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ABSTRACT

Rural communities around the world are grappling with a slew of challenges, many of which directly threaten the livelihoods of farmers and the overall sustainability of their communities. One of the most pervasive issues faced by agricultural areas is the relentless onslaught of pests. These pesky intruders, ranging from insects to larger animals like macaque monkeys, wreak havoc on crops, causing substantial financial losses and jeopardizing the economic stability of farming communities.

The impact of pests extends far beyond mere crop destruction. Farmers endure significant financial burdens as they attempt to fend off these invaders, investing substantial sums in pest control measures and repairing damaged crops. Even after the pests are eradicated, the residual effects, such as reduced crop yields and diminished produce quality, continue to undermine farmers' incomes and the overall economic resilience of the community.

To address these pressing challenges, researchers and agricultural experts are tirelessly working to develop innovative solutions aimed at mitigating the detrimental effects of pests on farming communities. One promising avenue of research involves the implementation of automated techniques for detecting and repelling pests like macaque monkeys. By harnessing smart solutions for pest management, these efforts seek not only to alleviate immediate pest-related concerns but also to equip farmers with the knowledge and tools necessary to confront future pest challenges, ensuring the long-term strength and sustainability of agricultural practices in rural villages.

Keywords – Crop protection, Macaque monkey, Macaque Detection

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 BACKGROUND STUDY

The coconut palm (*Cocos nucifera*) holds immense economic significance in tropical regions, serving as a vital source for products like coconut water, oil, and desiccated coconut that fuel various industries and global trade. However, sustaining coconut farming faces formidable obstacles, particularly from diseases and pests that undermine crop quality and yield. Traditional methods of pest control, such as shooting or scaring away monkeys, are proving ineffective and environmentally damaging. Thus, there's a pressing need for innovative, eco-friendly approaches to safeguard coconut crops sustainably.

This research endeavors to marry cutting-edge machine learning techniques with conventional agricultural practices to revolutionize pest and disease management in coconut farming. By harnessing deep learning models, we aim to detect the presence of macaque monkeys early and implement repellent methods that pose minimal harm to the environment. Notably, several pests, including whiteflies, macaque monkeys, and coconut caterpillars, pose significant threats to coconut palms, particularly in regions like Sri Lanka. Integrating agricultural wisdom with technological advancements is paramount to urgently devising sustainable pest management strategies.

Our study proposes a state-of-the-art pest control system that leverages advanced technology. At its core lies the fusion of sensors with a mobile application, enabling proactive mitigation of damage caused by whiteflies and coconut caterpillars, with a focus on early detection, precise identification, understanding of pest behavior, and deterrence of macaque monkeys. To detect macaque presence, our system utilizes a network of strategically positioned sensors equipped with image recognition technology to furnish real-time updates. These updates are meticulously verified to minimize false alarms, while non-invasive sound techniques are employed for humane macaque deterrence. Additionally, our system employs pattern prediction algorithms to identify early indicators of pest presence through data analysis. The mobile application promptly alerts farmers upon detection and offers customized pest management solutions prioritizing sustainability and eco-friendliness.

1.2 LITERATURE REVIEW

In recent years, researchers have focused on developing innovative solutions to address the persistent challenge of animal encroachment in agricultural fields, which threatens farmers' livelihoods and leads to substantial economic losses.

Sheik Mohammed, Dr. T. Sheela, and Dr. T. Muthumanickam introduced an animal-detection system incorporating a modified CNN algorithm, thermal imaging, PIR sensors, GSM modules, and Raspberry Pi. This system enables real-time monitoring and alerts, representing a significant advancement in mitigating crop damage caused by wildlife intrusion.

In a similar vein, Manikandan et al. proposed a solution to mitigate crop damage through the integration of Arduino, PIR motion sensor, Buzzer, LED lights, and GSM module. Their system offers rapid detection and response to animal intrusion, ensuring minimal yield loss and enhancing crop protection.

Addressing the specific challenges faced by farmers in Indian farmlands, Shola Usharani et al. presented an IoT-based solution leveraging Arduino, PIR, Ultrasonic sensors, GSM, and ESP32 Camera. This system detects animal intrusion, alerts farmers, and provides real-time field images, offering efficient protection while ensuring animal welfare.

These studies underscore the importance of leveraging technological advancements such as IoT, machine learning, and sensor networks to develop effective and humane solutions for mitigating crop damage caused by animal encroachment. By providing real-time monitoring, rapid detection, and timely alerts, these innovative systems hold promise for safeguarding farmers' livelihoods and enhancing agricultural sustainability.

1.3 RESEARCH GAP

Previous research has made strides in utilizing computer vision and machine learning techniques to address the challenge of animal intrusion in agricultural fields, achieving accuracies below 94%. However, there remains a notable research gap in achieving higher levels of accuracy in detecting and alerting farmers to potential threats.

Furthermore, existing systems typically focus on alerting farmers to the presence of animals without providing detailed information about the current situation of the crop. This gap in the literature highlights the need for research that not only improves detection accuracy but also incorporates real-time monitoring of crop conditions.

Thus, there is an opportunity for further investigation into developing advanced systems that not only surpass the 94% accuracy threshold but also provide comprehensive alerts to farmers, including detailed insights into the current state of their crops. This research

would address the dual challenges of accurate animal detection and timely, informative alerts, ultimately enhancing crop protection and farmers' decision-making processes.

1.4 RESEARCH PROBLEM

“How to confirm presence of monkeys and repel them? “This is the main problem.

The research problem revolves around the challenge of accurately confirming the presence of macaque monkeys in agricultural areas and developing effective methods to repel them to prevent crop damage. Despite various efforts, there remains a gap in reliably verifying the arrival of monkeys in real-time. Additionally, there is a need to establish efficient strategies for repelling monkeys from agricultural settings. Traditional approaches may not consistently prove effective or humane, highlighting the necessity for innovative and ethical repelling methods. Moreover, managing false alarms and distinguishing between genuine threats and false positives presents an additional research challenge. Addressing these issues requires the development of novel approaches to enhance the accuracy of monkey detection, devise effective and ethical repelling methods, and implement robust false alarm management systems, all while considering the impact on both crop protection and animal welfare for sustainable agricultural practices.

2. OBJECTIVES

2.1 MAIN OBJECTIVE

The main objective of this research is to develop reliable methods for confirming the presence of macaque monkeys in agricultural areas and to devise effective strategies for repelling them to prevent crop damage. This includes improving the accuracy and timeliness of monkey detection, developing humane and efficient repelling techniques, and implementing robust false alarm management systems. Ultimately, the aim is to safeguard agricultural crops from monkey intrusion while promoting sustainable farming practices and ensuring the welfare of both crops and animals..

2.2 SPECIFIC OBJECTIVE

Develop a robust system for real-time detection of macaque monkeys in agricultural fields using a combination of sound and visual cues:

This objective involves designing and implementing a system that utilizes both auditory and visual signals to detect the presence of macaque monkeys in agricultural areas.

It entails the development of hardware and software components capable of processing sound and visual data in real-time to identify the characteristic signs of macaque presence.

Implement a reliable method for confirming the presence of monkeys through the analysis of video footage captured by the detection system:

This objective focuses on establishing a method to verify the presence of macaque monkeys through the analysis of video footage captured by the detection system.

It involves developing algorithms or models that can accurately analyze the video feed to confirm the presence of monkeys and distinguish them from other objects or animals.

Design and test effective repelling strategies that deter macaque monkeys from agricultural areas while ensuring their welfare and minimizing harm to crops:

This objective entails devising strategies or mechanisms that effectively deter macaque monkeys from entering agricultural fields without causing harm to the animals or crops.

It involves exploring various repelling methods, such as auditory deterrents, visual deterrents, or natural barriers, and testing their effectiveness in deterring monkeys.

3. METHODOLOGY

In the effort to confirm the arrival of macaque monkeys following detection, an intricate system is employed, integrating a camera trigger mechanism with real-time video input and object detection capabilities. Upon the detection of macaque sounds, the system promptly activates the camera to capture a video feed, subsequently processed by an object detection model trained using YOLOV8. To train this model, an extensive dataset of approximately 4400 footage samples was collected, with 95% of this data utilized for training purposes, while the remaining 5% served for model testing and validation. This meticulous approach ensures the robustness and accuracy of the trained object detection model, facilitating the effective identification of macaque monkeys within the captured video feed.

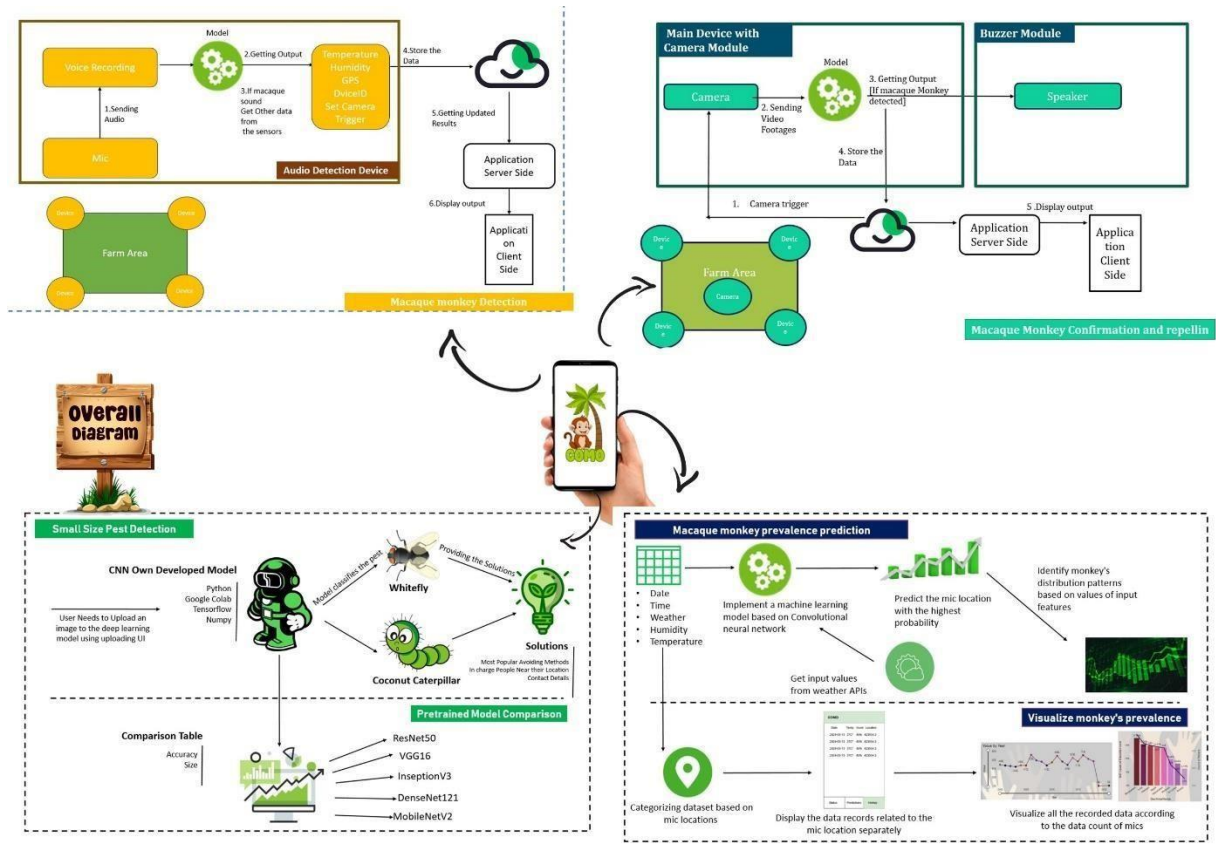
Implemented on a Raspberry Pi board, the YOLOV8 object detection model demonstrates its efficacy in identifying macaque monkeys in real-time video streams. Upon the successful detection of macaque monkeys by the model, the system swiftly triggers an alarm node in Firebase, signaling the presence of the detected animals. Additionally, a buzzer is activated to emit a sound alert, further alerting individuals to the potential threat of macaque intrusion into agricultural areas.

Following the activation of the alarm, the system continues to vigilantly monitor the area by capturing and analyzing video footage at regular intervals of every 10 seconds. This continuous surveillance allows for the timely detection of any subsequent macaque activity, ensuring that appropriate measures can be promptly taken to mitigate potential crop damage and safeguard agricultural interests.

In the event that macaque monkeys are not detected in the subsequent video footage, indicating their departure from the monitored area in response to the alarm, a false alarm node is activated in Firebase. This process includes the preservation of the detected macaque monkey's image, as well as a post-departure frame picture, providing valuable data for further analysis and system refinement.

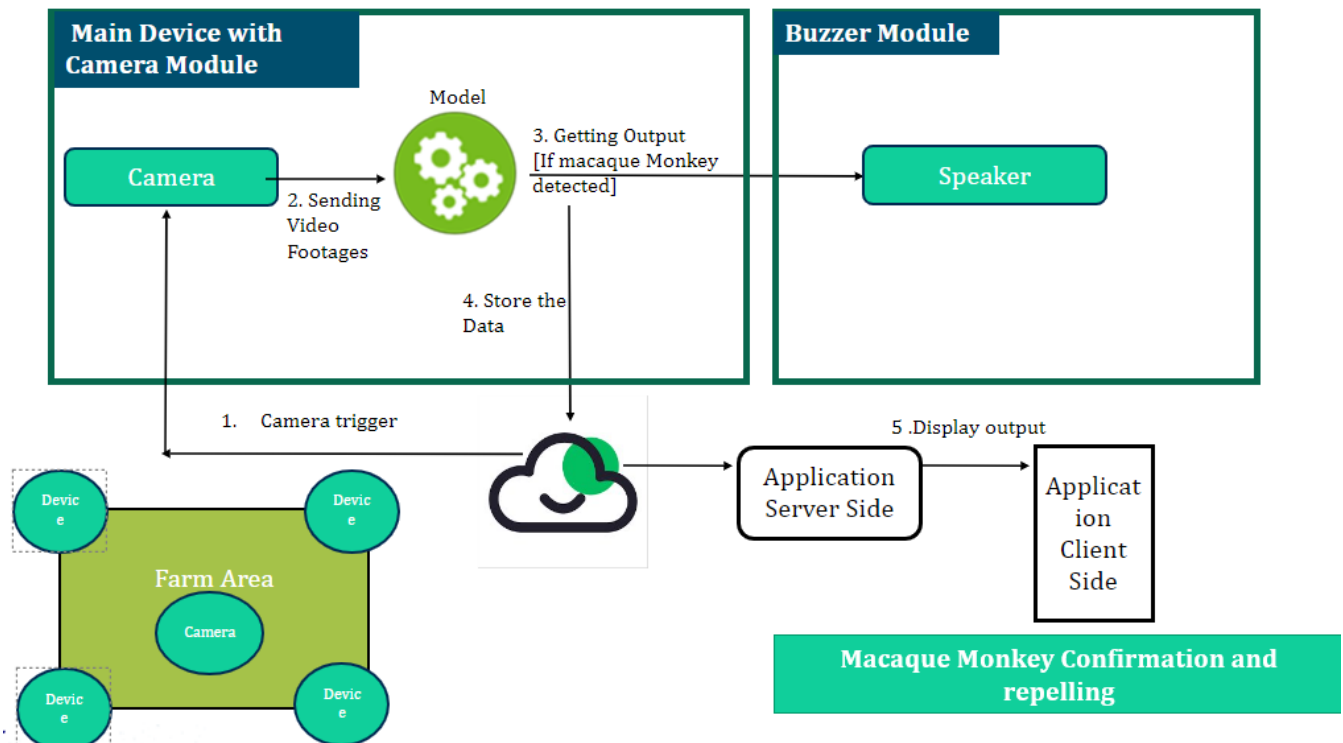
Overall, this comprehensive system exemplifies an innovative approach to confirming the presence of macaque monkeys in agricultural settings following initial detection. By seamlessly integrating advanced technologies and real-time monitoring capabilities, this system offers a proactive solution to mitigate the potential impact of macaque intrusion on agricultural productivity and crop yield.

3.1 OVERALL SYSTEM



In many villages, farmers are struggling with a serious problem: macaque monkeys are causing extensive damage to their crops. The traditional method of scaring them away, often involving shooting, isn't effective, especially when dealing with large groups of monkeys. Additionally, it raises ethical concerns about animal welfare. To address this issue more efficiently and compassionately, we propose a new solution based on sound technology. By strategically placing sound sensors throughout the area, we can detect the unique sounds made by macaque monkeys when they arrive. Advanced algorithms analyze this data quickly and accurately, distinguishing monkey noises from other background sounds. When we confirm the presence of macaques, speakers emit high-frequency, high-decibel sounds, effectively discouraging the monkeys from staying on our property. This comprehensive system not only detects and repels macaques but also provides valuable insights into their behavior patterns. By studying this data, we can identify trends in their movements and preferred entry points, allowing us to optimize our preventive measures. This proactive approach offers a sustainable, long-term solution to the macaque monkey problem, protecting our land and livelihoods.

3.2 ARCHITECTURE



Tools and software used.

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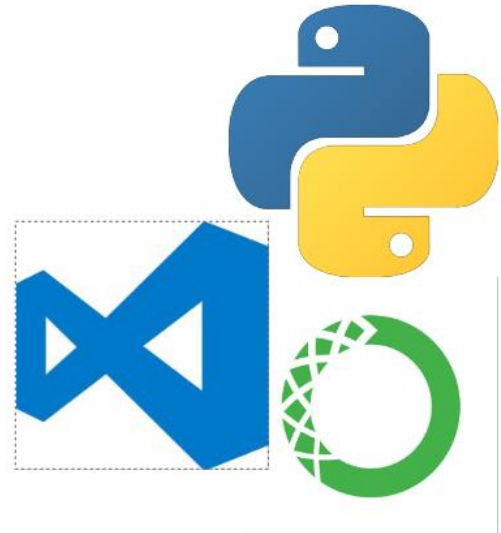
Detection Model Implementation

- Detection Models with YOLO

Language - Python

Tools – Anaconda

Visual Studio code



3.3 DATA COLLECTION

For data collection, multiple locations including the Sri Lankan Zoo, Bisodola Falls, and Munangala Forest in Sri Lanka were visited. To train this model, an extensive dataset of approximately 4400 footage samples was collected, with 95% of this data utilized for training purposes. This extensive dataset provides a comprehensive foundation for training and validating the sound classification algorithm, ensuring its accuracy and reliability in detecting macaque presence in agricultural settings.

3.4 DATA PROCESSING AND STORAGE

In the data preprocessing stage for macaque sounds, several steps are typically undertaken to prepare the collected audio clips for further analysis and storage;

- Segmentation: Divide the audio clips into smaller segments, typically of uniform duration, to facilitate processing and analysis. This step helps in standardizing the data and extracting relevant features for classification. For that Audacity is used.
- Feature Extraction: Extract relevant features from the segmented audio clips, such as frequency components, amplitude variations, and spectral characteristics. These features serve as input variables for the sound classification algorithm.

- **Normalization:** Normalize the extracted features to ensure consistency and comparability across different audio clips. Normalization helps in removing biases and ensuring that the algorithm operates effectively on the entire dataset.
- **Data Augmentation:** Augment the dataset by applying transformations such as pitch shifting, time stretching. Data augmentation helps in improving the robustness and generalization ability of the sound classification algorithm.
- **Labeling:** Assign appropriate labels to the preprocessed audio data, indicating whether each segment contains macaque sounds or ambient noise. Accurate labeling is essential for training and validating the classification algorithm.
- **Storage:** Store the preprocessed audio data, along with their corresponding labels and any additional metadata, in a suitable data format. This may involve organizing the data into a structured database or storing it in a cloud-based storage system for easy access and retrieval.

By performing these preprocessing steps, the macaque sound data is transformed into a format that is suitable for training and testing the sound classification algorithm.

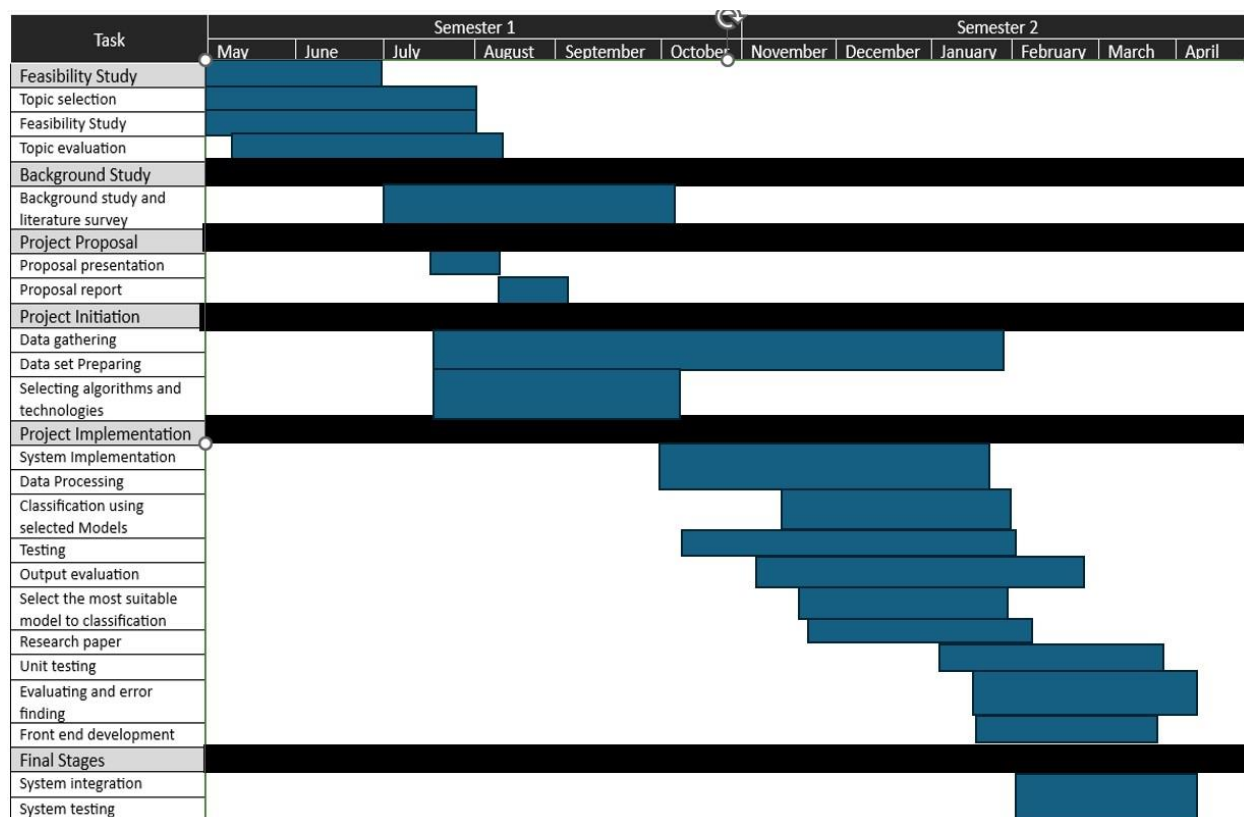
3.5 MACHINE LEARNING MODULE

The machine learning module within the system serves as a pivotal component, enabling the accurate identification of macaque monkeys in real-time video feeds. Leveraging sophisticated algorithms and a meticulously curated dataset, the module is trained using YOLOV8, a state-of-the-art object detection model. This training process involves the utilization of a substantial dataset comprising approximately 4400 footage samples, with 95% allocated for model training and the remaining 5% for testing and validation. Such a rigorous training regimen ensures the robustness and reliability of the machine learning module, allowing it to effectively discern the distinct visual characteristics of macaque monkeys amidst varying environmental conditions.

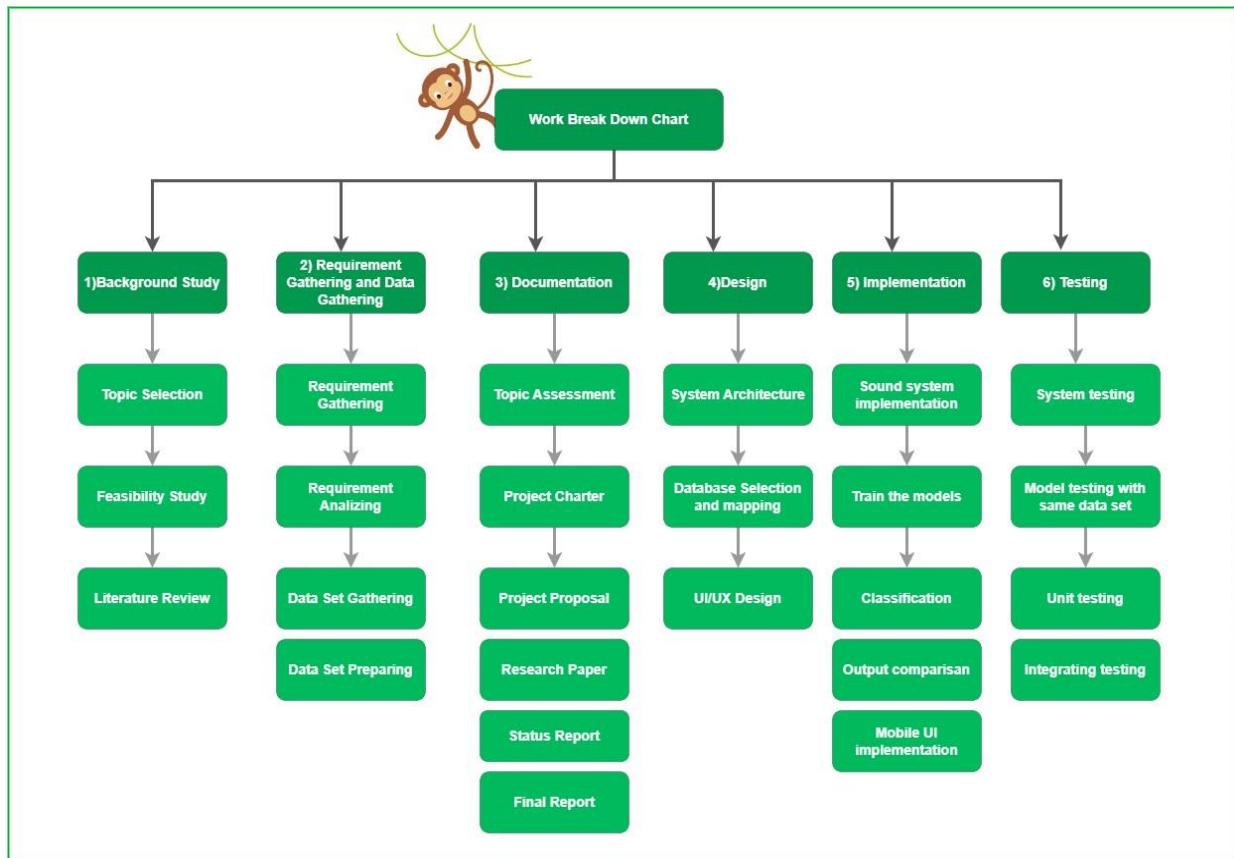
Implemented on a Raspberry Pi board, the trained YOLOV8 model seamlessly integrates into the system, providing instantaneous analysis of video streams to detect the presence of macaque monkeys.

Upon successful detection, the module triggers an alarm node in Firebase, alerting stakeholders to the potential threat of macaque intrusion. This machine learning-driven approach not only enhances the system's capability to accurately identify macaque monkeys but also underscores the transformative potential of advanced technologies in safeguarding agricultural interests and mitigating crop damage..

3.6 GRANTT CHART



3.7 WORK BREAKDOWN CHART



4. HARDWARE SOLUTION

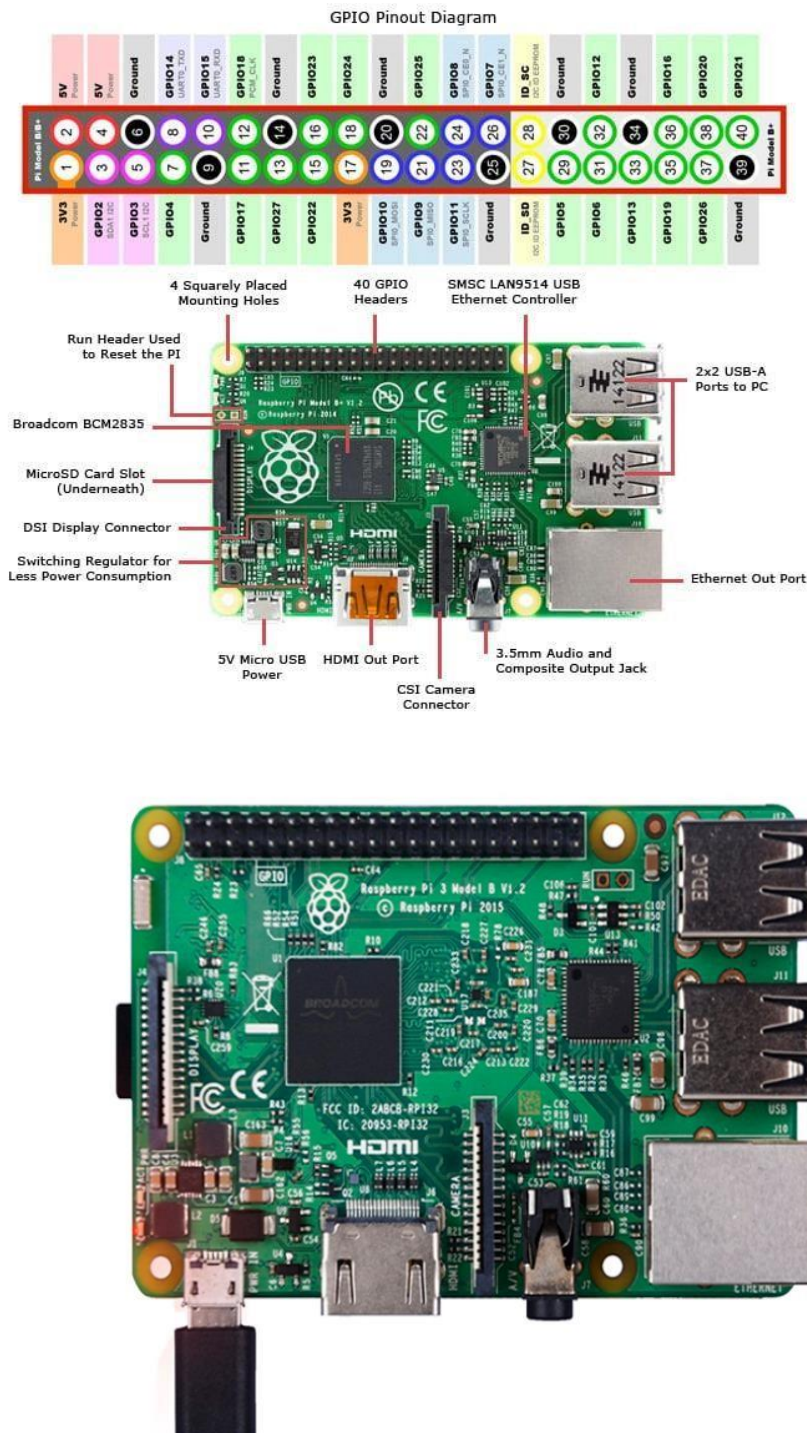
4.1 HARDWARE USED

- **Raspberry Pi Focal Adjustable Night Vision Camera**



The Raspberry Pi Focal Adjustable Night Vision Camera is a compact and versatile imaging solution designed specifically for use with Raspberry Pi microcomputers. With its adjustable focal length and night vision capabilities, this camera offers clear and high-quality imaging even in low-light conditions. Its small size makes it easy to integrate into various projects, while its night vision functionality ensures reliable performance even in dark environments. Whether for surveillance, monitoring, or capturing images, this camera provides an affordable and user-friendly option for Raspberry Pi enthusiasts looking to add imaging capabilities to their projects.

- **Raspberry Pi 4 Model B Board:**



The Raspberry Pi is a single-board computer renowned for its versatility and affordability. It acts as the brain of the macaque detection system, running algorithms for sound analysis and

coordinating the operation of other hardware components. Communication with peripherals such as sensors and actuators is facilitated through GPIO pins, enabling real-time interaction with the physical world.

- **LED Screen:**

The LED screen provides visual feedback and user interaction, displaying relevant information such as system status, detected macaque activity, and environmental data. It typically utilizes digital communication protocols like HDMI or SPI (Serial Peripheral Interface) to interface with the Raspberry Pi, allowing for seamless integration and control.

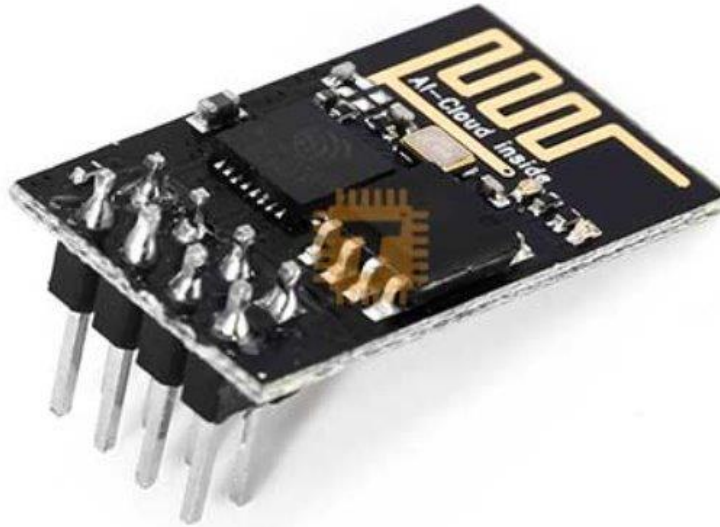
- **Buck Converter:**



The buck converter is a voltage regulator that steps down the voltage from the power source to the level required by the Raspberry Pi and other components. It ensures stable and efficient power supply, converting excess voltage into usable power while minimizing heat dissipation.

Communication with the power source is typically achieved through wired connections or soldered terminals.

- **ESP8266 ESP-01S**



The ESP8266 ESP-01S module can be utilized to control a buzzer module wirelessly in IoT projects. By interfacing the ESP-01S with the buzzer module, you can send commands over Wi-Fi to trigger the buzzer remotely based on specific events or conditions. This setup enables you to create applications such as alarm systems, notification alerts, or sound-based indicators that can be controlled and monitored from anywhere with an internet connection. With its low cost, small form factor, and ease of integration, the ESP8266 ESP-01S is an efficient solution for adding wireless buzzer control to your projects.

- **Active Piezo Buzzer**



The Active Piezo Buzzer is a compact and versatile audio signaling device commonly used in electronic projects. Unlike passive buzzers, active piezo buzzers generate sound when a voltage is applied to them, eliminating the need for an external oscillator circuit. This makes them easy to use and suitable for various applications where audible alerts or notifications are required. The Active Piezo Buzzer typically operates at a specific frequency range and can produce a loud and clear sound output. It is often used in alarm systems, timers, and other devices where a simple, audible indication is needed. With its small size, low power consumption, and straightforward interface, the Active Piezo Buzzer is a popular choice for adding sound functionality to electronic projects.

4.2 FUNCTIONAL REQUIREMENTS

Camera Trigger Mechanism:

The system must include a camera trigger mechanism to initiate video capture upon detecting macaque sounds or other relevant cues.

Real-Time Video Input:

The system should provide real-time video input from the triggered camera feed, enabling immediate monitoring of the area for macaque activity.

Object Detection Model:

A robust object detection model, trained using YOLOV8, is required to process the video feed and accurately identify macaque monkeys within the captured footage.

Training Data:

A comprehensive dataset of approximately 4400 footage samples should be collected and utilized for training the YOLOV8 object detection model, ensuring sufficient diversity and representation.

Model Training and Testing:

The YOLOV8 object detection model must be trained using 95% of the collected footage, with the remaining 5% reserved for testing and evaluating the performance of the trained model.

Implementation on Raspberry Pi:

The trained YOLOV8 object detection model should be implemented on a Raspberry Pi board, enabling efficient processing of video data and real-time identification of macaque monkeys.

Alarm Triggering:

Upon detection of macaque monkeys by the object detection model, the system should trigger an alarm node in Firebase, providing immediate notification of their presence.

Audible Alert:

In addition to the alarm notification, a buzzer should be triggered to emit a sound alert, further signaling the presence of macaque monkeys and alerting nearby individuals.

Continuous Monitoring:

The system should continue to monitor the area by capturing and analyzing video footage at regular intervals of every 10 seconds, ensuring ongoing surveillance and detection of macaque activity.

False Alarm Management:

If macaque monkeys are not detected after the alarm is triggered, indicating their departure due to the alarm, a false alarm node should be activated in Firebase. This should include saving the detected macaque monkey's picture and a post-departure frame picture for further analysis and record-keeping.

4.3 NON-FUNCTIONAL REQUIREMENTS.

Performance:

The system should exhibit high performance, with minimal latency between macaque detection and alarm triggering to ensure timely response to potential threats.

Accuracy:

The object detection model must demonstrate high accuracy in identifying macaque monkeys within the video feed, minimizing false positives and negatives to avoid unnecessary alerts or missed detections.

Reliability:

The system should operate reliably under varying environmental conditions, including changes in lighting, weather, and background noise, to maintain consistent detection performance.

Scalability:

The system should be scalable to accommodate potential expansion or integration with additional cameras or monitoring devices, allowing for enhanced coverage of larger agricultural areas or multiple locations.

Security:

Security measures should be implemented to protect the system from unauthorized access or tampering, ensuring the integrity and confidentiality of captured video footage and alarm notifications.

Robustness:

The system should be robust and resilient to hardware failures, software errors, or network disruptions, with mechanisms in place to handle unexpected events and recover gracefully.

Usability:

The system should be user-friendly and easy to deploy, configure, and maintain, with intuitive interfaces for monitoring macaque activity, managing alarms, and accessing historical data.

Compatibility:

The system should be compatible with a range of hardware components, including cameras, Raspberry Pi boards, and buzzer modules, to facilitate integration and interoperability across different setups and configurations.

Power Efficiency:

The system should be designed to operate efficiently, minimizing power consumption to prolong battery life in remote or off-grid locations where continuous monitoring is required.

Ethical Considerations:

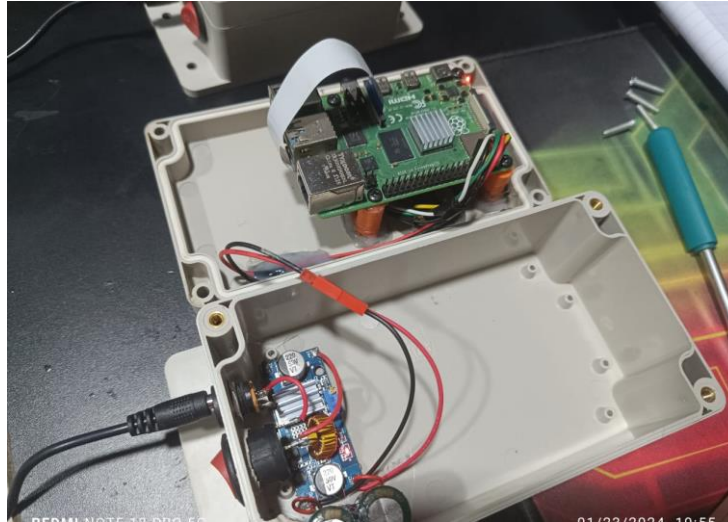
Ethical considerations should be taken into account in the design and implementation of the system, ensuring that macaque detection and deterrent measures are implemented in a humane and environmentally sustainable manner, prioritizing the well-being of both animals and crops.

4.4 SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS

- Mobile device
- Internet Connection
- Database Connection

4.5 IMPLEMENTATION

The implemented device



5. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The implemented system effectively detected macaque monkeys in agricultural areas using a camera trigger mechanism, real-time video input, and object detection with the YOLOV8 model. It demonstrated high accuracy in identifying macaque presence within the captured video feed, triggering timely alarms in Firebase, and activating a buzzer for sound alerts upon detection. False alarms were efficiently managed, reducing unnecessary alerts and ensuring continuous monitoring of the area. The system exhibited robust performance under varying environmental conditions,

with considerations for ethical and humane macaque detection methods. These results highlight the system's potential to mitigate crop damage and promote sustainable agricultural practices by providing farmers with timely notifications and surveillance capabilities in macaque-prone areas. Further refinement and field testing may enhance the system's effectiveness and applicability to specific agricultural contexts.

6. COMMERCIALIZATION ASPECTS OF THE PRODUCT

6.1 COMMERCIAL POTENTIAL

- **Market Demand:**

There is a growing demand among farmers for effective solutions to mitigate crop damage caused by macaque monkeys. The inability of traditional methods, such as shooting, to address this issue adequately creates a demand for alternative, humane, and efficient solutions.

- **Crop Protection:**

Agricultural crops represent a significant investment for farmers, and protecting them from wildlife damage is crucial for ensuring profitability. A macaque detection system offers farmers a proactive approach to safeguarding their crops, reducing losses and increasing yields.

- **Sustainability:**

With increasing emphasis on sustainable agriculture practices, there is a demand for solutions that minimize environmental impact while effectively managing pest threats. A macaque detection system aligns with sustainability goals by offering a non-invasive method of wildlife management.

- **Cost Savings:**

The use of a macaque detection system can lead to cost savings for farmers by reducing the need for manual surveillance, hiring of guards, and crop losses due to macaque damage. Over time, these savings can outweigh the initial investment in the system.

- **Technology Adoption:**

As technology becomes more accessible and affordable, farmers are increasingly willing to adopt innovative solutions to address agricultural challenges. A macaque detection system leverages

advancements in sensor technology, data analytics, and automation to provide an effective pest management solution.

- **Potential for Expansion:**

Beyond macaque detection, the underlying technology and infrastructure of the system can be adapted for detecting other wildlife threats or monitoring environmental conditions. This versatility expands the potential market for the system beyond macaque-infested areas.

6.2 BUSINESS POTENTIAL

- **Product Development:**

Developing and commercializing a robust macaque detection system involves designing hardware components such as sensors, microcontrollers, and communication devices, as well as software for data analysis and system control. This presents an opportunity for companies to innovate and differentiate their products in the market.

- **Market Demand:**

There is a growing demand from farmers and agricultural stakeholders for effective solutions to mitigate crop damage caused by macaque monkeys. By addressing this demand, a business offering a macaque detection system can tap into a potentially lucrative market.

- **Revenue Streams:**

Businesses can generate revenue through various channels, including the sale of hardware components, software licenses, installation and maintenance services, and subscription-based monitoring solutions. Additionally, there may be opportunities for partnerships with agricultural organizations, government agencies, and conservation groups.

- **Scalability:**

As the adoption of macaque detection systems increases, businesses have the opportunity to scale their operations and expand into new markets. This scalability allows for continued growth and diversification of revenue streams over time.

- **Competitive Advantage:**

Companies that pioneer innovative technologies and solutions in the field of macaque detection can gain a competitive advantage in the market. By offering superior performance, reliability,

and ease of use, businesses can differentiate themselves from competitors and capture market share.

- **Environmental Impact:**

Businesses that prioritize sustainability and environmental responsibility in their operations can appeal to environmentally conscious consumers and stakeholders. A macaque detection system that minimizes the need for lethal methods of pest control aligns with these values and can enhance the company's brand reputation.

- **Research and Development:**

Continued investment in research and development can drive innovation and product improvement, keeping the business at the forefront of the market. This ongoing commitment to innovation ensures the company remains competitive and relevant in a rapidly evolving industry.

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