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### **GET OUR MONKEYS BACK TO NATURE**

The Department of the Environment is continuing with its strategy to remove the Barbary Macaques frequenting urban 'hot spots', through the use of noise makers. The method was successful some months back, but it is essential to periodically repeat this.

The General Public will be made aware of the ad hoc deployment of noise-makers by Environment Officers in the areas of Trafalgar, Gardiner's Road and Laguna Estate. The noise-makers will cause a loud 'bang' in these areas and the public should not be alarmed by these occurrences throughout the day. The operation commences on Tuesday and will run for a period of two to three weeks. Further information of any expansion of 'hot spots' which may be tackled with firecrackers is to be issued shortly.

The Government is fully committed to ensuring that our Macaques no longer cause any further issues to the general public and is confident that this Barbary Macaque Management Plan will result with the desired positive effect. The public is reminded that feeding the macaques is a criminal offence punishable with a maximum fine of £4000 since this activity encourages the Macaques to roam outside the Gibraltar Nature Reserve. For further information or reporting of illegal feeding, please contact the Feedback Centre on telephone number: (00350) 200 65964.