



Bonnet Macaque Monkey

The discovery of **27 bonnet macaque monkey carcasses in a Karnataka village** spotlights the escalating human-monkey conflict driven by habitat encroachment and diminishing wildlife spaces.

- Instances of monkey incursions for food in human territories have led to distressing events, like the **suspected poisoning of macaques in Guthigaru village**.
- The encroachment of farming into forest fringes, particularly [coconut plantations and fruit orchards](#), draws monkeys when natural food sources diminish.
- The **bonnet macaque (*Macaca radiata*) is a species of Old World monkey**. They are gray-brown in color, have large ears, wrinkly faces, and a mop of hair on their heads that is parted in the middle.
 - The bonnet macaque gets its name from the whorls of hair on the crown of its head that resemble a cap or bonnet.
 - Bonnet macaques are endemic commensals: they are found only **in peninsular India and live in close proximity with humans**.
 - [IUCN Status](#): Vulnerable

