

# PREDATOR POST

## LION TAILS OMC - FIFTH EDITION



Updates by the Mara Predator Conservation Programme on lions in Olare Motorogi Conservancy



### Hammerkop pride

The Hammerkop Pride, named after the Hammerkop stream in Olare Motorogi Conservancy was previously seen regularly around the OMC airstrip and Enoo-Morijo Rivulet. There was a brief controlled livestock grazing in August around the OMC airstrip and the Old Iseketa Bomas, south of Motorogi. This controlled grazing prompted these lions to move westward past the Iseketa escarpment before settling around Olempalakai within Olare Motorogi Conservancy. This pride now has nine dependent sub-adults and three adult females. The Rekeru Breakaway males called Blackie2 and Lipstick2, controlled this pride and have sired these cubs. We have not seen these males with the pride since a couple of young males showed up a few months ago now. We have however sighted Blackie2 alone just inside the Reserve, mating with one of the Engoyanai females.

### Engoyanai pride

The Engoyanai pride has recently been spending time by Llyok Camp, Mara Kempinski, and Porini camp within OMC and Double Cross area in the National Reserve. Naiborr, one of the original adult females of the Engoyanai pride has largely been spending time with youngsters and the dependent sub-adults. The previous girls of Engoyanai's fourth generation, which moved out of the main pride are spending their time within the Double-crossing area and are occasionally seen together with Engoyanai's main pride with the youngsters. Lorpapit and Olbarnoti still control this pride. These two males are old and getting weaker, and it is time that the pride gets a new coalition with fresh blood.





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## Oldikdik pride

This pride has been quite elusive, and we have not been able to find them for a while. This is largely because these lions have been spending most of their time in the Northern part of the Iseketa escarpment (Engoyanai Area) which is quite a difficult terrain for accessibility. Reports from guides indicate that they have occasionally been seen between Richards Camp, OMC Engoyanai rangers post, Iseketa escarpment, and Enchorro naiborr, which is part of the Offbeat pride's territory in Mara North Conservancy. We will be putting a lot of effort into finding this pride in the upcoming weeks so that we can get proper ID's of the youngsters before they disperse.

## Sankai pride

The Sankai pride, which was formed from dispersing daughters of the old Moniko females, are still controlled by the four Offbeat males. There are currently five adult females and at least 15 youngsters from two different age sets. They are regularly sighted around the Kicheche stream, the new Maa Trust offices, and our Predator Hub during their active periods, but spend most of their time at the Iseketa Escarpment during the day, only coming out from early evening. They have quietly been heard roaring around the Predator Hub and the adjacent areas.



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## Jesse

This famous older male lion was originally from the Cheli Pride in Mara North Conservancy and he and his brother Frank, who disappeared, previously controlled the Offbeat Pride. Jesse left the Offbeat pride after Frank's disappearance and was later found in the National Reserve, where he has been trying his luck with different females. We caught up with him recently in OMC before he ventured back to the Reserve. Jesse has tried a few times to partner up with other males without success and he has still not found a pride to control. He is still in quite good health and has recently been seen hanging around Olbarnoti.

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