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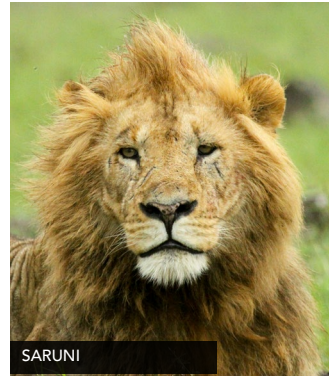
LION TAILS MNC - THIRD EDITION



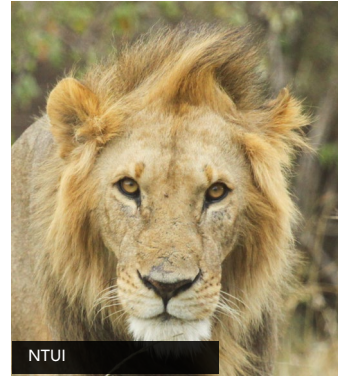
Updates by the Mara Predator Conservation Programme on lions in Mara North Conservancy

Offbeat Males

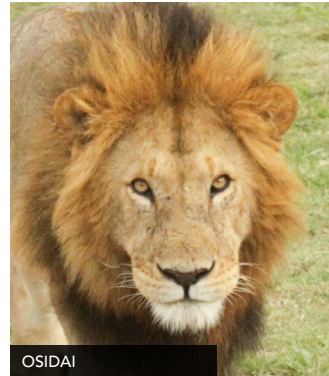
The dominant male coalition of four, the so called Offbeat males, originally from OMC's Iseketa pride, have taken over most of MNC. They wanted access to more females than just the Offbeat pride and the Cheli core pride, and so they ventured further north into the Angama male's (Pilipili & Lenkume) territory. Pilipili & Angama in turn, had taken over the Cheli Breakaway pride, who we now call the Serian pride, from Rafiki & Karibu, after killing Karibu last year. The four Offbeat males killed Pilipili and took over the Serian pride, killing all of the many cubs sired by Pilipili & Lenkume. Two of the four males are constantly with the pride, while other two males are with the Cheli core pride. The four males have now been named by MNC guides in partnership with MPCP, as shown on their profile photos.



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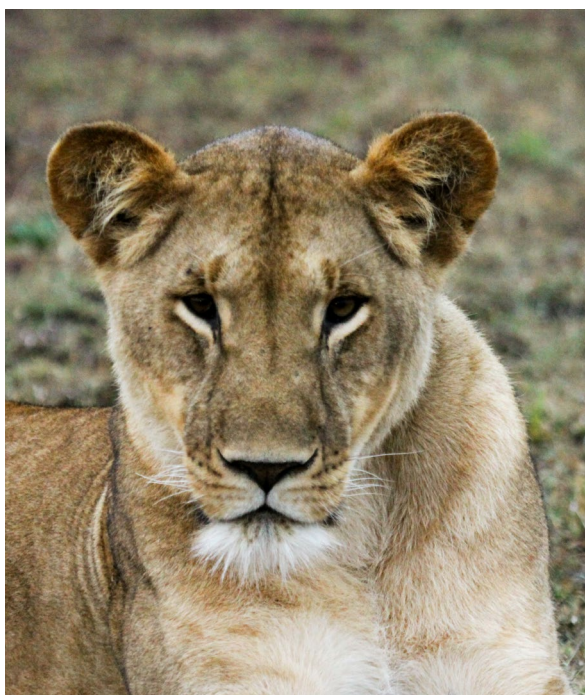
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Serian Pride (Cheli Breakaway's)

This group of six adult females had around 15 cubs, all sired by the Angama males. Sadly, the Offbeat males killed them all. The females have since been mating with the males. Previously, the Angama males killed/evicted all the cubs the females had with Karibu & Rafiki.



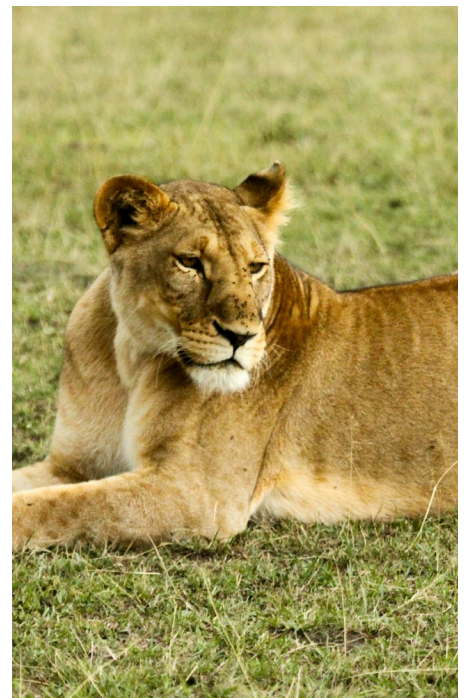
Cheli Core Pride

The Cheli core pride consists of the four females Amber, Scarlet, Numba (pictured) and Angavu. They are now remaining with five cubs of three different age classes. While the Offbeat males, who have sired these cubs, temporarily left to take over the Serian pride, two intruding males (see below) showed up and starting killing some of the pride's cubs. Two of the Offbeat males are almost constantly now with the pride, protecting their cubs.



Buibui pride (former Cheli lions)

Badi, her sub-adult daughter and adult niece, were roaming the area between the airstrip and Buibui for a long time. Badi and her niece had three cubs between them, sired by the Angama males. When the four Offbeat males expanded their territory, the Buibui pride took off and ventured into Lemek Conservancy, keeping a low profile.



Offbeat pride

This pride is currently seen in a number of different groups. One group consists of the two old females Lucinda & Leah with their two sub-adults, one of each sex. They are now 18 months old and sired by the Offbeat males. A second group is made up of two adult females, sired by Frank and Jesse, and five large cubs of two different age sets, who are fathered by the Offbeat males. Three adult females, sisters to the two females with the five large cubs, are often seen together, and have been mating with the newest male coalition (see below), after they killed their cubs.



New male duo

Two unrelated males intruded into MNC earlier this year. One of them was born into the Iseketa pride (and so a cousin to the Offbeat males) in OMC and the other, who is characterised by his half tail, was born into the Purungat pride in the Mara Triangle. This guy lost his coalition brother when they were trying their luck in OMC, where after he teamed up with the Iseketa male. They both ventured into MNC and eventually found the

Cheli core pride females alone with their cubs as the Offbeat males had moved north to the Serian pride. After killing some of the cubs, a couple the Offbeat boys chased the duo away. They shifted down to the Offbeat area, started to kill cubs there and later mated with some of the females. After it seemed to have settled somewhat, one of the Offbeat boys came back to the Offbeat pride, fought and injured one of the new males. While this was taking place, the former Offbeat pride male Jesse, suddenly made a reappearance. It will be interesting to see what will happen next in this MNC lion drama.





Sankai dispersers

Three young males from the Sankai pride in OMC briefly made their appearance in MNC's Offbeat area. Two of the males were born in December 2016 and one is from May 2017. Their mothers split from their natal Moniko pride to form the Sankai pride.



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