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● So we're told paintballing is working, but more baboons are being killed by the City of Cape Town, than ever before. Research by Talli Hoffman contradicts Beard's claims that baboons need to be culled. The authorities dealing with baboons are ignoring science because they have declared war on our baboons. It is disgraceful and unconstitutional.

● Since 2012 around 30 baboons have been destroyed in terms of protocol, since 2009 around 40. To put it into perspective the latter number equates to killing both Da Gama troops. Culling baboons has been underway since 2009, a scientific recommendation made in July 2009 to reduce numbers. Realistically what number of baboons and troops is being aimed for? Currently baboons are often culled for raiding non-baboon proofed properties.

● Regarding baboon culling: as usual, the City is trying to find some plausible justification for its strategy to kill baboons. It can't manage the errant behaviour of people, so it turns to mass killing of baboons based on flawed pseudo-science that has long been disproved. Baboons are an easy target, moreover they don't vote so politicians running the City don't care.

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