

IoT -Based Wild Animals Monitoring and Alert System Using ESP-32CAM

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Abstract - Crop damage caused by wild animals is a serious problem for farmers, especially in rural and forest-adjacent areas. Traditional protection methods such as manual guarding, scarecrows, and fencing are often ineffective, unsafe, or costly. This paper presents an IoT-based Wild Animal Monitoring and Alert System that uses an ESP32-CAM module, PIR motion sensor, buzzer, and Telegram-based alert mechanism to provide real-time detection, visual confirmation, and immediate deterrence. The system captures images when motion is detected, alerts farmers instantly through a mobile application, and activates a buzzer to scare animals away. The proposed system is low-cost, easy to deploy, and suitable for small and medium farms.

Keywords ESP32-CAM, PIR Sensor, IoT, Smart Agriculture, Wild Animal Detection, Telegram Bot.

I. Introduction

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III. System Architecture & Methodology

The Agri-Eye system follows an IoT-based event driven architecture designed for continuous farm monitoring. A PIR sensor continuously monitors the farm boundary for motion.

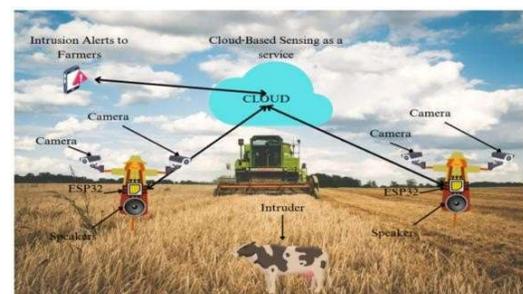


Fig.1 Architectural diagram of intrusion [Animals] detection using an ESP32 cam

A. Hardware Setup

The hardware setup consists of an ESP32-CAM module, PIR motion sensor, active buzzer, power supply unit, and weatherproof enclosure. The PIR sensor is mounted facing the farm entry points and connected to the ESP32-CAM GPIO pin. The buzzer is driven directly by another GPIO pin for immediate sound alerts.

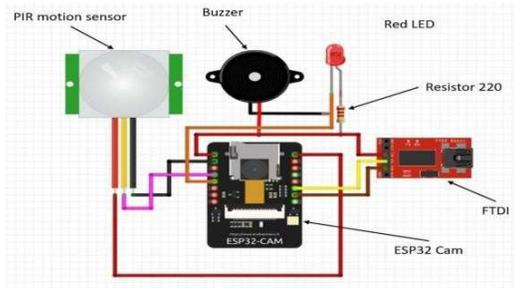


Fig.2 Circuit Diagram using ESP32,Pir Sensor,Buzzer.

B. Data Communication

Data communication is handled via Wi-Fi using the ESP32-CAM's built-in wireless module. Motion events trigger image data transmission through HTTP requests to the Telegram Bot API. This cloud-free communication ensures secure, lowcost, and real-time delivery of alerts. In case of connectivity loss, data can be stored locally and sent once the network is restored.



Fig.3.5 AuthToken Recognition

Fig.3 Auth Token Recognition using Telegram Bot Father

C. Machine Learning Prediction Model

In future-enhanced versions, a machine learning-based prediction model can be integrated using TensorFlow Lite on the ESP32-CAM. Captured images are processed using a lightweight convolutional neural network (CNN) trained to classify animals such as wild boars, monkeys, and deer.

The model predicts the type of animal and its threat level, enabling adaptive deterrence strategies. This intelligent prediction reduces false alerts and improves response.

D. Dashboard

The Telegram application acts as the system dashboard. A dedicated Telegram Bot displays timestamped alerts, captured images, and intrusion history in a single chat interface. Farmers can monitor activity, verify system status, and perform manual test commands remotely. This dashboard requires no custom app and works on any smartphone with internet connectivity.

IV. Result

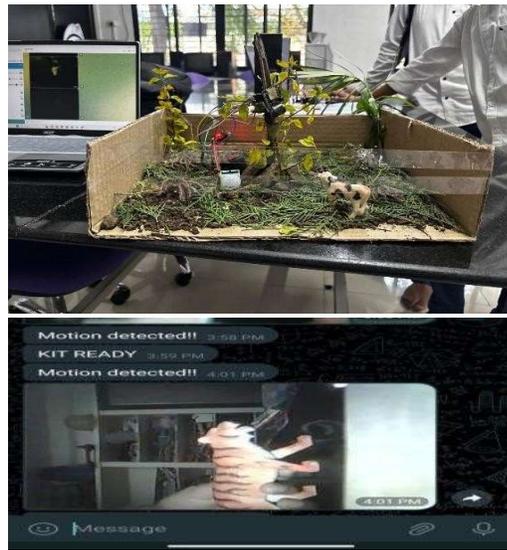


Fig.4 Field-deployed weatherproof node showing ESP32 CAM and PIR sensor

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VI. Future Scope - Wild animal intrusion into agricultural fields is a persistent challenge faced by farmers, particularly in rural and forest-adjacent regions. Animals such as wild boars, monkeys, deer, and stray cattle cause extensive crop damage, leading to financial loss and food insecurity. Traditional crop protection methods, including manual guarding, scarecrows, fencing, and firecrackers, are either ineffective over time or pose safety risks. Recent advancements in Internet of Things (IoT) technologies provide new opportunities to automate farm security using low-cost sensors, embedded systems, and cloud communication. Wild animal intrusion into agricultural fields is a persistent challenge faced by farmers.

VII. Conclusion

The proposed IoT-based Wild Animal Monitoring and Alert System provides an effective, affordable, and farmer-friendly solution to crop protection. By combining motion detection, image capture, local deterrence, and real-time alerts, the system enhances farm security while reducing human-animal conflict. The project demonstrates how simple IoT technologies can create a positive impact in agriculture and contribute to sustainable and smart farming practices.

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