

PREDATOR POST

LION TAILS OL KINYEI - FIRST EDITION



Updates by the Mara Predator Conservation Programme
on lions in Ol Kinyei Conservancy

Lemuny pride

The two former Enesikira lions Naramat and Nempiris, continue to make up this small pride. They are constantly mating with by different males, although the Rekeru males have mostly dominated them. They are yet to raise any cubs successfully.



Sampu Enkare Breakaway pride

This pride, which shares its territory with Naboisho Conservancy, includes the three adult females Nentubui, Naponon & Leyai, and their five sub-adult daughters. Three of their sons have dispersed while unknown males killed the fourth one. The adult females have a very tough time trying to raise any cubs with all the different male groups around, and each of the three females has lost their recent litters, who were fathered by the Rekeru males.





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Rekero males

Caesar 2, Green Eyes, and Ron 2 are still roaming the conservancy, while Dongo has been MIA and is presumed dead. The three males are still stunningly beautiful and are occupied with mating females and chasing all the young male coalitions away, although they are not doing a very good job of it.

Ilkisiusiu dispersing males

The three sub-adults have been trying to establish themselves in the southern part of the conservancy since January, after they got into a fight with the Rongai males in Naboisho, resulting in the testicular injury that one of them sustained. They are mostly seen with the Sampu Enkare Breakaway adult females. They are the half-brothers of the daughters of these females, and we therefore hope that these boys will leave the conservancy. If they don't, then the daughters will either disperse or stay and mate with their half-brothers.



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Moniko dispersing males

In September 2016, the old Moniko female Timanoi gave birth to three males and a female in Naboisho Conservancy. After the males dispersed, two of them showed up in Olarro South Conservancy last year, and this year they arrived in Ol Kinyei. They have been named Oloodoemurt & Olmurrani, and they have mostly been hanging around the southern tip of the conservancy but have also been interacting with the Ilkisiusiu boys, who are their half-brothers, as they share the same fathers. We also hope that these two males move on as it is the same scenario as above.

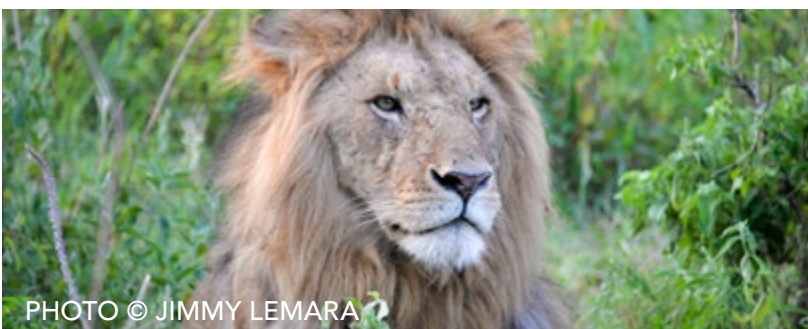


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Enesikiria dispersing males 1

The three Enesikiria males who were born to Isina, Jasmina & Akilah, showed up in the northern part of Ol Kinyei Conservancy, where they have been spending some time the Lemuny females, trying to mate with them. This is obviously not ideal as they are related, and they need to move on.



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Enesikiria dispersing males 2

The two sons of the solitary Enesikiria female Malaso have been seen a couple of times in the northern part of the conservancy.



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Koka male & partner

A male born into the Koka pride in the Reserve, named Oloiborrkwe, left his pride last year and made his way to Naboisho Conservancy, where we found him early this year. Somewhere along the way he met his coalition partner, who we have named Kiminati, and they were both below Encounter Mara Camp for a spell. Later on this year, they showed up in Ol Kinyei Conservancy, and have been seen with the Sampu Enkare Breakaway pride females, especially the sub-adults.



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Maji ya Fisi dispersing males

Four males were born into the Maji ya Fisi pride in the Reserve in October 2016. They dispersed together but only two of them seem to have survived, and they showed up in Nabiosho Conservancy, where they spent a good amount of time with the Sampu Enkare pride. They briefly appeared in Ol Kinyei Conservancy and have not been seen since.



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Sand River dispersing females

Two young females from the Sand River pride are currently in the conservancy. They were born in the beginning of 2017 and were originally four sisters. They most likely left their pride to avoid confrontations with new males coming into the Sand River area.



Fig Tree dispersing female

A lone female from the Fig Tree pride has been nomadic ever since she left her pride. She has been seen roaming vast parts of the Reserve before showing up in Ol Kinyei Conservancy.

Rongai females

An old Rongai pride female called Nemunai suddenly appeared in Ol Kinyei Conservancy. We saw her together with her adult daughter last year in the Maji ya Fisi area of the Reserve. Another adult female has been seen in the same area in Ol Kinyei as Nemunai and this might be her daughter. The Rongai pride has been dismantled over the last few years and these females might have become nomadic, which could be one reason for traveling all the way to Ol Kinyei.



Salas female

In early 2018, three Salas pride dispersing males and their sister made their way to Ol Kinyei Conservancy and were seen for a brief period there. The three boys (Orkitok, Olepolos & Osapuk) later showed up back in the Reserve and are currently with the Rehero pride. The female stuck around in the conservancy but disappeared for long time, making a brief reappearance mid last year. She is now showing herself once again in Ol Kinyei.

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