

# PREDATOR POST

## LION TAILS NABOISHO - FOURTH EDITION

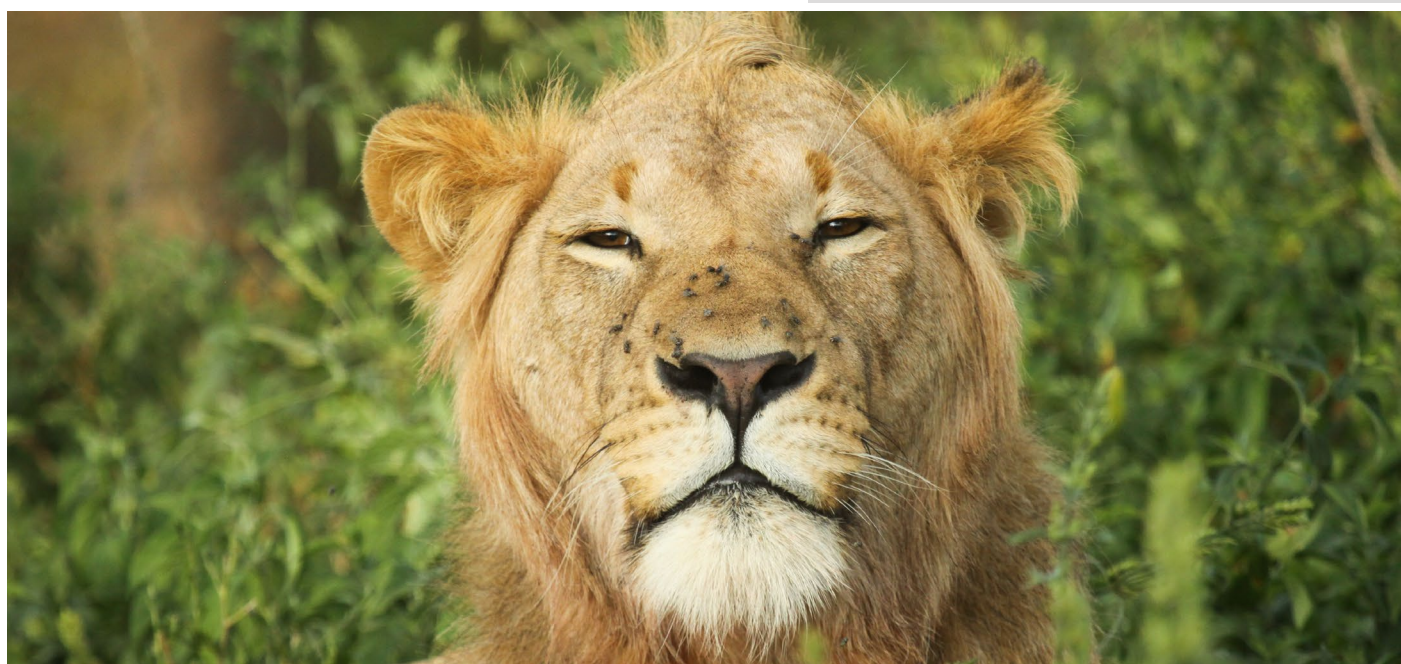


Updates by the Mara Predator Conservation Programme on lions in Naboisho Conservancy



### **Willow's older son & daughter**

In March 2017, Willow gave birth to three cubs, two females and a male. One of the females died in April last year, most likely killed by other lions. The two remaining cubs separated from Willow at an early age and were fending for themselves. The male lion was injured during this time and we believed his chances of surviving were slim, as his leg seemed to be fractured. Both lions disappeared and we had no idea what had happened. Many months later, and quite unexpectedly, they showed up in Ol Kinyei Conservancy in very good condition. The male has fully recovered. Willow had four cubs in January this year but lost all of them.





## Rongai Males

Three young adult males, whose natal pride we identified as the Rongai pride, have been hanging around Naboisho Camp and the Croton Island area for some time now. They have been mating with members of the Iklisiusu pride and have not had much resistance from the powerful Rekero males, as they in turn have been spending most of their time in Ol Kinyei Conservancy. These three males might end up taking over the all the Naboisho prides.



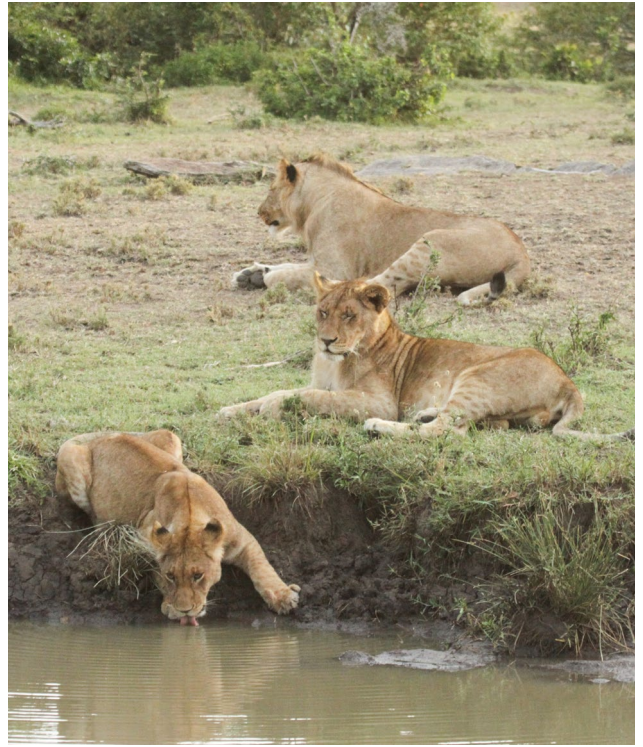
## Enesikiria pride

Akilah, Isina and Jasmina separated temporarily from their seven sub-adults. This happened after the Rekero males started a new mating session, as the females went into oestrus. Although the three pride females have been reuniting with their youngsters, they are still seen apart on occasions, but we hope to see them as a fulltime unit again soon. The seven sub-adults are perfectly capable of fending for themselves at this age however, and so there is nothing to be worried about. Jasmina has been seen with new cubs close to Encounter Mara.



## Sampu Enkare Breakaway pride

This breakaway pride spends a lot of its time in Ol Kinyei Conservancy. All 12 individuals are doing well. The three adults recently spent some time away with the Rekero males for mating sessions, but otherwise it's still a very intact, stable pride. The Rekero males are the fathers of this pride's sub-adults.



## Rekero males

The Rekero males seem to have fully shifted their activities to Ol Kinyei Conservancy. This includes Ron 2, who stayed behind in Naboisho Conservancy for a while, probably due to his leg/paw injury, which reduced his mobility. He has now fully recovered and joined his brothers in Ol Kinyei.

This is the third time we have witnessed this odd trend for Naboisho Conservancy male coalitions, leaving prides and their territory voluntarily. The Triple S and SOL coalitions have also left Naboisho Conservancy by their own free will and moved into Ol Kinyei Conservancy. The Triple S males have all disappeared since then while two of the SOL males are currently in Olarro Conservancy.

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