

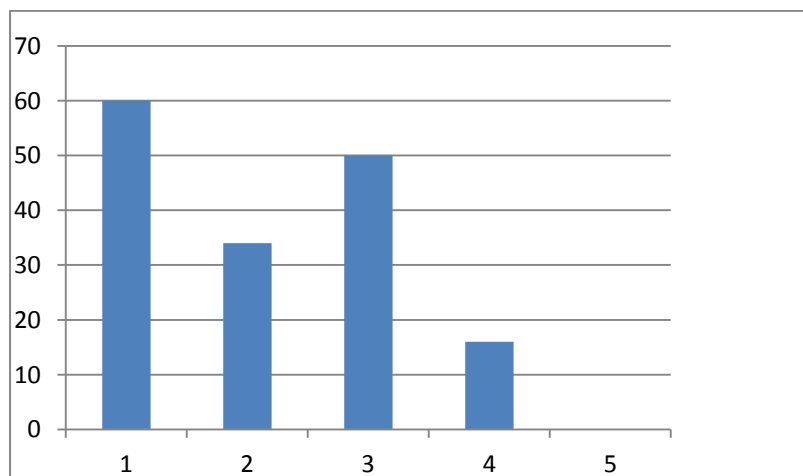
Baboon Survey Report (Questionnaire Link sent out to Rooielsers September 2021)

Overall: The Survey link was sent on WhatsApp groups open to all those that own property (and by email to those with email addresses at RESA) and also open to those that are renting for six months or longer. Only one questionnaire per household was to be completed. There were 177 responses in total which included 14 duplicates, one was an error, 13 were partners that were not included in the quantified data. But all their comments have been retained and included in the Open answers to inform the process. Of the 163 responses tabulated, 155 owners responded and 8 residents that are not owners. This represents approximately 65% of households in Rooiels. This is a good response rate, especially considering that some Rooielsers were not reached as we do not have contact details for all of them. There were a number of those reached that contacted us and said that they do not want to participate in surveys nor get involved in issues. They want the *status quo* to remain in Rooiels; they are happy with things as they are.

Only the first two questions were compulsory but despite this there was a high participation rate throughout the survey on each question. Most respondents answered almost all questions in both sections A and B – and there were even quite a few who answered Section C sharing partner opinions or providing additional input.

Characteristics of Respondents

Of the respondents just under 40% live permanently in Rooiels and 20% are semi-permanent, thirty percent (30%) are weekenders, ten percent (10%) come for annual holidays and none reported coming less than once a year. Of those who had bought since 2000 only 7 respondents indicated that they did not know about the baboons before buying. 69% percent do not rent out and of the 31% that rent their houses, all of them, except two, have someone in Rooiels to manage their rental. Almost half the respondents (42%) have dogs with most stating their dogs protect their homes or warn them. Four dogs are afraid of the baboons and others indicated they can walk close when under control.



Residential Status – number of respondents

- 1 Permanent
- 2 Semi-permanent
- 3 Weekender
- 4 Annual holiday

How long the respondents have been resident or have owned property in Rooiels

50 yrs +	40-50 yrs	30-40 yrs	20-30 yrs	15-20 yrs	10-15 yrs	5-10 yrs	3-5 yrs	1-2 yrs
Bef. 1972	1972-1981	1982-1991	1992-2001	2002-2006	2007-2011	2012-2016	2017-2019	2020-2021
2	13	25	26	15	13	16	27+1*	17

- 1 said permanent since 2019 but did not give original ownership date.
- Of the 156 that answered this question, 1 gave other information

Findings from the survey

The BABCO team have compiled a brief overview giving some key messages from the 93 pages of comments ((2500+) made in the Open questions. All the comments have been used to inform the Discussion Document for the Indaba and to formulate the Working Groups. These are provided at the end of this document and are available separately.

Report on quantitative data (the responses that could be measured)

In comparison to the 2001 and 2018 surveys, the results of those questions that are comparable reflect similar values with all three surveys showing strong support for nature, wildlife and coexistence with baboons. However whereas the 2018 results reflected an increase in understanding of coexistence from 2001, the 2021 survey shows some regression towards the 2001 data, reflecting the need for increased awareness building of how we can coexist. The results have been aggregated and are reported below with a few of the comparisons included.

Statistical Overview of the 2021 Survey

Eighty-three percent (83%) think that baboons should be free to roam and feed on the fynbos in Rooiels and the majority said that biodiversity and wildlife was a factor in their move to Rooiels (only 10% did not). Most of the residents do not want the baboons entering their houses or cars while 93% are willing to accept them coming in to Rooiels. Half the respondents say that baboon behaviour over the years has changed because they have lost their fear of humans and almost 40% think that there needs to be stricter control. 77% think that they are an essential part of Rooiels and should be accepted and respected. Over 90% of the residents have had incursions during their time living in Rooiels. Forty-eight percent (48%) have had incursions in the last six months and 33% have had damage to house or car. Around 40% have had incidents with baboons but fewer have had physical contact (28%) whether negative or positive. Thirty percent (30%) consider that ‘problem’ baboons should be removed; over 50% do not think they should be removed. Fifteen (15%) of respondents consider it very important to employ outside monitors. This is similar to the 15% in 2018 that wanted baboons removed from the village and is lower than the 25% who wanted them removed in 2001.

Graphics of some key results

Attitudes toward baboons

Overall 76% enjoy the baboons, 9% tolerate them and 12% do not enjoy them.

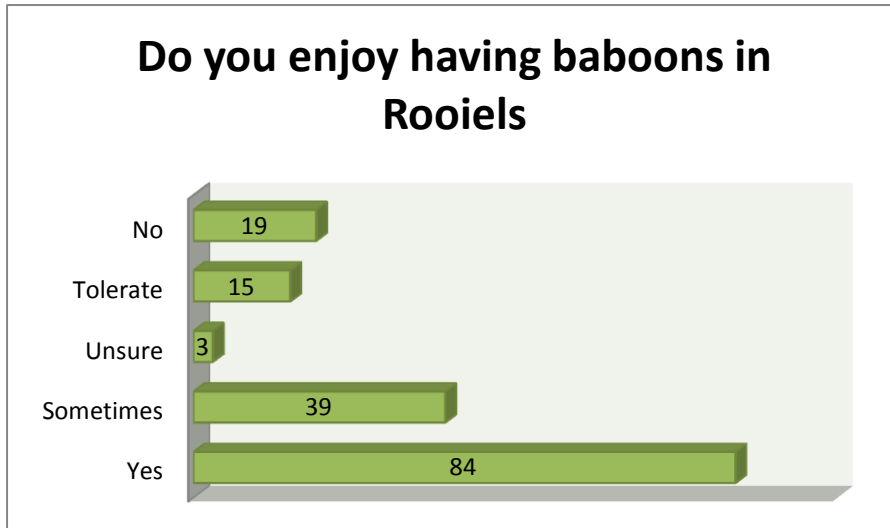


Fig 1 – Do you enjoy having baboons in Rooiels - Number of respondents

What is your perception of Baboons

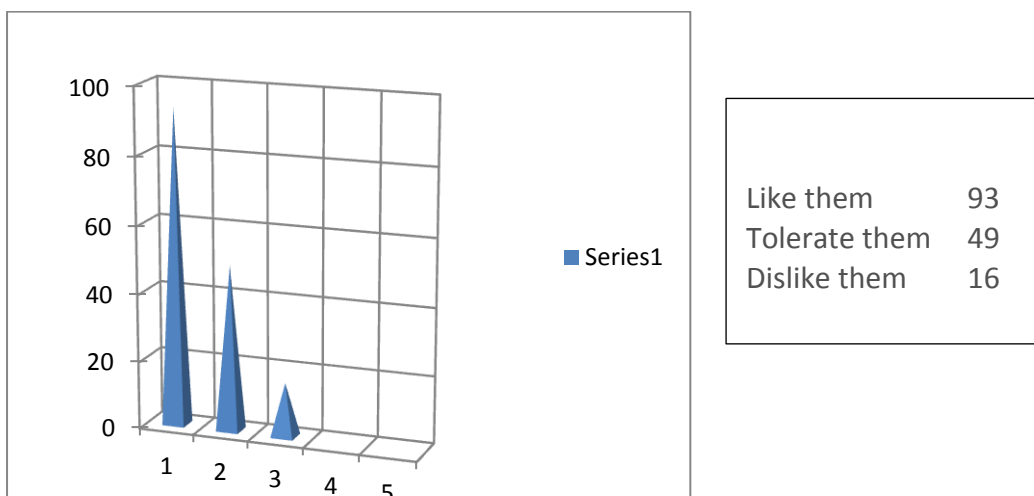
This similar question to Fig 1, was asked in Section B to check on the section A response but mainly to provide closer comparison to the question asked in earlier surveys

2001 61% like + 20% neutral + 19% dislike

2018 62% like + 22% neutral

2021 60% like them, 30% tolerate and 10% dislike

Fig 2 Perception of Baboons – number of responses



Are you Afraid of Baboons

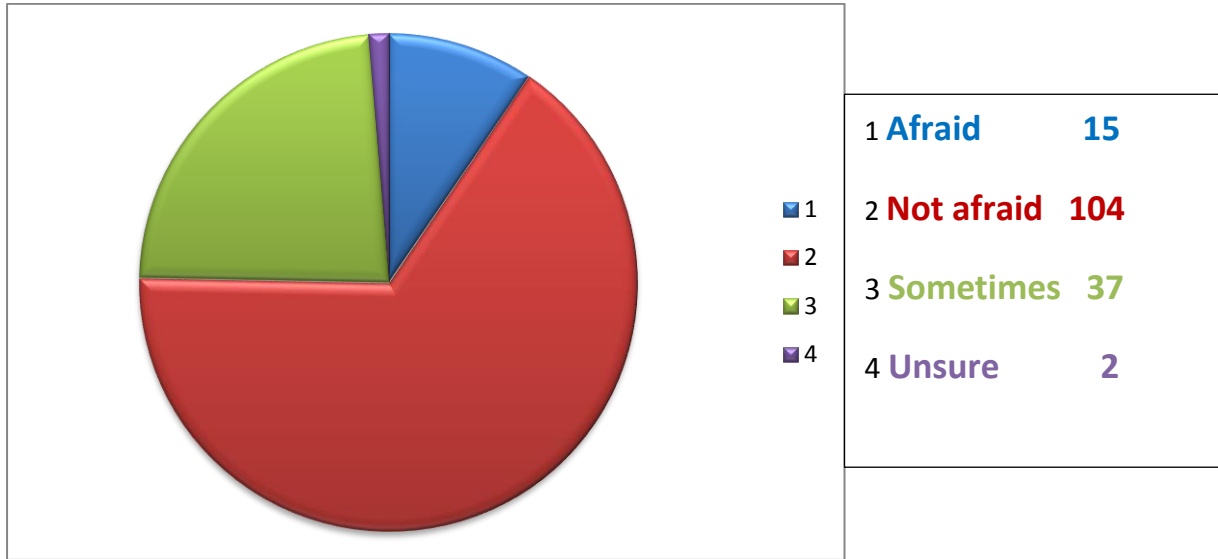


Fig 3 – Are you Afraid - No of respondents

23% in 2001 and only 6% in 2018 were afraid. In 2021 9% are afraid with 23% indicating they are sometimes afraid

Do you consider the baboons to be a problem in Rooiels

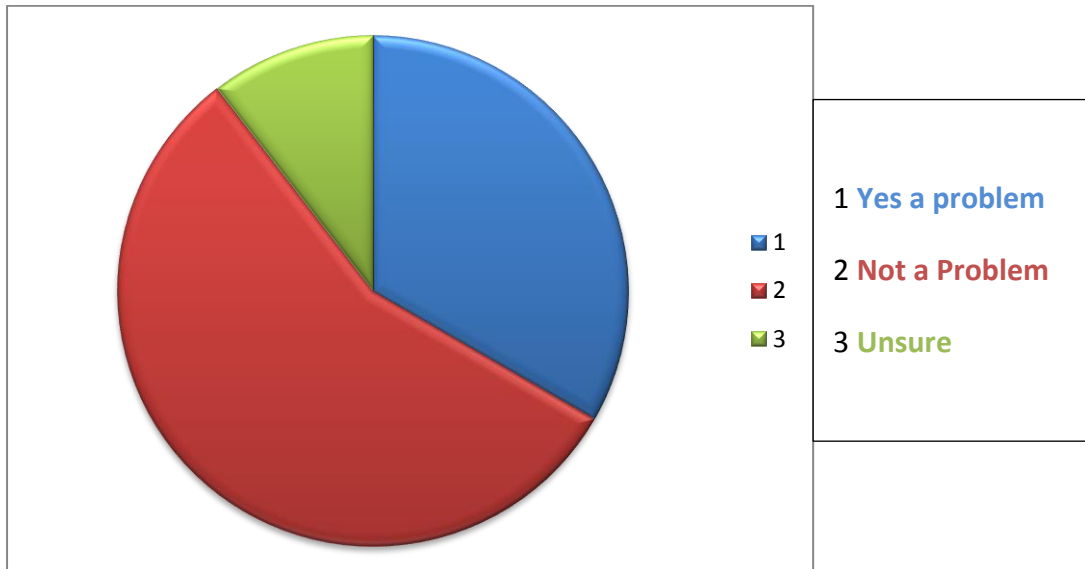


Fig 4 Do you consider baboons a problem in Rooiels

57% think the baboons are not a problem, 33% think they are, and 10% are unsure. In 2001 46% thought they were a problem, 27% in 2018 and in 2021 it is 33%

How emotionally stressful is it for you to live with baboons

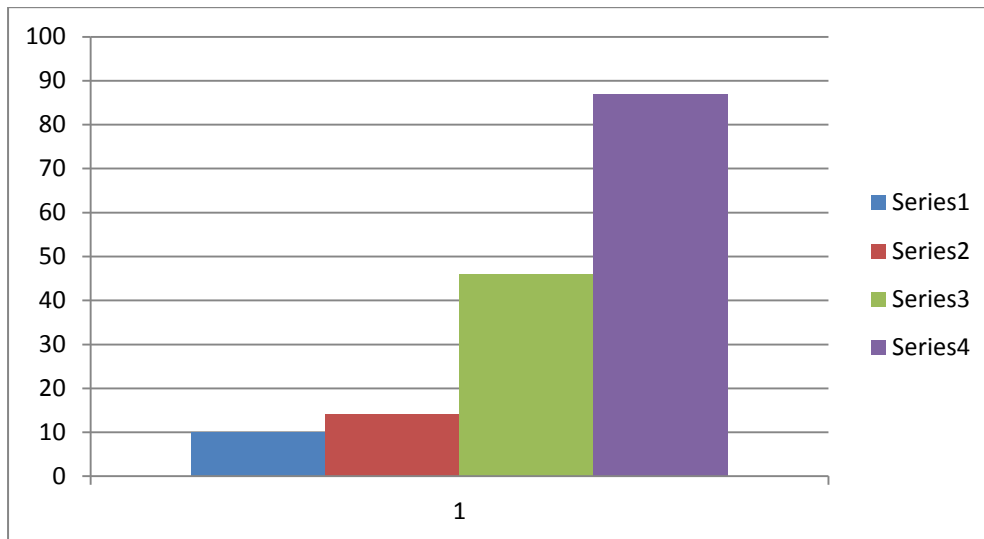


Fig. 5 How emotionally stressful is it for you to live with baboons - No. of respondents

Very stressful	10
Stressful	14
Somewhat stressful	46
Not stressful	87

Human Behaviour, Household Waste and Education

Twenty-seven percent (27%) of respondents have experienced or witnessed physical contact between people and baboons. Just under 50% of the respondents indicated that they have been responsible for baboons getting food and 37% have witnessed other people feeding baboons. Only one person admitted to deliberately feeding a baboon.

All except one person agree that it is very important for household waste to be secured and 96% agreed that it is important to ensure the Municipal waste removal system is timely and secure. Eighty-four percent (84%) said it is very important to avoid conflict situations such as keeping dogs under control and not walking with food near baboons. Almost all, 92%, thought it was very important to educate residents, 7% thought it was less important and only 1% did not think it was important.

Baboon behaviour and human response

How often baboons visit

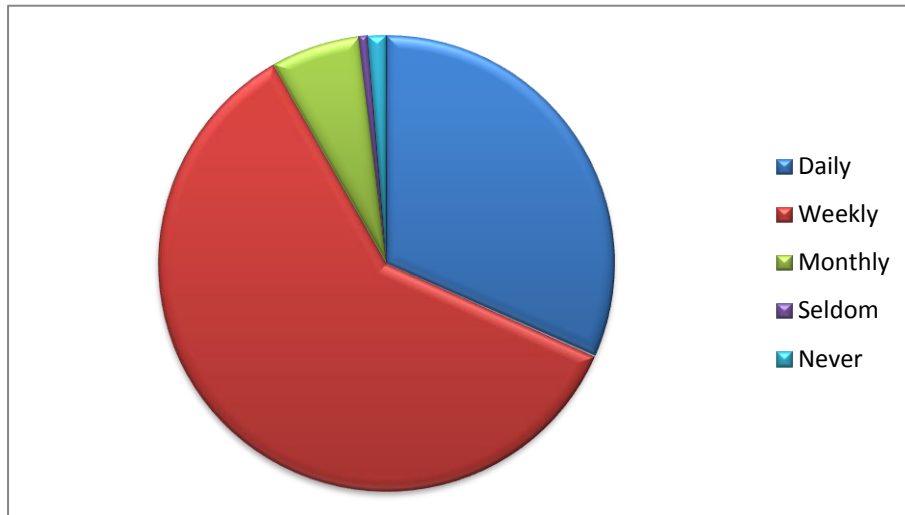


Fig 6 How often baboons visit your Erf (plot) 60% estimate weekly and 32% daily.

Seventy percent (70%) take no action to discourage baboons accessing their plot. Ninety-five (95%) of respondents indicate that wildlife is important to them and 77% are concerned with the conservation of baboons in Rooiels. Forty-four percent (44%) feel that baboons have restricted the way they live in Rooiels to some extent. Sixty-three (63%) consider that it is a resident's fault if the baboons get into a house with 8% strongly disagreeing. These responses reinforce those found in the first part of the survey summarised above.

Contacts and methods for reporting

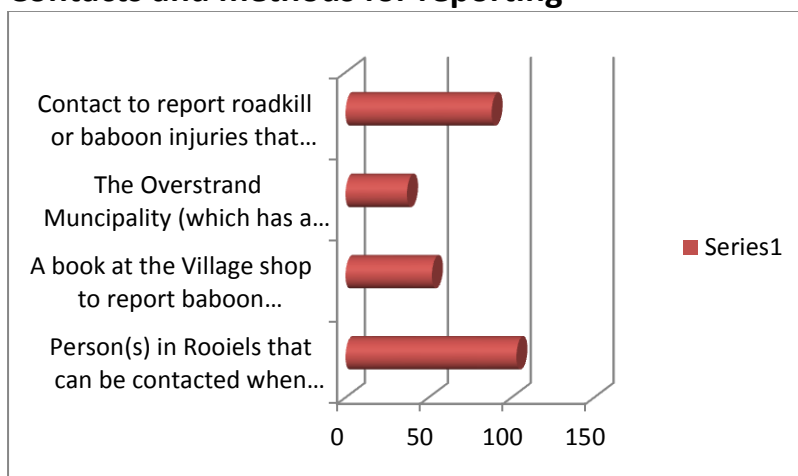


Fig 7 Response on method for reporting incidents

Interest in learning more about baboons

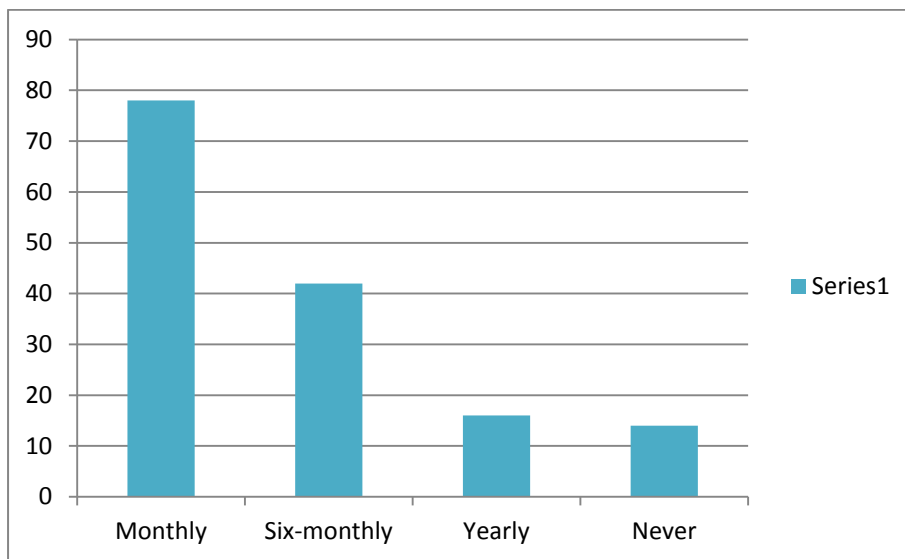


Fig 8 How often people would like to receive information

It will probably be more useful to look at the comments on how they want to receive it

Volunteers: Forty-seven percent (47%) of the 144 respondents that answered this question are prepared to volunteer to assist with baboon coexistence in Rooiels.

Other Quantitative Responses of possible interest to developing strategy

What baboon proof measures taken – no of respondents

Baboon-proof bin on property	119
Bars that are no more than 7cm OR windows restrictors on windows that open	133
Security gates (such as Trelidor)	91
Electric fencing on property	17
Electric wiring on portion or perimeter of house	18
Strict house rules to prevent baboon entry	136
Education of children and visitors on how to behave around baboons	133
Other	3

Renting

121 Do not rent out; 29 have someone in Rooiels to support – 2 rent but have no-one in Rooiels

What do with waste – no of respondents

Put in baboon-proof bin	109
Take to recycle station at Pringle Bay	64
Take elsewhere	31

TEMPORARY Information Officers in CBD percentages

very important	31
less important	41
Not important/not applicable	28

Ensure Municipal waste is removed timeously and public bins secure 96 percent

Provide new residents with information and ongoing info to all 92 percent