Comment: Cape Peninsula Baboon Strategic Management Plan (CPBSMP) - 31 March 2023



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Stakeholder comments: Group 1 Breakaway Session - 03/03/2023 - The Range, Tokai Outcomes: 1. Sustainable Management 2. Compliance + Enforcement 7. Adaptive Management	Items missing from the CPBSMP	Include ranger's knowledge and inputs Ethics and strategy should be included in the CPBSMP Include human behaviour experts in communication efforts with communities Some definitions for terms are missing South African specific context is missing Rangers should be used as a management tool, consider facilitating rangers training volunteers The CPBSMP must link to the City's IDP and provincial policies	CPBSMP amended. Specific terms, additional context and definitions have been amended in the CPBSMP. The CPBMJTT is engaging with sociologists to assist with the CPBSMP and its implementation. An animal ethics review process is required when animals are used for experimental or educational purposes (SANS 10386:2008 – The care and use of animals for scientific purposes). The CPBMJTT will require animal ethics clearance for any research or educational proposals that are made with regards to the baboons. The CPBSMP is a strategic level plan between the three relevant authorities: SANParks, CapeNature and City of Cape Town. Operational plans developed in conjunction with relevant stakeholders with actions, budgets
			and timeframes will be developed







Name (Date Para / section / page & Motivation for amendment / Proposed Response received) and Comment amendment (accepted / location rejected + reason / outcome) by the CPBMJTT subsequently. Each authority needs to however devise internal planning on how it will fit in with internal strategic plans and budgeting to fulfil the commitments in the BMSP. Future ranger/monitoring options have been included in the CPBSMP as a possible management intervention. Fencing-specific Practicality: CPBSMP not Source of funding for maintenance; PPP model? comments amended. Theft (fence materials or supporting infrastructure, Strategically e.g. backup batteries) placed fencing has been proposed as Impacts on fire access and leisure activities a viable solution by experts as an Impacts on non-target wildlife aspect in sustainable Load-shedding mitigation management of baboons on the Concerns regarding viability - landowner vs asset Cape Peninsula. It owner technicalities is one of the most successful Dr Gaynor - annexure to CPBSMP, publicly measures to available mitigate humanwildlife conflict in Fencing could displace the problem (example of South Africa and in Hout Bay mountains and possible troop movement in the world. In the response to fencing) context of Table Mountain National Combine the fencing with job creation and tourism Park and the urban environment, its Zwaanswyk allows some foraging with high level of application will be success area and community Rangers don't solve the problem as they displace specific. troops The CPBMJTT will further explore proposed strategic fencing in appropriate areas







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Name (Date Para / section / page & Motivation for amendment / Proposed Response received) and Comment amendment (accepted / location rejected + reason / outcome) population dynamics and management <u>regime"</u> The CoGH SPCA as a key governancestakeholder will oversee welfare aspects in any methodology employed in management interventions. The CPBMJTT will consider management interventions that align with the objectives of maintaining a wild sustainable baboon population and are feasible in an urban environment through approved protocols and methods. CPBSMP not Compliance and Pellet guns - cases not investigated Enforcement amended. SAPS enforcement lacking when guns The issues raised discharged regarding law enforcement are addressed in the Investigation of complaints - what are the requirements to open a case (CapeNature) implementation of the CPBSMP outcomes and will Enforcement on naval land be part of appropriate SOPs on vineyards requires better enforcement management interventions. – often ignored Adaptive management Limited foraging at Zwaanswyk -CPBSMP not recommendation to follow example amended. Water provision The CPBMJTT will consider Betty's Bay example - different rules for troops: management addendum for each troop interventions that align with the





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		Troops must be profiled	objectives of
		Measurement criteria for outcomes – how often?	maintaining a wild sustainable baboon population and are feasible in
		Make use of technology and involve the youth	an urban environment
		Cooperation and a holistic approach to management is required	through approved protocols and methods. Troop- specific
		Exponential distribution of resources of rangers, budgetary concerns	management is an operational concern that is not
		Water guns to deter baboons	within the scope of the strategic-level CPBSMP.
		Speed bumps and signage	
		Underground fence	
		App for tracking baboons, refuse trucks, usable by tourists	The City is currently undertaking a review of all wildlife awareness
			and warning signs, with the aim to replace, supplement and
			improve road regulations and public awareness
	Da Gama troop: Welcome Glen	Different value system developed	of wildlife. CPBSMP not amended.
		Value of biodiversity re-discovered through baboons	
		CPCC/community groups are effective	The CPBMJTT will consider management interventions that
		Whatsapp groups notify of troop movements effectively	align with the objectives of maintaining a wild
		Track and adapt to behavioural changes in troops/individuals	sustainable baboon population and are feasible in an urban
		Humans/communities must be engaged	environment through approved protocols and methods.







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			The issues	
			mentioned are	
			addressed in the	
			CPBSMP outcomes and will	
			be part of	
			appropriate	
			management	
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Stakeholder comments: Group	Partnerships	BAG advises who? Needs function	CPBSMP appropriately	
2 Breakaway		PAC needs to be regular, more than annually	amended.	
Session -		BAG needs to be regular, more than annually		
03/03/2023 - The Range, Tokai		Residential group input (fair representation)	The CPBMJTT will meet bi-annually with the BAG and	
Outcomes :		What skill sets are needed? Learn from the past,	ad hoc as and	
3. Partnerships 5. Communication		voluntary	when required. The terms of	
and Awareness		BAG = NPOs and CBOs	reference for the BAG are attached	
		Top level BAG, but specific local groups needed,	to the CPBSMP as	
		areas are different (create community structure)	an annexure.	
			The BAG, in terms	
		Ratepayers (e.g. Constantia) and politicians	of the CPBSMP,	
		don't represent all residents	"comprises	
			nominated representatives of	
		Not all residents join a specific ratepayers	recognised	
		association	community groups,	
			such as	
		BAG: Full disclosure and feedback, transparency	Ratepayers	
		DAC: Low Enforcement (City) needed for Dy low	Associations, advocacy groups	
		BAG: Law Enforcement (City) needed for By-law issues	and research	
		issues	institutions".	
		BAG: SPCA	The BMSP is a	
		BAG for welfare: Ethics representative (trained in	strategic level	
		animal ethics, from a university), separate to	plan. The BAG will	
		SPCA	be engaged in future	
		BAG needs a portal, website etc.	management	
		All info available	plans, the specifics of this engagement	
			still needs to be	
		JTT: Transparency, minutes and meeting should	defined.	
		be open for attendance		
			The CoGH SPCA	
		There can be community input, but it won't	as a key governance-	
		necessarily be what happens	stakeholder will	
			oversee welfare	
		How do interest groups contribute best to JTT	aspects in any	
		outcomes?	methodology employed in	
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		Capacity to facilitate and mediate (skills), equal	management interventions.
		representation	interventions.
		Experts should be co-opted when needed,	
		should make financial provision	An animal ethics review process is
			required when
		JTT needs an independent Legal representative	animals are used
			for experimental or educational
		BAG needs a legal representative	purposes (SANS
		More frequent engagement with JTT (e.g.	10386:2008 - The
		workshops) for more transparency	care and use of animals for
			scientific
		Focus on managing people (human behavior	purposes). The
		specialist)	CPBMJTT will require animal
		Workshops for communities (co-opt	ethics clearance
		representatives?)	for any research or educational
			proposals that are
		Easy implementable wins that can be done now	made with regards
		Tourism	to the baboons
		Tourism	
		Movement from SMP to IMP	The CPBMJTT will
			consult experts and consider
		NCC project needs to be extended and	management
		increased (immediate plan)	interventions that are scientifically
		Sense of urgency	validated and align
			with the objectives of maintaining a
		Law enforcement (traffic) and signage	wild sustainable
			baboon population
		Actual presence	and are feasible in an urban
		All 3 authorities to contribute equally	environment.
			The current Urban
		Local solutions	Baboon
		Fencing	Programme
		i choing	(including the NCC rangers mentioned
		Rezoning with regard to waste enforcement	in this comment)
			funded by the City of Cape Town has
		Build on institutional knowledge (NCC, Baboon	been extended for
		Matters)	18 months until the
		Set up CIDs and SRAs (co-fund interventions)	end of December 2024 to allow for a
			transition period
		Not all communities have equal funding	while the new CPBSMP is
			implemented.
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			Future ranger/monitoring options have been included in the CPBSMP as a possible management intervention.
	Communication and Awareness	Community interactions: hotline needed to report infractions	CPBSMP not amended.
		Strong communication and education to residents (e.g. baboon interactions with dogs, vegetable gardens) Films	The CPBSMP is a strategic level plan. Operational plans developed in conjunction with relevant stakeholders with
		Communications to be adapted to different people Bring in existing community work	timeframes will be developed by the CPBMJTT subsequently.
		JTT – own media platform? For communication, education etc.	Education and awareness programmes are
		Social media in addition to website Signage in hotspots encouraging who to contact	the focus of Outcome 5 of the CPBSMP.
		Education, like NCC	As the specifics of education,
		App to track baboons	communication and awareness efforts are
		Early warning system – Vuvuzela	dependent on local community
		Real estate agents and short term rentals (e.g. AirBNBs) need to inform buyers/tenants	context, community engagement will
		In addition to the film point: Tourism, should be a short film educating tourists	be discussed and expanded upon further by the CPBMJTT in the
		Different types of audio-visuals and how impactful	the CPBSMP.
		Radio and social media (infomercials)	The issue raised regarding law
		Need awareness on how to communicate infringements to relevant Law Enforcement	enforcement are addressed in the implementation of
		Training sessions on what evidence is needed	the CPBSMP outcomes and will be part of





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		Contact numbers needed	appropriate
		Drones rather than collars to track baboons	management interventions. The specifics of spot
		Communication strategy needs to be interlinked	checks and fines, however, will be further discussed
		Single channel (e.g. radio), so all info is readily available	by the CPBMJTT, as the CPBSMP is a strategic level
		JTT appoints a communication agency for complex communications	plan.
		Urgency for better communication from the JTT	
		JTT partnering with community newspapers (regular column)	
		Centralised point for monitoring and Law Enforcement purposes (specific to baboons) that overarch JTT	
		Education and awareness for CT2 in Cecilia Forest (e.g. keeping dogs on lead)	
		Give residents authority to do this? More awareness Spot checks and fines	
Stakeholder comments: Group 3 Breakaway	Lockable Bins/Waste Management	CCT: Tender was awarded for lockable bins- starts 1 May	CPBSMP not amended.
Session - 03/03/2023 - The		New bins	The issues raised regarding waste
Range, Tokai Outcomes :		Bins that need to be replaced	management are addressed in the implementation of
4. Waste		Usable bins will be fitted	the CPBSMP outcomes and will
management 6. Roads		New recycling bins will also be fitted with locks post July	be part of the appropriate management
		Service timing - problematic to get people out before 7	interventions that will follow.
		Simons Town: Suggestion - can't they dump at local drop off facility	Education and awareness programmes, including around
		Facility can't handle the load at the moment	waste management, are the focus of
		Currently constructing material sorting site at coastal park	Outcome 5 of the CPBSMP.





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		Construction completed 2024 - operational 2025	The CPBSMP is a strategic level plan
		Recycling (Green Groups Simons Town)	between the three relevant
		Questions into sorting: Q: Can it be pre-sorted? A: residents can't reduce volume of waste into flattening. Pre-sorting is not essential Q: educational evening with Simon's Town A: Yes, and we can bring contractor with Q: what about organic waste? A: Home compost-must be placed where it is not accessibly Q: Litter bins- can ones on cement blocks be placed? Metal bins can not clip- problematic. Also, signage for people not to put litter next to bins	authorities: SANPa rks, CapeNature and City of Cape Town. Operational plans developed in conjunction with relevant stakeholders with actions, budgets and timeframes will be developed by the CPBMJTT subsequently.
		Blue bags left on street is also problematic Superbins (double bins) work really effectively. CCT will work with communities to ID what is needed. Don't have a lot of them	Each authority needs to conduct internal planning on how it will fit in with internal strategic plans and budgeting (e.g.
		Once people enter SANParks, out of service area. SANParks can add signage on trails Encourage people to take out what they take into litter. This includes dog-stuff. People must take it back home. Q: Rhodes drive- 5km radius, how soon can we	allocation of budgets for rangers) to fulfil the commitments made in this CPBSMP.
		get lockable bins? A: once contract is finalized, then we can get it in place. Foresee April-May Geographical area where baboon-safe bins were placed will be re-adjusted. Will now issue it where it is needed. Must be done by JTT.	
		In the plan priority areas must be identified	
		Can we do mapping of which bins are needed in what areas.	
		Law enforcement should be considered for people/business who put out their bins too early	
		Bin-pickers also open bins leaving it open	
		Bins/double locks are effective and can be deterrent	







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			public awareness of wildlife.