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The **Moroccan Primate Conservation** foundation works on the conservation of the **endangered Barbary macaque** in Morocco since 2004.

DEAR READERS, FRIENDS, SUPPORTERS OF MPC AND COLLEAGUES,

This is the first edition of the MPC News. The past years have been years of great success and also disappointment. Some of you probably have been following our website and blog, and know that we have been working very hard on all levels to stop the illegal trade, to keep gathering (scientific) data and to better protect the Parc National d'Ifrane (the beautiful region where the last large population of Barbary macaques can be found). With this newsletter we hope to keep you even better informed on our activities. Also keep visiting our website: www.mpcfoundation.nl for news. Thank you for your interest and for supporting us!

Els van Lavieren
Director MPC



LOCAL COLLEAGUES MPC INITIATE ARREST POACHERS

For years now, MPC has a close working relationship with a group of local people in the Ifrane National Park region. These people are in the national park year round and know exactly what is happening in the forest. They have been our informants for years and have recently transformed into true macaque guards. While a poaching group was active in the forest, our macaque guards called the authorities on the poachers. This was so successful that this very significant group of poachers has partly been arrested and has partly fled the region and all poaching activities have come to a halt for the moment. The poachers await a large fine and for now poachers don't feel safe to continue their illegal practices. We realize that this poaching stop can be temporary or maybe will result in poaching shifting to another region but we are incredibly happy with this result and very proud of our guys!!

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SPANA- NEW PARTNER MPC IN MOROCCO

MPC has started a new partnership with SPANA – Society for the Protection of Animals and Nature in Morocco. Both organizations have been familiar with each other's work for years. SPANA has 11 rescue centers for domestic animals spread through Morocco and is the largest animal welfare organization in Morocco. Also they manage the beautiful natural reserve Sidi Boughaba, north of Rabat. We are planning on starting an important project together in the future. We will keep you updated on our work and partnership.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMME IN SPAIN SUMMER 2011

From July1 – July 17 the educational project that AAP/ MPC organized in 2007 and 2010 will be repeated in the port of Algeciras.

This year Barcelona Zoo and Depana are the organizing parties with funds from AAP and with help from MPC and BMC Rif. This project is extremely important for the education of the potential buyers of young macaques and to convince them not to buy them.

If you wish to help as a volunteer, please visit our website and find more information. We especially need more volunteers for the first period (1-8 July).

Thank you!!

MANON AND MARDI SPONSOR ACTIVITY

Mardi Rutten and Manon Dijkstra are going to walk the Nijmeegse vierdaagse to raise funds for MPC. This is a 4 day lasting event where the ladies will have to walk 40 km every day!! You can imagine the blisters and sore feet/ legs. We are very pleased and very proud that they are willing to do this for MPC and we ask you to show your support by making a donation. This would be very much appreciated by both MPC and Mardi and Manon! For more information please visit (Dutch only):

<http://www.novosite.nl/editor/assets/berber/Actie Manon en Mardi versie 2.pdf>

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