

PREDATOR POST

LION TAILS NABOISHO- SIXTH EDITION



Updates by the Mara Predator Conservation Programme
on lions in Naboisho Conservancy

R.I.P. Isina

A tragic event has struck the Enesikira pride. Isina, one of the three pride lionesses, was attacked and killed by members of the neighboring Ilkisiusiu pride. Isina was born in 2012 by Simaloi, a now solitary Enesikira female. During Isina's lifespan, she managed, together with her half-sisters Akilah and Jasmina, to raise one litter of cubs to independence out of a total of three recorded litters. RIP Isina, you will be missed.



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New Enesikiria arrivals

We are delighted to announce new members of the Enesikiria pride. Six new cubs have emerged from the lair with Akilah and Jasmina. They are around 12 weeks old now and super playful. This is the first generation of the three Rongai males, who we hope will protect the cubs well from intruding males. We will be following the development of the cubs closely.

Enesikiria dispersing males

The three Enesikiria pride females, Isina, Akilah & Jasmina, produced three sons, two in September 2017 and one in January 2018. They dispersed from their pride earlier in the year and have recently appeared in Ol Kinyei Conservancy. They have been mating Naramat and Nempiris, two former Enesikiria lions who have settled in Ol Kinyei Conservancy to form the



Lemuny pride. This is obviously not ideal as they are related. Naramat is their first cousin once removed (grandmother's sister's daughter) and Nempiris is their second cousin (grandmother's sister's granddaughter). We hope though that the boys will leave the area soon to avoid any form of inbreeding.

Willow

This eight-year-old lone Enesikiria female is showing herself again. She has been mating with the Koka pride dispersing male called Oloiborrkwe. This fellow and his partner Kiminati were previously in Ol Kinyei Conservancy, where they were trying their luck with receptive females. Willow's daughter from her latest successful litter is currently in Ol Kinyei Conservancy. She was with her brother for a while, but he has now left.





Ilkisiusiu pride

This pride also has new cubs and we have been able to see a set of three from one of the pride females. The pride has been splitting up recently and there are probably other females that are hiding cubs. These cubs are also sired by the three Rongai males.

Rekero Males

Only Caesar2, Green Eyes and Ron2 are still being seen and we assume that Dongo has died. The three remaining males seemed to have left Naboisho Conservancy for good and were only seen in Ol Kinyei Conservancy. However, Caesar2 and Green Eyes suddenly appeared in Olarro North Conservancy, and so it will be interesting to see if they will end their days there. Olarro seems to be a retirement home for older males who started their prime years in Naboisho, before moving to Ol Kinyei and ending up in Olarro.



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