

Baboons, Food and Waste Management



It is our responsibility to prevent baboons from consuming human food.



Is there enough food for baboons on the mountain?

Yes, the first recorded raid of human food by baboons took place in the company gardens in 1672 at a time when the natural environment was relatively intact. Therefore, the reason baboons come down into the urban area to feed is not because there is not enough food on the mountain but rather because human derived food is higher in calories. Much like humans, baboons are prone to over consumption leading to ill-health, hence, humans have a responsibility to ensure baboons eat their natural food.

What do baboons eat on the Cape Peninsula?

Most of their food consists of grass, bulbs, pine nuts, fruit and flowers.

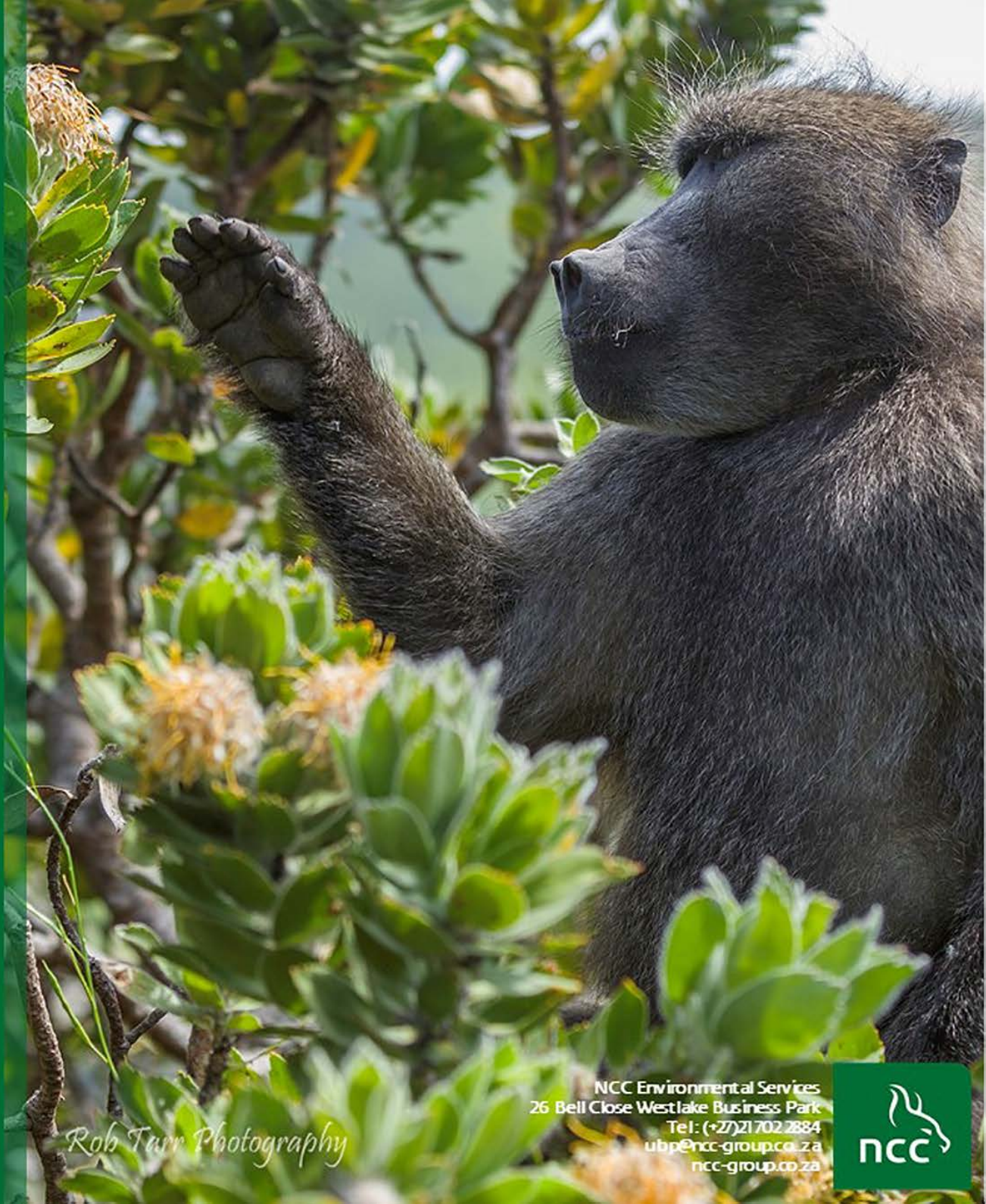
Please practice responsible food and waste management:

- Baboon proof your waste and vegetable gardens.
- Remove fruits/nuts from trees.
- Do not put your bin out the night before removal.
- Do not overfill your bin.
- Do not keep food in sight of baboons when out walking, in your kitchen or in your car.
- Restrict access to areas (e.g. kitchens and cars) where food is stored.

Remember!

Every time a baboon gains access to human food it becomes less wild, unhealthier and is more likely to return to urban areas where their safety is at risk.

By preventing baboons from accessing human food, we are taking responsibility for their health and safety.



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