Protecting crops from monkeys

Recognize the problem
Monkeys feed on maize and many other crops, causing much damage.

Background
Monkeys spend most of their time in the forest, jumping from one tree to another. They climb into your farm from the tops of trees.

Management
There are many ways to control monkeys, including trapping, scaring, hunting, slings and stones. The best way to trap them is by making several bridges to the farm. Make the bridges of long sticks placed in the forks of branch sticks (fak tik).

Set the trap in the fork of the branch stick. Attracted by the crops in the field, the monkeys use the bridge to enter the farm and one of them will be caught in the trap.

The bridge is made of sticks. Make the trap on top of a tree, using sticks, wires and palm fronds. Make a small passage and block the other edges. Set a trap in that passage. The monkey attempts to pass through the passage and gets caught in the trap.

In an attractive place in the field, put pepper or tobacco dust on the ears of the corn. The monkey will get the pepper or dust in its eyes when it tries to pull off the ear.

The recommendations in this factsheet are relevant to: Ghana, Sierra Leone

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