

# Coexisting with VERVET MONKEYS



**Scientific name** *Chlorocebus pygerythrus*



*Range of vervet monkeys*

## Social and intelligent

Vervet monkeys live in troops of around **12-30 individuals**. It takes a lot of social skills to live in relative harmony with all of those neighbours!

## Opportunistic diet

Vervets eat **wild plant matter and wild fruits** as well as insects, eggs and small vertebrates. They easily adapt to eating human food if they find it.

Primates are internationally protected under CITES Appendix II and the National Parks and Wildlife Act of Malawi.

## Motivated by food

Once a vervet has identified a food source, they will **return repeatedly to this location**. They may become very bold in their quest for food, including entering houses and taking food out of the hands of people.

## Females stick together

Females will stay with their birth troop for **their entire lives**. If you see a female alone, a troop may be nearby or she may be an ex-pet.

## Males may go solo

Males **migrate between troops**; these are the lone monkeys we see around human settlements. Because they are often on the move to find new mates, the only reason they will stick around is if there is food available.

# Ways to live happily with **VERVET MONKEYS**



**The best way to live peacefully with vervet monkeys is to prevent issues before they start. By making a few small changes to our home environments we can easily reduce the appeal to the monkeys and give them fewer reasons to cause trouble.**

## **Don't leave food lying around**

If you are eating outside clean up plates and scraps immediately after eating and take them inside with you.

## **Close windows and doors when monkeys are around**

This is especially important on kitchen windows or anywhere the monkeys will be able to see food.

## **Feed dogs and outside pets in the evening**

Monkeys are diurnal and so will only be around during the day. If possible, bring dog food bowls in when monkeys are around.

## **Do not ever give a monkey food**

This includes offering food from your hand or throwing it to them. If you do this even once, the monkey may forever associate humans with food and seek out humans in their houses for food. Best to never start giving them food!

## **Create monkey-proof rubbish bins**

This can be done by installing latches on the bin, placing heavy rocks on top of the bin or tying the lid shut with tight rope.

# Kuyanjana (kukhalira limodzi) ndi **ANYANI**



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## **Kakhalidwe ndi nzeru**

Anyani amtundu wotuwa amayenda mmagulu osachepela pakati pa 12 ndi 30. Zimadalira malunso kuti azikhala mwamtendere wina ndi nzake.

## **Chakudya**

Anyani amtunduwu amadya zomera za mtchire komanso zipatso ndi tizilombo, mazira ndi tizinyama tina tating'ono. Anyani amenewa akapeza chakudya chomwe anthu amadya nchapafupi nawonso kudya.

## **Chikoka ndi chakudya**

Amabwerabwera pamalo pomwe akupeza chakudya. Akamasaka chakudya sagonjera mpaka amatha kulowa mmanyumba kukatenga zakudya komanso kutsomphola anthu.

## **Anyani akazi amayanjana**

Anyani akazi obadwa bele limodzi amakhalira limodzi mmoyo wawo onse. Mukaona nyani wamkazi ali yekha dziwani kuti anzake ali pafupi kapena nkutheka anali woleledwa pakhomo nkusiidwa.

## **Anyani amuna amatha kuyenda okha**

Anyani amuna amasuntha malo kuchoka gulu lawo kupita lina. Amenewa ndi achiyenda yekha omwe timawaona mmanyumba. Amakhala akuyendayenda kufuna kupeza anzawo atsopano. Ngati sanasunthe ndie kuti chakudya chikupezeka.

Anyani amatetezedwa ndi zomwe zalembedwa mu CITES Appendix II komanso mu malamulo aNational Parks and Wildlife Act of Malawi.

# Njira zoyanjanilana ndi **ANYANI**



**Njira yabwino kuyanjana ndi aNyaniwa ndikupewa udani. Pamene tikusintho malo omwe tazungulidwa nawo nkosavuta kuchepetsa chikoka kwa anyani ndipo iwo sangatisowetse mtendere.**

## **Musasiye chakudya paliponse**

Ngati mukudyera panja tsukani mbale ndi ziwiyi mukamaliza kudya ndipo kaziikeni mnyumba.

## **Tsekani mazenera ndi zitseko ngati aNyani ali pafupi**

Izi nzofunika maka mazenela akukhitchini kapena paliponse pomwe anyani asunzumila nkuwona chakudya.

## **Dyetsani agalu ndi mphaka usiku**

Anyani amayenda masana okha basi, ngati nkotheke, ikani mkati mbale za agalu pamene anyani ali pafupi.

## **Musayelekeze kupeleka chakudya kwa anyani**

Kuyambira chakudya chomwe chili mmanja mwanu kapena kuwaponyera. Ngati mwatero ngakhale kamodzi kokha ndie kufi aNyani akakuwonani amaganiza zachakudya kenako ayamba kukulowelani mmanyumba. Ndi bwino kupewa kuwapatsa chakudya.

## **Konzani malo otaila zinyalala (bin) otetezeka ku anyani**

Malowa akhoza kukonzedwa pogwiritsa ntchito chogwilira, chivindikilo ndi zina pa bin, kuyika miyala yaikulu pa bin kapena kumangilira zigwe.