

Help us to keep our baboons **safe** and **wild**

How can you help?

- Baboon-proof your home and report illegal acts
- Report baboon incidents in order to inform future management actions
- Report people feeding baboons



Keep baboons off your property:

ALWAYS

- Plant indigenous plants in your garden.
- Keep doors locked and windows closed when baboons are in the vicinity.
- Install night bolts into sliding doors.
- Ensure that windows, particularly top-hung ones, have a latch at each end of the opening edge to prevent baboons from pulling the frame and breaking the glass.
- Install burglar bars with gaps smaller than 8 cm, including sides and tops of bars on windows you usually keep open.



NEVER

- Feed baboons - they will return to your property again and again.
- Leave any food or seeds on display where they can be seen.
- Plant fruit trees, vegetable gardens or make compost heaps unless they are in a locked caged area or surrounded by electric fencing.



Safeguard your bin:

- Secure both latches with padlocks or clips at all times.
- Secure your bin lid with a strap, rope or chain.
- Knock a pole in the ground and attach your bin to the pole. The bin must be raised off the ground.
- Store your bin in the garage or in a caged area.
- Lie the bin on its side – locked.



Laws protecting baboons

Baboons are protected under the Nature Conservation Ordinance 19 of 1974. It is illegal to feed or hunt baboons without a permit.

Anyone caught feeding baboons could face a year's imprisonment, a fine of up to R5 000 or both. Shooting at baboons with paintball guns or any other weapon without a permit could result in two year's imprisonment, a fine of up to R10 000, or both.

What happens to raiding baboons?

The goal of management is zero spatial overlap between baboons and humans as both parties stand to lose when they share space. If baboons manage to raid regularly it lowers their welfare and conservation status while also posing a risk to human health and property. Every effort will be made to try and prevent baboons from becoming habitual raiders and only when this fails will such baboons be euthanised after due consideration of all the relevant facts.

TO REPORT BABOON INCIDENTS please contact the Bitou Municipality:
Tel 044 501 3174 (office hours)

FOR ADVICE ON MITIGATION MEASURES please contact CapeNature:
Tel 044 802 5300 (office hours)

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