

You've no reason to fear strange bats, experts say

Scientists and researchers from various state agencies have converged in Mombasa to study thousands of bats that have invaded the city's Uhuru Gardens and established a huge colony. The agencies involved in the study yesterday said Mombasa residents have nothing to worry about because bats have traditionally coexisted with humans without causing disease. The ongoing surveillance seeks to establish the origins of the bats, their actual species, migratory pattern, why they left their natural forest habitat and converged on the park, and whether they carry any disease strains. The study will be funded by the National Research Fund for Sh20 million and will involve experts from the National Museums of Kenya (NMK), Kenya Medical Research Institute (Kemri), Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS) and the Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology (JKUAT). <https://www.standardmedia.co.ke/article/2001323992/you-ve-no-reason-to-fear-strange-bats-experts-say>