

Pre-visit Resources

BARBARY MACAQUE'S NATURAL DISTRIBUTION

WHERE ARE THEY FROM?



Up to now, 23 species of macaques have been identified, all of them live in Asia except for the Barbary macaque, the only one found in Africa! Their geographical distribution is restricted to North Africa, in Morocco and Algeria. Their home range is limited to mountainous areas in these countries.

**Let's have a look. Below is a map of the world.
Can you find the continent Africa?**



Now we have identified the continent Africa, we need to find the 2 countries Barbary macaques originate from: Morocco and Algeria.

Can find them on the map below?



Next, we need to identify the regions in those 2 countries where Barbary macaques can be found.

Look for the green dots!

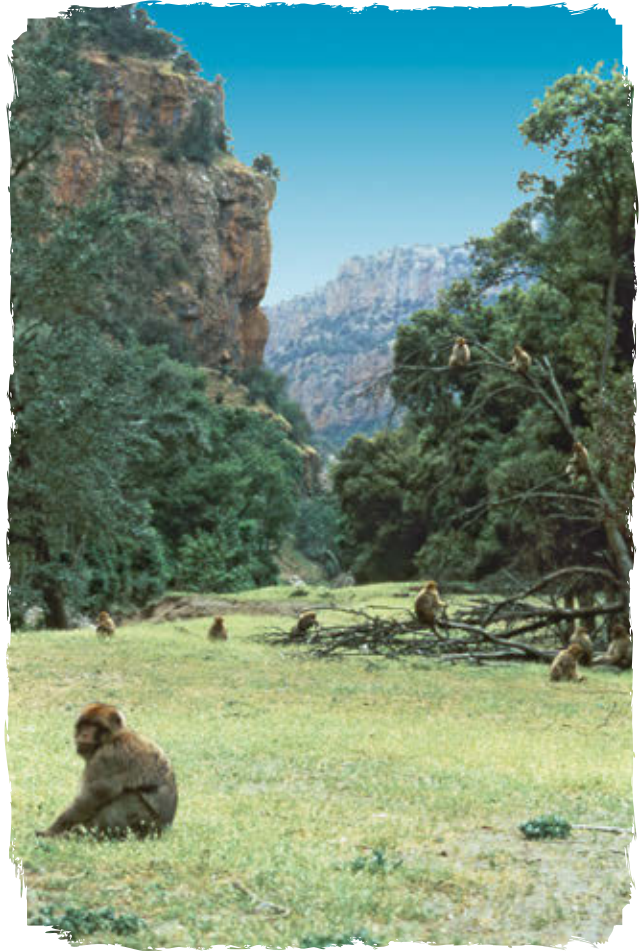


Now, look again at the map of the world on the first page. The area the Barbary macaques' occupy is very small! Can you find it easily?

Using the same map of the world, find the UK. Use your finger to draw an imaginary line between the wild Barbary macaques and the UK. We're almost neighbours!



Barbary macaques live in cedar, oak and pine forests, gorges and rocky ridges. Have a look at the pictures below to see what their habitat looks like!



Sadly, this habitat is in danger. Excessive logging, overgrazing by sheep and goats amongst other things are destroying the Barbary macaques' home.

