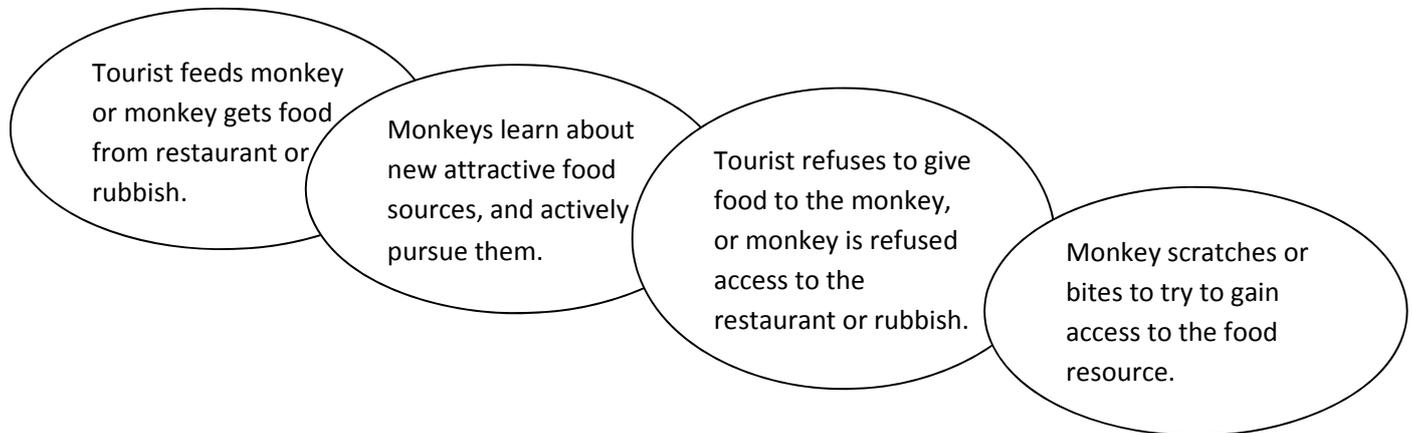


Management of Pest Monkey Behaviour in Hotels

Many hotels experience monkeys as pests. Monkeys may steal food and damage property, and even scratch or bite guests and hotel employees. Human injury, which can lead to transmission of serious diseases, may result in costly, damaging law-suits against the hotel.

The root cause of monkey pest behaviours is easy access to human-provided food.



Two management policies are essential to minimize pest monkey behaviour in hotels:

Management of feeding monkeys: Place guards around restaurants and any other locations where food (even snacks) are served at all times when food is available. Realize that food includes remains (on plates, tables) that have not yet been tidied up, even if guests are no longer present. Instruct the guards that monkeys should not be allowed within 20 meters of these areas and they must actively deter the monkeys from approaching closer than this distance. An appropriate deterrent of monkeys is a catapult (sling-shot). The purpose is NOT to hit the monkeys, just to scare them.

Management of food rubbish: Food waste should not be left unattended at restaurants, by the kitchen or at the rooms. Use rubbish bins with secured lids. Even when the rubbish leaves the main hotel areas, it is important to dispose it in a way that prevents monkeys from gaining access, as they view the rubbish as food. Wire cages, rubbish rooms, fencing or removal of rubbish off site are effective ways to manage this issue.



Diligent implementation of these management policies will minimise monkey pest issues. It is important that these practices are carried out **consistently**. An additional benefit of carrying out these policies is that the monkeys will remain wild, maintaining the authentic wildlife viewing experience that tourists enjoy. This will increase the quality of your product and the value received by the tourist during their stay at your hotel.

But, Make it Company Policy These strategies will only work if they are implemented from the top-down!