

# An introduction to Barbary Macaques (*Macaca sylvanus*)



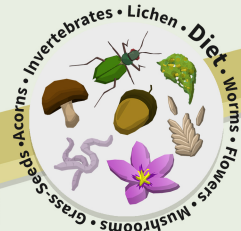
Habitat:  
Oak, fir, and cedar  
forests



The only  
macaque species  
outside Asia  
& the only  
African  
primate  
North of  
the Sahara



Group Living = Extremely Important.  
Macaques exhibit alloparental care -  
the males take care of the babies  
as well as the females. This is  
rare in primates.



Diet • Worms • Mushrooms • Flowers • Acorns • Invertebrates • Lichen • Grass-seeds

Their population is estimated to have declined at rate  
exceeding 50% over the last three generations



Barbary Macaques  
are classified as  
**ENDANGERED**  
by the IUCN

Remaining population in the wild  
estimated at 8,000 – 10,000

THREATS

Capture  
for the **Illegal  
Pet Trade**

Habitat  
**Degradation  
& Destruction**



## What can you do?

- **Join Barbary Macaque Awareness** and Conservation on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and YouTube
- **Spread the word** that Barbary macaques are NOT pets and should stay with their families in the wild
- **Inform yourself**, sign up to our newsletter and even adopt a group of wild Barbary macaques at [www.barbarymacaque.org](http://www.barbarymacaque.org)

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