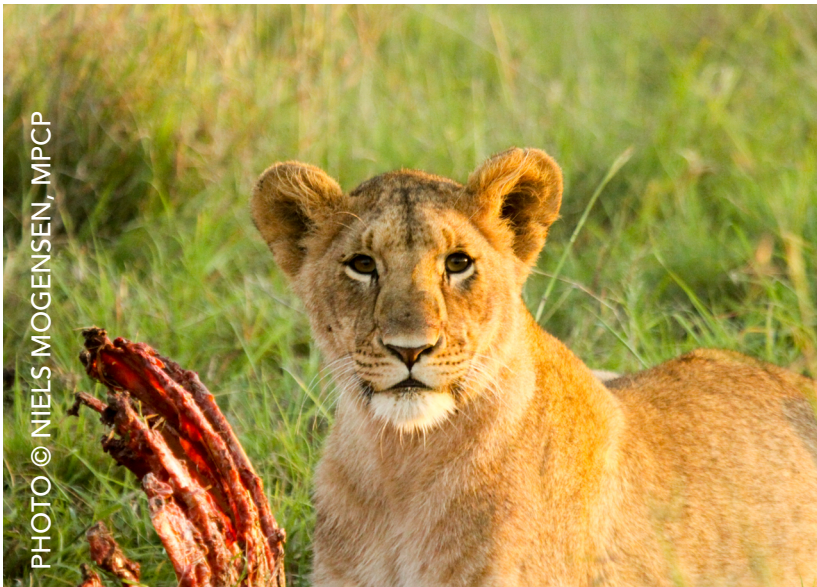


PREDATOR POST

LION TAILS NABOISHO - SECOND EDITION



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



Enesikiria core pride

The main Enesikiria pride is still thriving, although they have had a few run-ins with the neighbouring Ilkisiusiu pride. The seven large cubs, four females and three males, range in the ages between 13-18 months. The three mothers, Akilah, Isina and Jasmina, have started to come into oestrus again and have caught the interest of the Rekero males.

Malaso

Malaso, an Enesikiria lioness, has become solitary after Dada's death and Nolari's disappearance. Malaso, and her two 10-month-old sons, are covering quite some distances. Sometimes they are seen in an area below the Naboisho airstrip and at other times you will find them not far from the area surrounding Encounter Mara Camp. Malaso will be turning five years in June, but this is only her first litter of cubs that she is having success with so far.





Ilkisiusiu pride

With the addition of three cubs born in November last year, this pride has been become a main attraction for Naboisho guests, alongside the Enesikiria pride. They have pushed themselves into the Enesikira pride's territory as a result of cattle movements. At least two of the three pride females gave birth to an unknown number of cubs in their preferred breeding area. Unfortunately, cattle were grazed in this section at the time and this forced the females to relocate the pride further into Naboisho's core area. We don't know how many cubs were born but the females moved three cubs with them, one female with two cubs and another with one (one female is taking care of all three cubs). The two prides are very close to each other but surprisingly there has not been many documented confrontations between them. On one occasion, the Rekero pride males, who have offspring with both prides, had to separate the two pride when things were kicking off.

Sampu Enkare Breakaway Pride

The three females that were born into the Sampu Enkare pride in December 2014, dispersed three years ago and ended up settling down in the areas around the Olseki borehole, utilizing both Naboisho and Ol Kinyei conservancies. They have so far been very successful in rearing cubs and with three cubs each, the pride is 12 members strong. Three cubs are from April 2018, three from May 2018 and three from September 2018, totaling five girls and four boys.





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Lokoman

Lokoman of the main Sampu Enkare pride has temporarily gone solo, as she has given birth again. She had her cubs close the Ndorobo Camp but moved them shortly thereafter to the C-Circuit. After 6 weeks only one cub remained and it is likely that she will lose this one as well. Lokoman has stopped producing milk and is mating again. Lokoman's two older sons, who are now 20 months old, have been staying with Esiriwua and her two sub-adults, a male and a female, now 18 months old, but Esiriwua has recently gone into hiding to give birth.

Rekero males

The four males still have no problem with keeping up to date with their four prides they have offspring with. All males except Ron2 were briefly inside Ol Kinyei Conservancy, where they had a smaller confrontation with the Fig Tree males, who are their sons. The Fig Tree males were born into the Fig Tree pride in the Reserve, hence their name, and have established themselves in Ol Kinyei Conservancy with the Lemuny pride, former Enesikiria lions. Ron2 has a damaged front left paw and has been limping for some time now, but he is otherwise in perfect health.



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