**Basic Information**

**Animal: Baboon (*Papio cynocephalus*)**

**Identification pointers:** Monkey-like appearance; dog-like, black face; coarse dark-grey to olive brown fur; long tail which points up from the rump then bends downward, males much larger than females, with large canine and mane across shoulders.

**Activity period:** duirnal

**Can be confused with:** vervet monkey – baboons are much larger and darker in colour

**Length:** Males: 1.2 - 1.6m; Females: 1 - 1.2m **Height:** Males: 70-75cm; females: 55-65cm **Weight:** Males: 25 – 45kg; Females: 12 – 20kg

**Gestation period:** ±6 months

**Lifespan:** ±20-30 years

**Diet:** omnivorous, highly varied – fruits, seeds, grass, invertebrates, birds, young mammals, shellfish

**Predators:** Lion, hyaena, leopard, crocodile, large eagles,

**Preferred habitat:** habitat generalists, grasslands, savannahs, woodlands, semi-desert – require tall trees or cliff faces to sleep on

**Red List status:** Least concern

**Population trend:** stable

**Threats:** no major threat, occasionally killed as vermin, or for traditional medicine