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Lion Tails

Updates by the **Mara Lion Project** on lions in **Olare Motorogi Conservancy** May 2016.

Moniko Pride



From Above: Zurura (F5), Yieyo (F4), Ngasioki, (F2) Timanoi (F3) and the subs.

Originally there was 6 Moniko adult core females. They supposedly have 13 cubs though this pride have not been seen for a long time since Dec 2015 until later in April when Zurura emerged from Nyumbu valley with the 6 sub adult females and 2 Okiombo males. 4 of the Adult females are always seen together and Zurura has been taking care of the 6, now 3 years old, sub-adult females for a long time. One sub adult female was speared in 2015. The remaining adult female called Leila disappeared and is presumed dead. The 4 Moniko adult and the 6 sub-adult females are currently residing in Naboisho Conservancy, together with the Olkiombo males from MMNR. These males have been seen mating with some of the Moniko sub-adults.

Iseketa Pride



The Iseketa pride comprises 5 adult females that are about 7 years old. They spend a lot of time hanging around on the rocky Iseketa valley. Four of the 5 adult females are the first born offspring, that we know of, from the adult Moniko females. We are uncertain where the 5th female originated from. Seven dispersing sub-adults are residing nearby. One of the male sub-adults was reported dead on May 2016. In early February, 1 of the sub-adult females was seen by the OMC airstrip mating with one of the Morijo males from the Mara Triangle. In May, 3 females with 9 cubs were by the Iseketa gorge and one of the adult female was suckling 4 of the cubs that are about 2 months old. In June, 2 sub-adult females with a young male from the Croton Island coalition, (originally from the Oloolaimutia pride) were feeding on a zebra by the OMC airstrip.



Nguro



Nguro is an old female that has been by herself since her companion was killed by other lions. Her name means that she has a missing tail tuft. She is about 8 years old and was last sighted in OMC in April 2016 near Observation hill. She is currently in the western side of Naboisho Conservancy. She had a male cub that was born around Jan 2011 and disappeared in April 2014.

Moniko Males



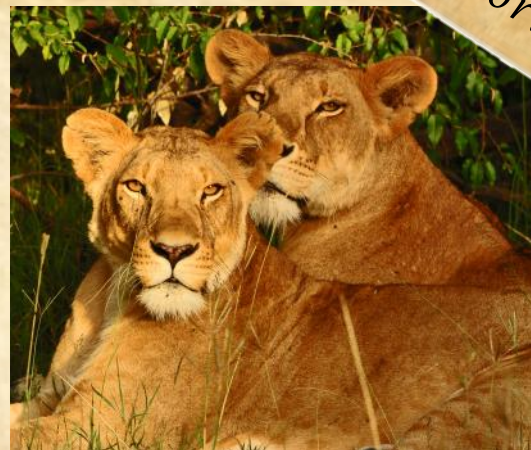
The 2 males Lorpapit (hairy) and Olbarnoti (younger male) were last seen by the Mara Lion Project in April 2015. They were born around 2005 and have been controlling the Moniko and Iseketa pride. Lorpapit has a large dark impressive mane while Olbarnoti is distinguishable by flopping ears from both ears.

This pride currently comprises 4 adult females and 6 sub-adult females who were born in January 2013. Four sub-adult males from the same group have now dispersed. Three of these males were seen in Naboisho Conservancy in April 2015. In July the same year, 1 sub-adult male was sighted with 4 sub-adult females in OMC. In February this year, 3 of the adult females were seen with 7 young cubs in OMC.



Engoyanai

The Porini pride is a small one, found mainly around Porini camp and double crossing area. It only has 2 adult females, both about 7 years old, who originally came from Enguyanai pride. One female has a V notch on her right ear and visible tears on her left ear while the other one has smooth edged ears. They had 2 cubs in November 2013, a male and a female, but both dispersed around April 2015.



Porini Pride



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