

PREDATOR POST

LION TAILS NABOISHO - THIRD EDITION



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



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Willow

Willow, a solitary Enesikiria lioness, gave birth to four cubs in January this year. We saw all four cubs in mid-May but she lost two of them shortly after this. She was recently sighted with her two remaining cubs close to the airstrip.



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Simaloi

Simaloi, another solitary Enesikiria lioness, gave birth to three cubs in March and all are doing well. They are mostly found in the areas around Olmorijo, south of Encounter Mara.

Ilkisiusiu pride

This pride has been using the area around the Enoolera Dam for the last few months. The three smallest cubs are growing fast and are now seven-months-old. One of the three mothers have snuck off to give birth and we hope that she will rejoin the rest of the pride with her new cubs soon.



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Sampu Enkare pride

In June last year, Lokoman had two male cubs, and in July, Esiriwua had two males and a female, but one of these males died in December. The remaining three males and one female became a close unit and had started to spend more time on their own. In April however, one of Lokoman's sons died. The two remaining boys and the one female are still seen around their pride area, but the Rekeru males are gradually becoming more aggressive towards the young males and even though they are only two years old, they might be forced to disperse soon. There is a chance that the female will join them.



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Rekeru males

The four males still have no problem with keeping up to date with the four prides they have offspring with. We had a rare sighting with all four boys together but unfortunately, we could not get any proper photos. We later saw Caesar 2 and Green Eyes together, patrolling down the Enesikiria River.



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