

PREDATOR POST

LION TAILS NABOISHO- FIFTH EDITION



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

Ilkisiusiu dispersing males

The three Ilkisiusiu pride females, Nasha, Noolamala & Noonkuta, produced three sons in April 2017. They dispersed from their pride during late last year but remained for a spell within Naboisho Conservancy. In December, they got into a fight with the Rongai males below Encounter Mara Camp, and after this episode, the young males disappeared. In the beginning of this year, they showed themselves in Ol Kinyei Conservancy, but this time they got into a fight with their fathers, the Rekeru males, who gave them a good beating. Again, they went off the record before showing up by the Naboisho airstrip in March.





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Malaso

The lone Enesikiria female Malaso was seen again after a longer period of absence. She was mating with one of the Ilkisiusiu dispersing males, and it seemed like Malaso was trying to keep the young boys away from her two sons, who are only 22 months old. The mating Ilkisiusiu male had not turned three years at the time and you can tell he was clearly inexperienced.

Rongai Males

The three Rongai males are now fully in control of the Ilkisiusiu and Enesikiria prides. They are becoming very handsome with time and are frequently seen mating females from the two prides. Together with guests and guides, we have now given them the following names: Lenkisiau (means mane), Olowang (means bright) and Oloisula (means winner).



Lenkisiau

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Oloisula

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Olowang

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Sampu Enkare Pride

Naboisho's oldest female is Esiriwua, now 15 years old. She is the only female remaining who was present when we started monitoring Naboisho lions in 2010. Her pride mates includes her niece Lokoman, turning seven this year, and Esiriwua's daughter, who is almost three years old. This young female first separated from her pride along with her two brothers, but fortunately, she did not follow the boys when they fully dispersed early this year, and she decided to become a full time pride member. Both Esiriwua and Lokoman were in a late pregnancy stage the last time we saw them, and so we expect them both to have given birth. This might be Esiriwua's last litter of cubs



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Enesikiria pride

Of the seven offspring born to Akilah, Jasmina and Isina, the four daughters have semi-separated from their mothers, and we find the young sisters together away from them, but still within the Enesikiria pride's territory. The young females are trying to keep a low profile, avoiding the Rongai males for the time being, as the youngsters are not yet mature and ready to mate. The three sons have not been seen for a while and it looks like they have already dispersed.

Rekero Males

The four Rekero males pop into Naboisho Conservancy on occasional basis, checking up on the Sampu Enkare pride. Caesar 2 and Green Eyes were recently with this pride after a couple of intruding males were trying it on with the pride, but they were no match for the mighty grandsons of Notch. The four boys are otherwise mostly with the Sampu Enkare Breakaways and the Lemuny pride in Ol Kinyei Conservancy.



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