

# PREDATOR POST

LEOPARD LIVES - FIRST EDITION



## Fig

Fig, the Olare-Motorogi Conservancy (OMC) celebrity leopard is on most tourist's bucket list on what to see on safari in the Maasai Mara. The OMC superstar has had three litters of cubs that we know. The first litter was the Olare male that was last sighted in Mara North Conservancy. The second litter was a female called Figlet, who is still being sighted interacting with her mother. Fig's third and current litter has one cub about eight months old.

There is always threat and fear between baboons and leopards. In this photo, Fig is trying to avoid detection and thereby nuisance from baboons but it was in vain. The baboons had climbed up another tree opposite Fig at a distance and had started making alarm calls. Fig was torn between taking off and holding her ground, but eventually she sorted to remain still. Lucky enough, it was getting dark and it seemed the baboons were going to rest for the night and they sorted to mind their own business.



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## Yellow, the OMC male

The OMC male has recently been sighted mating with Fig. Despite the fact that there is always a threat to leopards from baboons during the day, baboons are on leopards' menu list during the night. Recently, Yellow was sighted with a big male baboon kill.

## Keekorok Male

Recently we sighted the Keekorok male, and he seemed relaxed while keenly watching zebras at a distance. We thought he was interested in hunting, but he swiftly walked into a lugga and we waited for him to come out but in vain. Minutes later a female emerged from the lugga and the male quickly followed. It turned out to be a mating pair. The female eventually went back to the lugga where she had previously been and the Keekorok male briefly lost track of the female, and started to call for her.



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