

PREDATOR POST

LION TAILS - NABOISHO

FIRST EDITION



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

ENESIKIRIA PRIDE



The main Enesikiria subgroup is now composed of the three adult females, Akilah, Jasmina and Isina, and a total of eight cubs of varying ages, the oldest being 10 months and the youngest six months old.

The three females are the daughters of Dada, Naimina, and Simaloi, respectively, and are all around six years old now.



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WILLOW

The Enesikria female Willow has lost one of her female cubs.

The cub was killed during a dispute between Willow and the Sampu Enkare pride.

Two of the Rekeru males, who control all four Naboisho prides, were trying to get in between the two groups, avoiding a confrontation, but in the spectacle, one of the males killed the young cub.



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SILAMOI

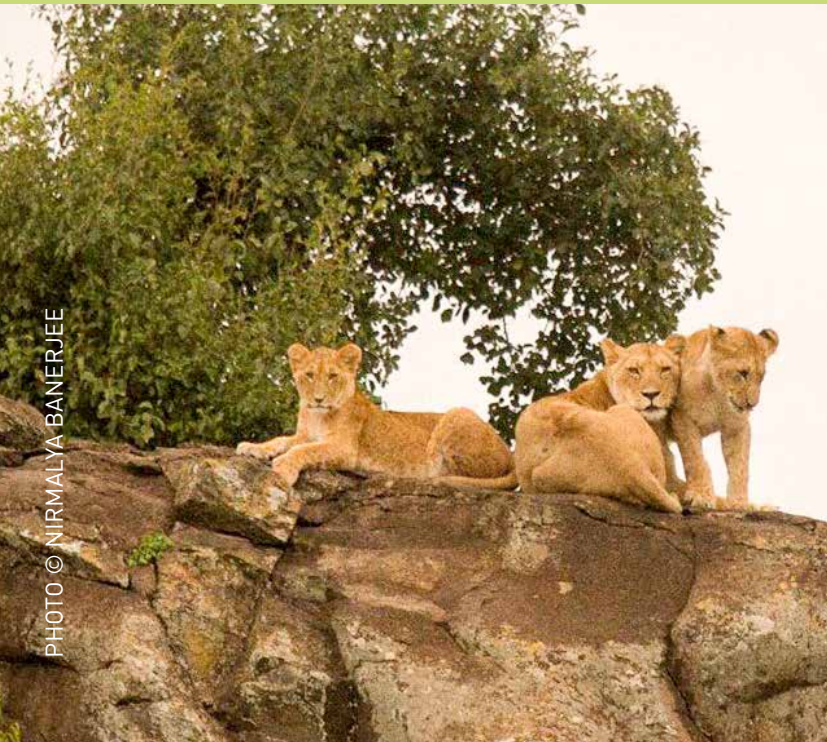


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Simaloi and her two 11-month-old cubs have moved from the Encounter Mara area all the way to the Olare Sampu Luggar, down from the airstrip.

Simaloi is struggling to feed herself and her cub as most of her kills are stolen by hyenas. One of the cubs has very recently died.

NOLARI & MALASO

After Dada's death, her daughter Nolari (pictured) and niece Malaso, who were all true companions, have separated.

We think that they have both given birth, hence the separation. Malaso seemed pregnant the last time we saw her, and we hope that the two young females will rejoin to form a group, once the cubs are taken out of hiding.



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KWS FEMALE



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A female, identified as originating from the KWS pride in the Reserve, along with two large cubs are roaming around the Olmorijo area in the conservancy.

We are not quite sure if she still has both cubs. A similar aged cub was found dead the same area but due to its state we were not able to make out an ID.

REKERO MALES & MONIKO PRIDE

The four Rekerro males are busy roaming between the four Naboisho prides but have not been equally distributing their efforts.

Especially the Moniko pride has been struggling with the lack of coalition involvement, and one of the consequences has been the loss of one adult female and two confirmed cubs killed by intruding males, causing the rest of the pride to split.



They used to be one cohesive group of 17 lions, but now only one group of 6 lions are being seen, with one adult female and five large cubs. It seems other members of the pride have moved south to Olerai Conservancy.



OFFBEAT DISPERSING MALES

Four males have been intruding into Naboisho Conservancy, and have been seen in the Eor, Naboisho Camp and Ilkisiusiu areas. We identified them as dispersing males from the Offbeat pride in Mara North Conservancy, around 3.5 years old.

They were originally a group of seven males who left their natal pride, but four of them went to the Reserve while two of them were seen in Olare Motorogi Conservancy.



The group of four left the Reserve, entered Naboisho Conservancy and have been trying to take over the Moniko pride resulting in the killing of the adult female Yeiyo and at least two of the cubs, one quite large.

After the Rehero males finally picked up on their intrusion, the Offbeat youngsters went to the Ilkisiusiu dam area and tried to mate with the Nguru pride lone female. The group of two Offbeat male dispersers were seen once in April in the northern fingertip of Naboisho.

ILKISIUSIU PRIDE

This pride is doing great and the 10 cubs, around 16 months old, four girls and three boys, are growing fast.

The group has moved up to the Olesere stream, which is north from the Enoolera dam, probably due to the intruding males.



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