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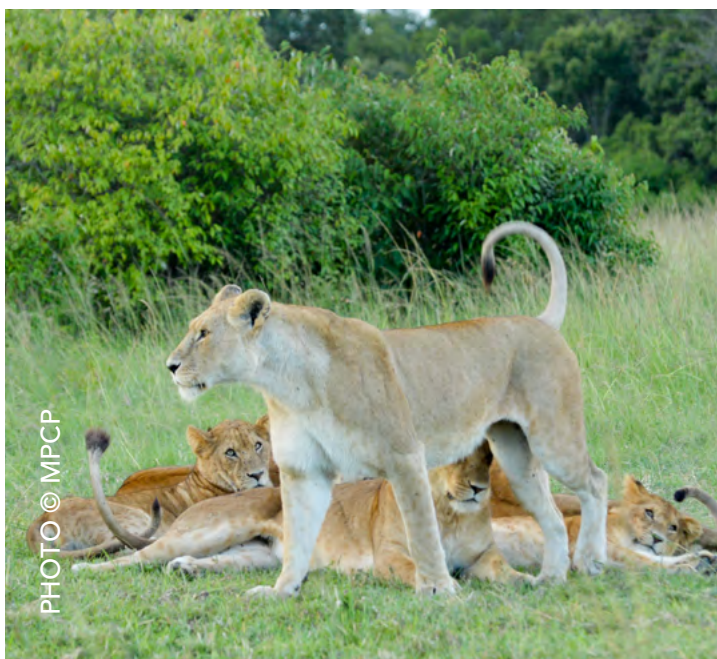
LION TAILS OMC - FOURTH EDITION



Updates by the Mara Predator Conservation Programme on lions in Olare Motorogi Conservancy

Hammerkop pride

The Hammerkop pride now comprises three Moniko born adult females and their eight cubs, who are now almost 10 months old. This is the prides second litter of cubs after the first litter they had in early 2017. This pride has been one of the few OMC prides to be seen on a regular basis, as the other prides have been difficult to find due to the long grasses after an unusual wet December-January period. They are mostly seen around the OMC airstrip.



Engoyanai pride

The Engoyanai pride have recently preferred spending time in OMC. For a long time they were almost always seen around the Double Crossing area in the Reserve. However, we have several recent sightings of them in OMC around Olyok and Porini camp. This area has usually been occupied by the Oldikdik pride, who moved into Mara North Conservancy. Lorpapit and Orbanoti are still going strong in controlling the Engoyanai's.



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Oldikdik pride

The Oldikdik had their territory at the periphery of OMC but have now shifted their ranging area to Enchorro Naibor in Mara North Conservancy, encroaching on the Offbeat pride's territory.

Sankai pride

The Sankai pride, who were also started by Moniko born females, were frequently sighted around Kicheche Bush Camp, Naronyo and Observation areas, before the onset of the heavy rains, resulting in the tall grasses. One female has been mating with one of the Offbeat born males that are in control of this pride. Despite these lions are seen not seen regularly because of the tall grass, we hear them roaring every night from our Predator Hub. Six of the seven Sankai dispersing males have made their way into Lemek Conservancy, after spending time first in the Reserve and later Mara North Conservancy. We might be seeing a new powerful six-pack coalition in the making.



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