

# PREDATOR POST

LION TAILS MNC - FOURTH EDITION

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

## Iseketa males

The Iseketa born males, who we named the Offbeat males as they first took over the Offbeat pride when they ventured into MNC, are trying to control the Serian and the Cheli core prides. They are not doing a good job however, and the Cheli pride has lost small cubs and a large cub to intruding males. All four males are still in good form, however.



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## Serian Pride (Cheli Breakaway's)

This pride has not yet been able to raise any cubs to independence since the pride was formed. They have recently given birth to a new set of cubs and we hope that the Iseketa males will do a proper job this time in protecting the pride.



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## Cheli Core Pride

The four adult females of the Cheli pride lost all their cubs who were born towards the very end of 2019, and Amber, the oldest MNC lion, recently had one of her cubs killed from a recent litter. There are two large cubs remaining, one male and one female, from the mid-2019 litters.



## Chumvi

A solitary Cheli lioness called Chumvi is being seen again. She has two cubs in the Cheli core area.





## Offbeat pride

The main Offbeat pride consists of four adult females and 7 cubs of two different age sets. The two pride males and the father of the cubs are Olekiti and Olerai, who were born into the Oololaimutia pride in the Reserve. It seems that these two are more or less resident in the MNC's Offbeat area.



## Oldikdik pride

Early this year, in the company of Olekiti and Olerai, the Oldikdik pride, which is a breakaway pride from the Engoyanai pride, moved into the Enchoro Naibor area of MNC from Olare-Motorogi Conservancy (OMC), and have been there more or less ever since, only occasionally revisiting OMC. Enchoro Naibor is part of the Offbeat pride home range and the two prides have conflicted with each other.







## Engoyanai subs

Five out of six dispersing males from the Engoyanai pride have quite recently shown up in the Offbeat area. Time will soon tell if Olekiti and Olerai will be able to fend them off.



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