



BITOU MUNICIPALITY SOP FOR BABOON INVASIONS

PURPOSE:	Describes how residents are to identify, report and respond to Baboon activity/invasions in human wildlife conflict areas.
SCOPE:	Applies to both Residents and Municipal employees to report, assess, and assist residents in need of assistance upon home invasions and baboon activity on properties.

Should an individual encounter a baboon inside their house please follow the following steps. If you require assistance, please phone the law enforcement call centre on the following numbers:

044 533 5000

044 501 3230

044 501 3231

WHAT TO DO WHEN A BABOON IS INSIDE YOUR HOUSE:

1. Remain calm.
2. Avoid direct eye contact.
3. Do not close off the entry point where it came in.
4. Do not corner the baboon (Baboons may become aggressive when they are cornered)
5. Move out of the way where the Baboon can exit.
6. Back away slowly and do not block its escape route.
7. Create multiple escape routes, if possible, by opening doors and windows.
8. Be determined, decisive and confident when driving a baboon off.
9. Spray the baboon with a strong stream of water as they hate water (If available).
10. Keep your pets away from baboons (Do not set your dogs to attack a baboon).
11. Do not try to take back anything that the Baboons got hold off, they will fight for it.
12. Do not threaten the juveniles as the Alpha male will defend and protect them.
13. Do not attempt to lure the Baboon out of your house using food (By doing this, you will give an indication that Humans are a food source).

WAYS TO MAKE YOUR HOUSE BABOON PROOF:

1. One of the best ways how to keep baboons out, is to stop them from entering through windows and doors. You can do this by installing a window or door latch – such as Lock Latch. This will allow you to leave windows and doors open and unattended so you get enough fresh air, but locked and closed enough so that baboons can't get in.
2. Baboon proof your dustbins using Latches, rope, or bungy cords to keep the lid closed when it gets tipped over.
3. Separate your Organic garbage/waste from your normal household waste, making it inaccessible to baboons.
4. Padlock everything including your bins. We know by baboon behaviour that they are smart, have nimble fingers, and can open unlocked cupboards and bins with ease. Make it difficult for them to access these items will deter them from coming onto your property in future.
5. If you have the budget, electric fences are an effective way to protect your property from baboons. They are one of the best Baboon deterrents but be sure to use the correct current and have the fence constructed properly so that you are protecting your property without compromising on safety.
6. Equip yourself with a clap gun / tazer or bear banger (anything that makes a loud noise) This is effective in chasing the Baboons away from your property.

QUESTIONS TO ASK FROM CALLER

1. Where is the caller calling from? (Address, Location)
2. Are there a single baboon in the house or the entire troop. (If they can identify Male or Female, Troop or single Baboon)
3. Where did the Baboon enter the house.
4. Is there an escape room/space available for both Resident and Baboon?
5. If the caller can lock themselves in a room away from the baboons they should do just that.
6. Always ask the caller to remain calm to think clear.

METHODS TO CHASE BABOONS

- Water gun.
- Hosepipe (spray the baboon with water)
- Bear Banger
- Clap gun
- Banging hollow PVC pipe on the ground.
- Anything that makes a loud noise usually frightens baboons.