboon-proof their properties as much as possible.	Regular site and residential visits are carried out in Simon's Town. Educational pamphlets have been distributed to residents as well as businesses on Simon's Town Main Road. Regular community feedback is carried out in the Simon's Town area.
The baboon-proofing of waste areas, windows and doors in facilities on South African Navy property would reduce access to human-derived foods and assist baboon management.	Communication between NCC, CCT Biodiversity Management Branch and the SA Navy is ongoing and future meetings are being planned to address ongoing issues.
A baboon-proof security gate to eliminate baboon access to What's Your Flava shop would reduce the availability of human-derived food rewards, which encourage baboons to the area.	Numerous attempts have been made to engage with the shop owner in this regard. The shop owner declines to assist with installing a security gate on the door.
Baboon awareness traffic signs should be installed along Simon's Town Main Road to alert motorists to the possible presence of baboons crossing the road.	Communication between NCC, CCT Biodiversity Management Branch and the CCT Transport Directorate is ongoing regarding implementation of this.
The more frequent removal of waste from public bins would prevent overflowing and dumping of waste next to the bins. This would reduce baboon access to the waste and their attraction to the area.	Communication between NCC, CCT Biodiversity Management Branch and CCT Solid Waste Department Cleansing Division are ongoing and future meetings are being planned to address this recommendation.
Waste collection in baboon-affected areas should be prioritised.	Meetings have been held with the CCT Biodiversity Management Branch, CCT Solid Waste Department & NCC to highlight such areas.

2.6 SOUTHERN AREA GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS

RECOMMENDATION	ACTION TAKEN
Strategically placed baboon-proof fences would prevent baboons from entering urban areas while allowing for the maximum use of their available ranging areas.	Continued community engagement takes place in all baboon-affected areas and the benefits of strategic fencing highlighted to residents.
The provision of baboon-proof street-side bins by the CCT's Solid Waste Department's Cleansing Division, as well as recycling bins in affected suburbs would minimize access to human-derived food waste.	Communication is ongoing with the CCT Solid Waste (Cleansing Division) & Biodiversity Management Branch.
Vegetable gardens should be baboon-proofed where possible.	Residential visits are carried out at "point source" properties and owners are assisted where possible with mitigation measures for reducing access to vegetable gardens by baboons.
Planting of fruiting trees should be discouraged and/or managed by timeously removing fruit to reduce the attractiveness of the area for baboons.	Assist residents with reducing baboon access to fruiting trees, such as removing fruit or the tree in problem areas.
Due to increased snare activity on the Cape Peninsula, it is important for members of the public to report incidents to the Baboon Hotline.	Promote the use of the Baboon Hotline.
Residents should be educated on the illegality of using pellet guns within suburbia and, the suffering that is inflicted on baboons when shot with them. The public are encouraged to report pellet gun use to SAPS, Law Enforcement, CapeNature & the Cape of Good Hope SPCA.	Communities are routinely educated on how to report such incidents. Information in this regard has been shared with community representatives who in-turn share it more widely.
Regular waste management inspections by the CCT's Solid Waste Department By-law Division would help address baboon-waste related issues.	NCC monitors waste collection in baboon-affected suburbs closely. If waste collection is delayed in any suburb, NCC informs the CCT Solid Waste Department about the issue.
Waste collection in baboon-affected areas should be prioritised.	Meetings have been held with the CCT Biodiversity Management Branch, CCT Solid Waste Department & NCC to highlight such areas.

3 NORTHERN SUBPOPULATION

AREA MANAGER – FANUS FERREIRA

3.1 CONSTANTIA ONE TROOP (CT1)

TIME OUT OF TOWN

- The CT1 100 % of time out of the urban area this month.
- Individuals spent 100% of time out of the urban area this month.

FACTORS THAT IMPACTED MANAGEMENT

- The troop did not enter the urban area during the month.
- CT1 spent the majority of their time above Klein and Groot Constantia.

RECOMMENDATIONS & ACTIONS

RECOMMENDATION	ACTION TAKEN
The installation and maintenance of baboon-proof electric fencing around wine farms and at the top of Price Drive would reduce baboon incursions into the wine farms and surrounding areas.	To be actioned. The benefits of a strategic baboon-proof fence along the top of Price Drive has been discussed at length with local residents.
Residents are advised to keep windows and doors closed when baboons are in the vicinity and to baboon-proof their properties as much as possible.	Site and residential visits were carried out and educational pamphlets were distributed in the Constantia area this month.

3.2 CONSTANTIA TWO TROOP (CT2)

TIME OUT OF TOWN

- The Constantia Two Troop spent 97.6% of time out of the urban area this month.
- Individuals spent 100% of time out of the urban area this month.

FACTORS THAT IMPACTED MANAGEMENT

- The troop spent majority of their time in Cecilia Forest and De Hel Nature Area.
- The collar has continued to prove valuable in assisting staff with locating the troop when they have lost sight of them and aiding in preventing urban incursions.

RECOMMENDATIONS & ACTIONS

RECOMMENDATION	ACTION TAKEN
Signage erected along Constantia Main Road, Rhodes Drive and Southern Cross Drive would assist in alerting motorists to the presence of baboons along the roads.	Communication between NCC, CCT Biodiversity Management Branch and the CCT Transport Directorate to action this recommendation is ongoing.

Signage erected in the northern portion of the TMNP would assist in alerting recreational users to the presence of baboons in the area. Baboon-proofing of bins and facilities in this area would assist in preventing baboons from gaining access to human derived food.	This request has been submitted to TMNP.
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3.3 MOUNTAIN ONE TROOP (MT1)

- The MT1 Troop spent 100% of time out of the urban area.
- Individuals spent 100% of time out of the urban area.

FACTORS THAT IMPACTED MANAGEMENT

- None

RECOMMENDATIONS & ACTIONS

- No specific recommendations

3.4 MOUNTAIN TWO TROOP (MT2)

TIME OUT OF TOWN

- The MT2 Troop spent 99.8% of time out of the urban area.
- Individuals spent 100% of time out of the urban area.

FACTORS THAT IMPACTED MANAGEMENT

- The troop roosted above The Range majority of the month.
- The troop crossed Orpen Road on one occasion.
- There are no field rangers allocated exclusively to this troop.
- The collar has proved valuable in monitoring the troop's movements and assisted in preventing them from moving towards Orpen Road.

RECOMMENDATIONS & ACTIONS

RECOMMENDATION	ACTION TAKEN
Investigate the removal of fruit from fruiting trees on Orpen Road would reduce the level of attraction to the area.	A request has been submitted to CCT's Recreation and Parks.

3.5 TOKAI TROOP (TK)

TIME OUT OF TOWN

- The Tokai Troop spent 100% of time out of the urban area this month.
- Individuals spent 99.9% of time out of the urban area this month.

FACTORS THAT IMPACTED MANAGEMENT

- There were two incidents of baboons accessing food from tables at the Tokai picnic site.
- Fruiting trees along Orpen Road continue to be an attractant for the baboons.

RECOMMENDATIONS & ACTIONS

RECOMMENDATION	ACTION TAKEN
Improving the electric fencing around the Tokai picnic to prevent baboons from gaining access.	This request has been submitted to TMNP.
Removal of fruit from fruiting trees on Orpen Road would reduce the level of attraction to the area.	A request has been submitted to CCT's Recreation and Parks.

3.6 ZWAANSWYK TROOP (ZW)

TIME OUT OF TOWN

- The ZW Troop spent 100% of time out of the urban area.
- Individuals spent 100% of time out of the urban area.

FACTORS THAT IMPACTED MANAGEMENT

- There were two incidents of baboons accessing food from tables at the Tokai picnic site.
- Same factors as for the Tokai Troop due to overlap of their ranging areas.

RECOMMENDATIONS & ACTIONS

RECOMMENDATION	ACTION TAKEN
Improving the electric fencing around the Tokai picnic to prevent baboons from gaining access.	This request has been submitted to TMNP
Removal of fruit from fruiting trees on Orpen Road would reduce the level of attraction to the area.	A request has been submitted to CCT's Recreation and Parks

3.7 NORTHERN AREA GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS

RECOMMENDATION	ACTION TAKEN
The erection of strategically placed baboon-proof fences on Price Drive and wine farms would prevent baboons from entering urban areas while allowing for the maximum use of their available ranges.	Continued community engagement takes place in all baboon-affected areas and the use of strategic baboon-proof fences promoted to residents, in particular in Price Drive.
The availability of baboon-proof rubbish and recycle bins impacted suburbs would minimize the troops' access to human-derived food waste.	Communication is ongoing with the CCT Solid Waste Department & Biodiversity Management Branch.
Vegetable gardens should be baboon-proofed to prevent access.	Residential visits are carried out at "point source" properties and owners are assisted where possible with mitigation measures for reducing access to vegetable gardens by baboons.
Fruiting trees should be removed, or fruit removed from the tree to reduce the level of attractants to the urban area.	Assist residents with reducing baboon access to fruiting trees, such as removing fruit or the tree, in problem areas NCC has requested the removal of fruit from trees along Orpen Road by CCT's Recreation and Parks
A community education plan would help educate residents and businesses on how to baboon-proof properties and reduce attractants as well as how to respond when baboons enter the urban area.	Residential visits and community engagement is carried out in all baboon affected communities to educate homeowners on how to minimize attractants and implement baboon-proofing measures.
Due to increased snare activity on the Cape Peninsula, it is important for members of the public to report incidents to the Baboon Hotline.	Encourage the public to use the Baboon Hotline to report snaring.
Contraception to slow the growth of this baboon subpopulation should be considered.	CapeNature and SANParks, the relevant mandated authorities for such action, have been informed of this recommendation.
Residents should be educated on the illegalities of using pellet guns within the urban area, as well as the suffering that is inflicted on baboons which are shot. The public are encouraged to report pellet gun use to SAPS, Law Enforcement, CapeNature & the Cape of Good Hope SPCA.	Communities are routinely educated on how to proceed if such incidents are witnessed. Information in this regard has been shared with community representatives who in turn share it with the greater community.
Regular waste management inspections by the City of Cape Town's Solid Waste Department By-law Division would help address baboon-waste related issues.	NCC monitors waste collection in baboon-affected suburbs closely. If waste collection is delayed in any suburb, NCC informs the Solid Waste Department about the issue

4 MONTHLY GENERAL PROGRAMME SUMMARY

4.1 OVERALL TIME OUT OF TOWN

The troops spent 97.1% of time out of town this month. The SK Troop and WF Troop did not reach the 90% target however. The SK Troop spent time within the urban space of Capri. This was due to available drinking water at Solole, which borders Capri. The WF Troop spent more time in the urban area this month due to separation of the troop into two smaller parties, waste management issues at SA Navy properties and roosting at the Waterfall Barracks which borders on the urban space. Individual time out of town was 96.5% this month. This percentage was impacted by individuals in the DG, SK and WF troops.

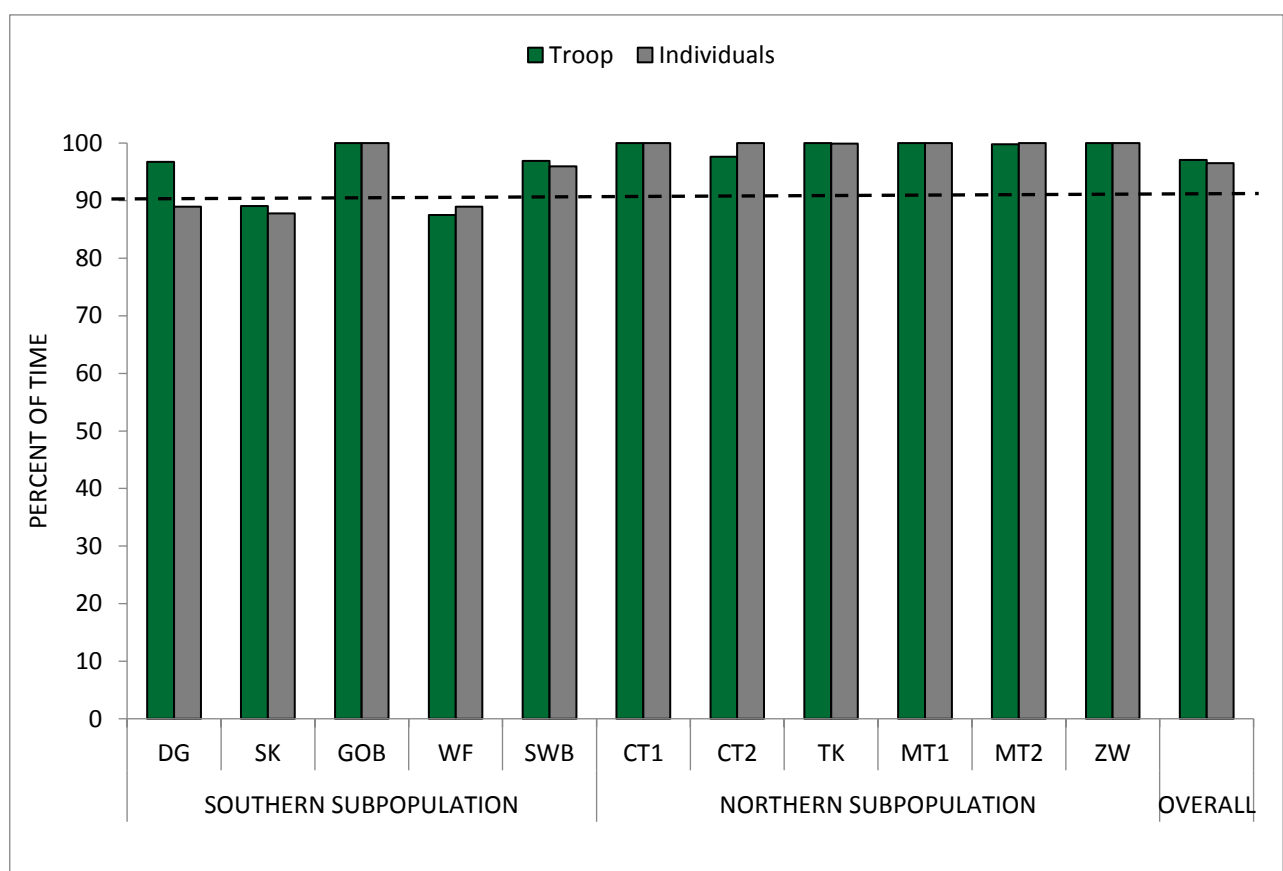


Figure 1. Percent of time out of town calculated for each troop and troop individuals for the month of March. The full name of each troop can be found in the prior section. The percent of time out of town is calculated using the same method as the previous service provider, based on an average of 10.7 daylight hours per day per month.

4.2 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Site visits, stakeholder liaison, and community engagement, including education initiatives, took place this month as follows:

SITE VISITS:

Private properties in Kalk Bay, Murdock Valley, Tokai, Clovelly, Capri, Da Gama, Ocean View, Welcome Glen and Simon's Town:

- Communicated with residents, schools and business owners in Kalk Bay, Fish Hoek and Glencairn about the novel presence of a dispersing male baboon in their area and ways to prevent opportunistic raiding.
- Engaged with residents who had suffered baboon related property damage and suggested ways to mitigate the likelihood of further damage in future, remaining cognizant of individual's financial circumstances and property ownership status.
- Advised residents who had been raided on how to prevent similar events from re-occurring in the future.
- Provided advice to residents on the appropriate reactive behaviour when faced with a baboon on their property.
- Laws and permitting requirements for paintball markers were discussed with individual residents who enquired if they could use paintball markers to deter baboons from their properties.
- Discussed ways in which dog owners can reduce the likelihood of interactions between their dogs and baboons.
- Engaged with individual residents who are concerned that members of the public are trying to influence and/or hinder the rangers in their duties.
- Discussed the potential advantages of strategically placed baboon-proof electric fences for Simon's Town with residents.
- Discussed the need for contraception to slow baboon population growth with residents, in terms of broader baboon management. This is not a CCT responsibility, and both the funding and implementation lies with CapeNature and SANPARKS.
- Encouraged residents to refrain from feeding birds in baboon ranging areas, since bird seed can become an attractant.
- The challenges of managing baboons in the urban environment was described to residents. The standard operating procedures for both paintball markers and bear-bangers were explained, and their limitations discussed.
- Advised residents to remove or secure fruiting trees and vegetable gardens in baboon-affected areas.
- Explained how welfare decisions are made and the role which the SPCA plays when a baboon is injured or in poor health.



Figure 2. Baboon damage to a sliding door in Ocean View



Figure 3. Baboon damage to a roof in Da Gama Park



Figure 4. Engaging with local businesses, residents, and visitors regarding the presence of a dispersing male baboon

Alleged pellet gun, paintball marker, whip, and catapult use by members of the public – Responded to reports of pellet guns, paintball markers, whips and catapults being used against baboons. Residents were advised of the legal ramifications of such actions. Where appropriate, they were also provided with a letter from CapeNature, which details the applicable sections of the Nature Conservation Ordinance of 1974. Photo and video evidence and witness affidavits were filed with CapeNature where available. Attempts will be made to gather further evidence for prosecution.

Alleged deliberate feeding of baboons by members of the public – Visited private homes to follow-up on reports of members of the public feeding baboons. Residents were advised of the legislation applicable to feeding baboons in a built-up area or public place and the applicable penalties in-terms

of the Nature Conservation Ordinance of 1974. They were also made aware that deliberately feeding wild baboons is a direct contravention of the City of Cape Town's Animal Keeping By-law of 2021. Our staff will monitor these properties to ensure that feeding does not continue. Evidence will be gathered for prosecution where possible.



Figure 5. Damaged skip at the Cape Research Centre



Figure 6. Well secured waste at Tokai Picnic Site

Cape Research Centre, Tokai – The new skip has been damaged and can no longer close. A resident advised that the damage occurred when the skip was being emptied. Subsequently, the baboons are now able to access the waste. The TMNP section ranger was informed so that they can request a repair or a replacement of the skip.

Kom Chow, Kommetjie – Waste attractants were stored securely in the allocated bin bay.

Happy Valley Shelter, Simons Town – Visit to assess if the bin cage was being used compliantly. All was in order.

Chrysalis Academy, Tokai – Assessment of baboon attractants at the property. All was in order.

Tokai Picnic Site, Tokai – All public waste bins and the skip were closed. No significant baboon attractants were noted.



Figure 7. Overfilled skip at Kogelfontein



Figure 8. Vegetation and containers preventing progress on the electric fence at Heron Park.

Kogelfontein Skips, Scarborough - Site visits to assess skip use and condition. The skips have been replaced and the lids are now able to close tightly. However, the skips are often overfilled. This is exacerbated by illegal dumping by residents between scheduled collections. The matter was escalated to the section ranger who will aim to ensure that the skips are always able to close.

Heron Park, Kommetjie Road – Visit to discuss progress pertaining to the installation of a baboon-proof electric fence between Heron Park and Imhoff's Gift to prevent baboons from crossing between the two complexes. Containers will need to be moved and trees will need to be trimmed again before the new fence can be erected. We will continue to liaise with the relevant stakeholders.

In2Foods, Kommetjie Road – All factory waste was stored securely and there were no significant waste attractants. Staff members were observed eating away from the designated baboon-proof dining areas. NCC will request that In2Foods' management encourages their employees to make use of these areas to further discourage baboons.

Glencairn Stables, Welcome Glen – Responded to an incident where a baboon had fallen into an empty reservoir. Also engaged with the staff to discuss measures to prevent this from reoccurring. Ranger tactics were discussed to ensure that baboons are moved off the property with minimal disturbance to the horses and riders.



Figure 9. Repairs made to the feed room wall at Tokai stables.



Figure 10. Illegal dumping at Waterfall Barracks

Tokai Road Stables, Tokai – General visit to see if the staff had experienced any recent difficulties with the baboons. The stable hand confirmed that the baboons had attempted to break into the feed store, but the damage had been repaired. Further baboon-proofing measures were discussed.

BUCO, Heron Park, Kommetjie Road – Engaged with the store manager regarding the effectiveness of the new electric fence. He confirmed that no baboons had managed to climb over the fence.

The Peach Pip, Kommetjie Road – Discussed recent baboon visits and what the staff can do to reduce future baboon incursions. Provided advice to the employees on the appropriate reactive behaviour if they are faced with a baboon at the premises.

Ski Boat Club, Miller's Point – Site visit carried out to check waste compliance. All was in order.

SA Navy Property, Waterfall Barracks, Simons Town – Visit to assess waste attractants at the property. A lack of general baboon-proofing at the barracks remains apparent and illegal dumping by Navy staff is a continuing issue. This waste is often accessed by the baboons. This has been highlighted through the relevant channels. NCC opportunistically engaged with Navy staff about baboon behaviour. However, more in depth education is required.

SA Navy Property, West Yard, Simons Town – Visit to assess waste compliance, several unsecured bins were noticeable at the time of the visit. Engaged with Navy employee regarding the best potential locations for the placement of bin cages. We will continue to encourage the Navy to build baboon-proof waste cages.



Figure 11. Illegal dumping in the Else River

SA Navy Property, Kronseil Court and Bluefin Flats, Da Gama Park – All refuse bins were stored securely in the designated baboon-proof bin rooms. Illegal dumping at the Else River area behind the flats remains an issue. Dumped waste includes food items that can be accessed by the baboons and pollutants such as engine oil. This has been reported to the Navy.

STAKEHOLDER LIAISON:



Figure 12. Baboon-proof vegetable garden belonging to a Murdock Valley community member

Meetings held with individual community representatives to discuss current challenges and solutions for their respective areas. A resident in the Murdock Valley area shared their success with a newly installed baboon-proof vegetable garden.

Continued engagement with CCT Solid Waste Department to discuss progress with the baboon-proof bin tender, and to highlight incidences of late waste collection. Late collection impacts baboon management significantly, making it more difficult for rangers to encourage the baboons out of town

as they are highly motivated to access the waste. It also creates a health and hygiene issue for the local communities.



Figure 13. Overturned waste bins in De Oude Weg.



Figure 14. Illegal dumping at Fish Eagle Place.

Ongoing discussions with the CCT Solid Waste Department's Cleansing Division to clean and reduce illegal dumping along Houmoed Avenue/Fish Eagle Place.

Engagement with CCT's Solid Waste Department CCT Cleansing Division to ensure that blue waste bags are not removed from baboon-proof bins unless the collection vehicle is within line of site. This will prevent opportunistic raiding by baboons.



Figure 15. Baboons accessing waste on Simon's Town main road.



Figure 16. Waste clean-up initiative in Masiphumelele

Attended a community clean-up initiative in collaboration with Councillor Patricia Francke, Masiphumelele youth representatives, Baboons of the South, the CCT Cleansing Department, and the

CCT Biodiversity Management Branch. A significant amount of waste was cleared and future educational and environmental initiatives for the local community were discussed.

NCC field rangers were issued with business cards to hand out to members of the public who have queries that require a detailed response. The purpose of this is to provide the rangers with an effective way to direct members of the public to senior management for detailed or sensitive queries. This is being done to enable the rangers to avoid conflict and lengthy conversations which prevent them from fully concentrating on the operational requirements of their work. This policy was implemented following feedback from the community and NCC staff. The rangers will still be encouraged to engage with the public for logistical and educational purposes that assist with their service to the community.

EDUCATION INITIATIVES:

Distribution of Educational Material: Distributed ‘Dispersing Male Baboons’ educational flyer to circa 220 homes and businesses in Glencairn to advise residents of a dispersing male in the area. The infographic explains the dispersal process and how this can be influenced by attractants within the urban landscape. The infographic also provides tips on how to minimise raiding by baboons during this process. This flyer was also distributed electronically to residents in the Kalk Bay, Clovelly, and Fish Hoek areas.



Figure 17. Educational flyer

Tourist Education: Continued opportunistic engagement with tourists to provide advice on responsible tourism in baboon home ranges.

Schools: Reached out to primary schools in Ocean View to arrange environmental education talks for the new term.

4.3 HOTLINE REPORTS

We received 386 hotline calls during the month of March. The majority of the hotline calls received were regarding baboon(s) in the urban area (351), followed by general enquiries (27) and reports of injured baboons (8) (**Fig. 18**).

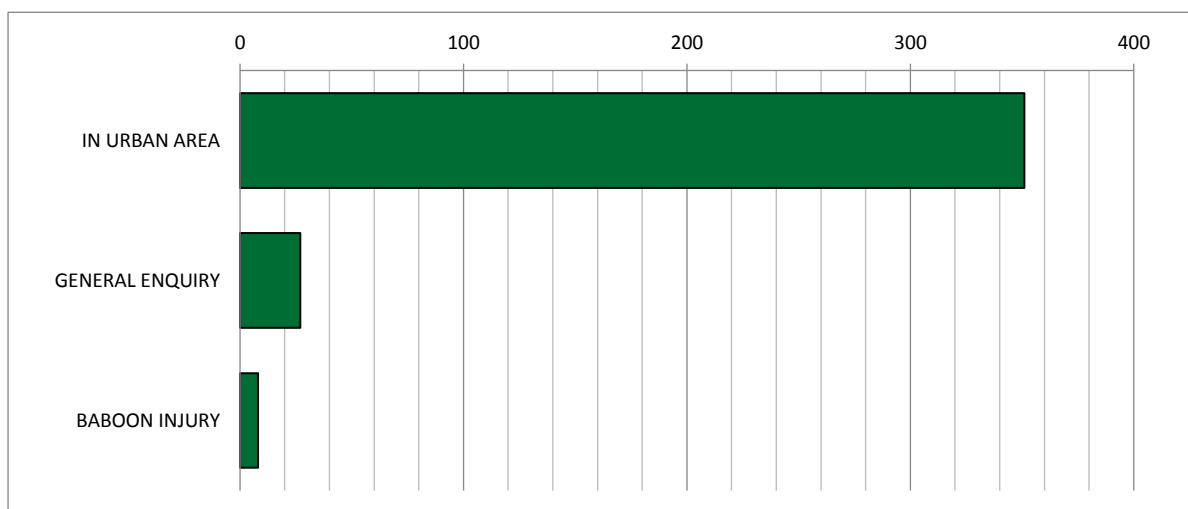


Figure 18. The number of hotline calls by type in March 2022.

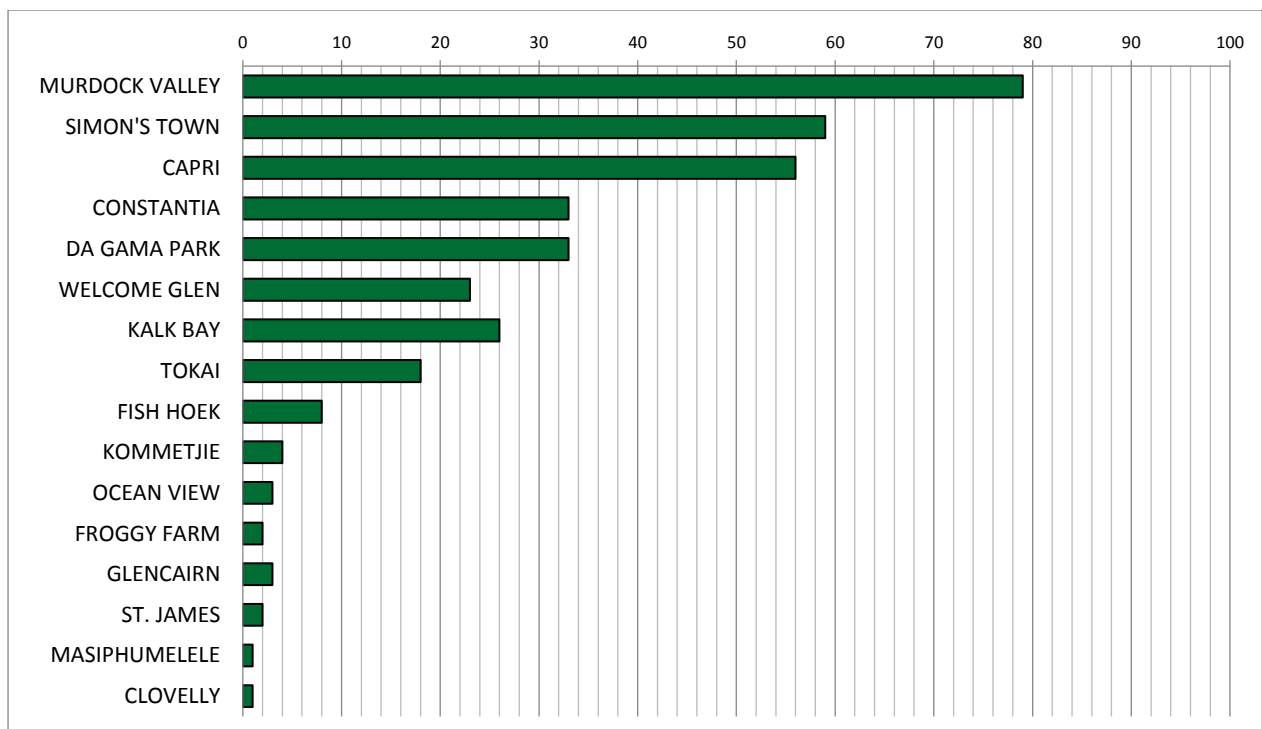


Figure 19. The number of calls reporting baboon presence by suburb in March 2022.

The majority of hotline calls this month originated in Murdock Valley (**Fig. 19**). These calls generally focused on the presence of adult male baboon SWB12 prior to being translocated off the Peninsula. The second highest number of calls came from Simon's Town where the Waterfall Troop spent more time in the urban space this month. All calls from Kalk Bay, Fish Hoek, Glen Cairn, St. James and Clovelly were in response to adult male TK55's dispersal movements through these areas where baboons are not typically encountered.
