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Artificial Intelligence Assessment of Primate Social Behaviour Under Habitat Disturbance

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Key Words	Abstract
Primate behaviour, Artificial intelligence, Habitat disturbance, Wildlife monitoring, Behaviour classification, Deep learning.	Primates' social behavior is fundamental in studying animal adaptation, group behavior, communication, and reaction to the environmental changes. Habitat disturbances due to deforestation, urbanization, human intervention, and climatic changes greatly affect primate movements, behaviors, feeding habits, and group formation. Nevertheless, conventional methods for analyzing primate social behavior are based on observation and manual annotation, which are tedious, laborious, and limited by the environmental conditions and human bias. In this case, there is a need for intelligent monitoring methods for constant behavioral analysis and assessment in natural environments. This research paper outlines an AI-based framework for the assessment of primate social behavior under various habitat disturbance conditions. The framework uses wildlife monitoring data in order to automatically recognize and classify various social behaviors, including grooming, communication, aggression, resting, and group interactions. This AI-based approach comprises of data preprocessing, behavioral features extraction, AI-based classification and evaluation processes. Deep learning and machine learning algorithms are used to analyze various behavioral patterns and the variations in primate social behavior in disturbed and undisturbed habitats. This framework analyzes the various behavioral indices, which include interaction frequency, group activity, movements and social association. Experimental analysis reveals that the developed AI model can reliably detect primate social behavior patterns, thereby improve the efficiency of the wildlife behavior analysis process when compared with traditional observation-based approaches. This automatic system facilitates largescale, non-intrusive, and continuous monitoring of primate species, thus promoting ecological studies and biodiversity conservation programs. The results point to the usefulness of AI technologies in investigating behavioral adaptation patterns in primate species under conditions of habitat disturbances. The future studies will concentrate on the use of multimodal sensory data and deep learning techniques for real-world wildlife monitoring applications.

Introduction

Impact of Habitat Disturbance on Primate Social Behaviour

The effects of habitat disturbance on primate communities can be explained through the changes that occur in their habitats, resource distribution, and social structure (Dixit and Raje 2024). Habitat disturbance caused by human activities like deforestation and urban development impacts the primate's communication, group behavior, diet, and movement (Naji, 2025). It has been established in past research that changes in habitat disturb the primate's habitat utilization and behavioral response (Singh et al., 2018; Cavada et al., 2016).

Challenges in Traditional Primate Behaviour Monitoring

Conventional primate behavioral observations use direct observation, manual tracking, and annotation by experts. Such practices are cumbersome and dependent on the environmental conditions, period of observation, and human error. There is need to automate behavioral monitoring techniques in order to have efficient recognition of animals and their behaviors in ecology (Congdon et al., 2022; Bain et al., 2021).

Role of Artificial Intelligence in Wildlife Behaviour Analysis

Artificial intelligence (AI) facilitates automation of wildlife monitoring using computer vision and deep learning technologies. AI models have the ability to detect animals, extract behavioral patterns, and classify

complicated behaviors from monitored data. Such methodologies allow for non-invasive and scalable behavior analysis and improve wildlife studies and conservation applications (Bain et al., 2021; Yashaswini et al., 2025).

Research Motivation and Contributions

Despite the success of AI-based wildlife monitoring technologies, analysis of primate social behavior in terms of their response to disturbances in the environment is still a difficult task. This paper suggests an approach to assess the impact of habitat disturbance on primate social behavior by utilizing artificial intelligence. Contributions of this paper include:

- Proposed AI-based approach to assess primate social behavior.
- Automatic identification and classification of social behavior patterns.
- Behavioral analysis under habitat disturbance.
- Performance evaluation of AI-based systems for behavior monitoring.

Review of Literature

Effects of Habitat Disturbance on Primate Social Interactions

Environmental disturbances play a vital role in shaping the behavior of primates through alteration in their environments, food sources, and social structure. Environmental disturbance resulting from activities such as deforestation and fragmentation may lead to change in the communication, social behavior, movement behavior, and resource sharing among primates. Research has indicated that disturbances in the

environment may result in altered habitat preference, increased ecological stress, and behavioral adaptations among the different species of primates (Huang et al., 2025; Singh et al., 2018). Disturbances in environmental factors also result in physio-ecological reactions among primates in terms of species interaction and survival.

Computer Vision-Based Wildlife Behaviour Monitoring

Computer vision methods have proven useful in animal monitoring by helping with automatic monitoring of animal behavior. There are camera traps, audiovisual systems, and intelligent sensors that give large amounts of behavioral data without interfering with natural conditions of the animals. Animal monitoring using computer vision and sensory based monitoring has found applications in identifying animals, understanding their behavior, and analyzing their habitats (Bain et al., 2021; Congdon et al., 2022; Erbs et al., 2025). But image and video analysis of wildlife is difficult because of the variations in lighting conditions, animal pose, complex backgrounds, and occlusions. The deep learning-based sensing systems solve these problems by automatic detection and behavioral analysis of the animals (Yashaswini et al., 2025).

Artificial Intelligence Techniques for Animal Behaviour Recognition

The Artificial Intelligence techniques have enhanced the precision and effectiveness of animal behaviour recognition by learning complicated patterns in large data sets. The use of machine learning and deep learning

techniques, such as convolutional neural networks (CNNs), have been used extensively for animal recognition, activity classification and behavioural analysis. AI-based systems have shown promise in tracking the animal health, behaviour and ecological state by automating the process of analysis (Congdon et al., 2022; Chisenga and Halubanza, 2025). Such systems can recognize behavioural patterns such as motion patterns, interaction and activity states. The AI-based systems provide scalable solutions for continuous monitoring of the wildlife and help automate the process of behavioral change assessment under different environmental conditions (Bain et al., 2021; Yashaswini et al., 2025).

Existing Challenges and Research Gaps

Although AI-based wildlife monitoring methods have achieved promising results, several challenges remain in accurately analysing primate social behaviour. Complex social interactions, variations between individual animals, environmental changes, and limited labelled behavioural datasets affect recognition performance. Existing studies mainly focus on animal detection and species identification, while detailed analysis of social behaviours under habitat disturbance receives limited attention. Therefore, an intelligent framework that combines AI-based recognition with behavioural analysis is required to achieve reliable assessment of primate social adaptation and conservation monitoring.

Materials and Methods

Primate Behaviour Dataset Collection and Pre-Processing

Primate Behaviour Data set is gathered from wildlife monitoring sources including pictures and behavioral studies from different habitats. The gathered data set is pre-processed with noise reduction and normalization techniques to produce appropriate input data for AI-based analysis.

Extraction of Social Behaviour Features

Some of the behavioural characteristics are identified to examine the social interaction among primates. Such behavioural characteristics include body postures, movement patterns, closeness of individuals, interaction frequency and level of group activities. These are identified to detect behavioural differences resulting from habitat disturbance.

Artificial Intelligence-Based Behaviour Classification Model

AI based classification model has been developed that can automatically classify primate social behaviors. The behavioral patterns are learned by the model from the selected features and activities like grooming, communication, aggression, and social interactions are classified.

Training and Optimization Strategy

The training of the suggested AI system is done through labelled behaviour samples that are

separated into training and testing sets. Optimization methods are used to increase learning speed, decrease error rate, and achieve high accuracy of behaviour recognition in varying environments.

Performance Evaluation Metrics

The efficiency of the suggested approach is measured based on performance metrics like accuracy, precision, recall, and F1 score. These metrics define the robustness and classification capabilities of the AI model to evaluate the social behavior of primates.

Results and Discussion

Experimental Setup

The developed AI-based recognition system for behavior of primates is tested using the collected behavioral data set. The experiments are performed using the training and testing data sets to analyze the performance of the system for recognizing social behavior in different levels of habitat disturbance.

Performance Evaluation of AI Behaviour Recognition Model

The performance of the AI model is analyzed by using classification measures like accuracy, precision, recall, and F1 measure. The findings highlight the efficiency of the suggested technique in identifying primate social behavior as compared to the conventional classification techniques.

Table 1: Performance Evaluation of AI Behaviour Recognition Model

Model	Accuracy (%)	Precision (%)	Recall (%)	F1-Score (%)
SVM	86.5	85.2	84.8	85.0
Random Forest	89.7	88.9	89.1	89.0
CNN	92.4	91.8	92.0	91.9
Proposed AI Model	95.6	95.1	95.3	95.2

Table 1 illustrates that the AI-based algorithm developed exhibits superior performance compared to conventional machine learning techniques. The enhanced performance

highlights the potential of the algorithm in identifying complex social interactions among primates.

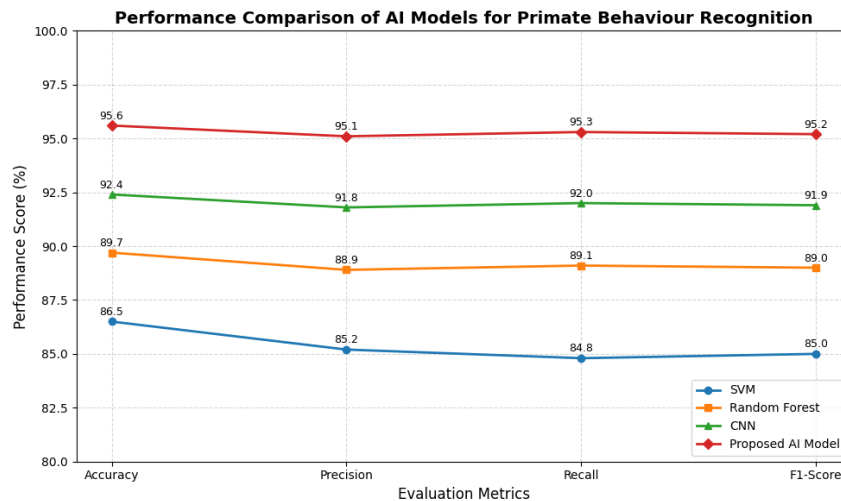


Figure 1: Performance Comparison of AI Models for Primate Behaviour Recognition

Figure 1 illustrates the performance comparison of various AI models in terms of accuracy, precision, recall, and F1-score. It is evident from the results that the developed AI

model exhibits better performance compared to traditional machine learning models as far as accuracy and reliability of recognition of primate social behaviors are concerned.

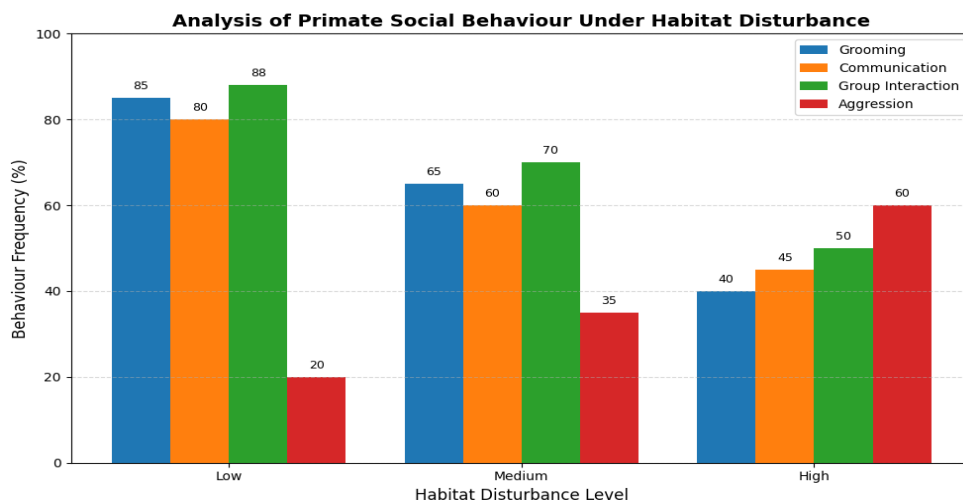


Figure 2: Analysis of Primate Social Behaviour Changes Under Habitat Disturbance

Figure 2 shows the range of behaviors associated with primates in varying levels of habitat disturbances. As can be seen from the results obtained, with the increasing level of disturbance, the behaviors of grooming, communication, and social interactions tend to decrease while aggressiveness tends to increase.

Conclusion

The current paper proposes an Artificial Intelligence-oriented framework for evaluating social behaviour of primates when facing habitat disturbances. This framework can automate the process of recognition and analysis of social behaviors, which is an efficient solution to manually conducted analysis. It was shown that artificial intelligence can be effectively used for behavioural evaluation and comprehension of reactions of primates to changing environment. The developed framework has numerous ecological implications, as it can contribute to monitoring and management of wild-life and help develop conservation plans. Still, there may be certain restrictions connected to limited behavioral dataset, environmental variability, and social interactions. Further research should consider multimodal sensor fusion, deep learning models, and real-time monitoring systems.

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