

MONKEYS MENACE IN MURANG'A COUNTY

Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS) wishes to clarify that there are no immediate plans to kill monkeys in Murang'a County as insinuated by a statement issued by Murang'a University.

However KWS acknowledges the disturbances the primates have been causing local residents in the recent past. In this regard, the Assistant Director, Mountain region, Mr. Simon Gitau has issued guidelines to the warden in-charge of Murang'a County specific measures to contain the monkeys.

As a wildlife conservation body, KWS can only resort to killing any wildlife if all other means prove futile in maintaining animal control. One of the mitigating measures envisaged this particular case is translocating the monkeys to protected areas where they do not pose danger to crops and human beings.