# **Five year synopsis** Baboon Management on the Cape Peninsula

- The following presentation provides an overview of key performance indices over the past five years of baboon management on the Cape Peninsula.
- This period marked the start of a concerted effort to keep baboons out of urban areas with better resourcing, improved management tools and better data for the assessment of management interventions
- The primary goal was reduced human contact and access to human foods with the ultimate goal of ensuring a sustainable baboon population with improved conservation and welfare status.

### Northern Baboon Troop's Ranging Areas – Cape Peninsula January 2013 to December 2017



Northern Baboon Troops' Ranging Areas over the past five years (January 2013 - December 2017)

### Southern Baboon Troops' Ranging Areas – Cape Peninsula January 2013 to December 2017



Southern Baboon Troops' Ranging Areas over the past five years (January 2013 - December 2017)

### **Total number of bin raids: combined data for Troops and Individuals**

Summer (Oct – Mar) Winter (Apr – Sept)





\* The Misty Cliffs Troop merged with the GOB Troop in November 2015. Therefore there are no counts of the Misty Cliffs Troop after 2015. \*\* The Misty Cliffs Troop numbers, at time of merge, have been added to the GOB Troop as reflected in 2016 & 2017.





**Direct Human induced deaths** are a result of spatial overlap between humans and baboons and include shooting, poison, dog bite, collisions with cars.

**Indirect Human Induced deaths** may occur within or outside of urban areas and include burns from powerlines and fires.

\* The elevated number of indirect human induced deaths in 2015 are a result of the March 2015 fire. The Tokai Troop lost 12 baboons and the Zwaanswyk Troop one baboon to the fire.



### % Time that managed troops spend out of urban areas September 2012 – December 2017

In 2012 the baboon management tender requirement was 80%; the requirement in 2017 is 90%.

\* The drop in time out of town for 2015 relates to the increase in time in town of the Misty Cliffs splinter troop.

## **Measuring The Results**

## Five years of baboon management on the Cape Peninsula January 2013 – December 2017

Management success on the Cape Peninsula can be inferred from:

- 1. Whether the population of managed baboons in stable or growing.
- 2. Whether baboons are spending less time in dangerous urban areas.
- 3. Whether the percentage of deaths attributed to negative interactions with the public is decreasing.

### **Results – growth in numbers within managed troops** Five years of baboon management on the Cape Peninsula January 2013 – December 2017



### Results – the percentage of time troops spent in town Five years of baboon management on the Cape Peninsula January 2013 – December 2017



### **Results – the percentage of all deaths that are human induced** Five years of baboon management on the Cape Peninsula January 2013 – December 2017

