

PREDATOR POST

LION TAILS NABOISHO - SEVENTH EDITION

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

R.I.P. Simaloi

It is with great sadness that we report the death of the solitary Enesikiria female Simaloi. Besides the Sampu Enkare female Esiriwua, Simaloi was the last remaining Enesikiria female who was born before Naboisho Conservancy was established and we started our lion monitoring there. Estimated to be born in 2009, Simaloi managed to raise three sets of offspring to independence. Her only daughter who became resident in Naboisho Conservancy was Isina, who died earlier this year. We found Simaloi one morning with a broken spine and based on the evidence she was most likely killed by other lions.

R.I.P. Simaloi, you will be missed



Enesikiria pride

Jasmina and Akilah still have all their six cubs and are going great. Often associated with the Rongai males, they seem to be staying out of harm's way. The four sub-adult Enesikiria females are staying by themselves but we hope that they will join their mothers and the rest of the pride in due course.

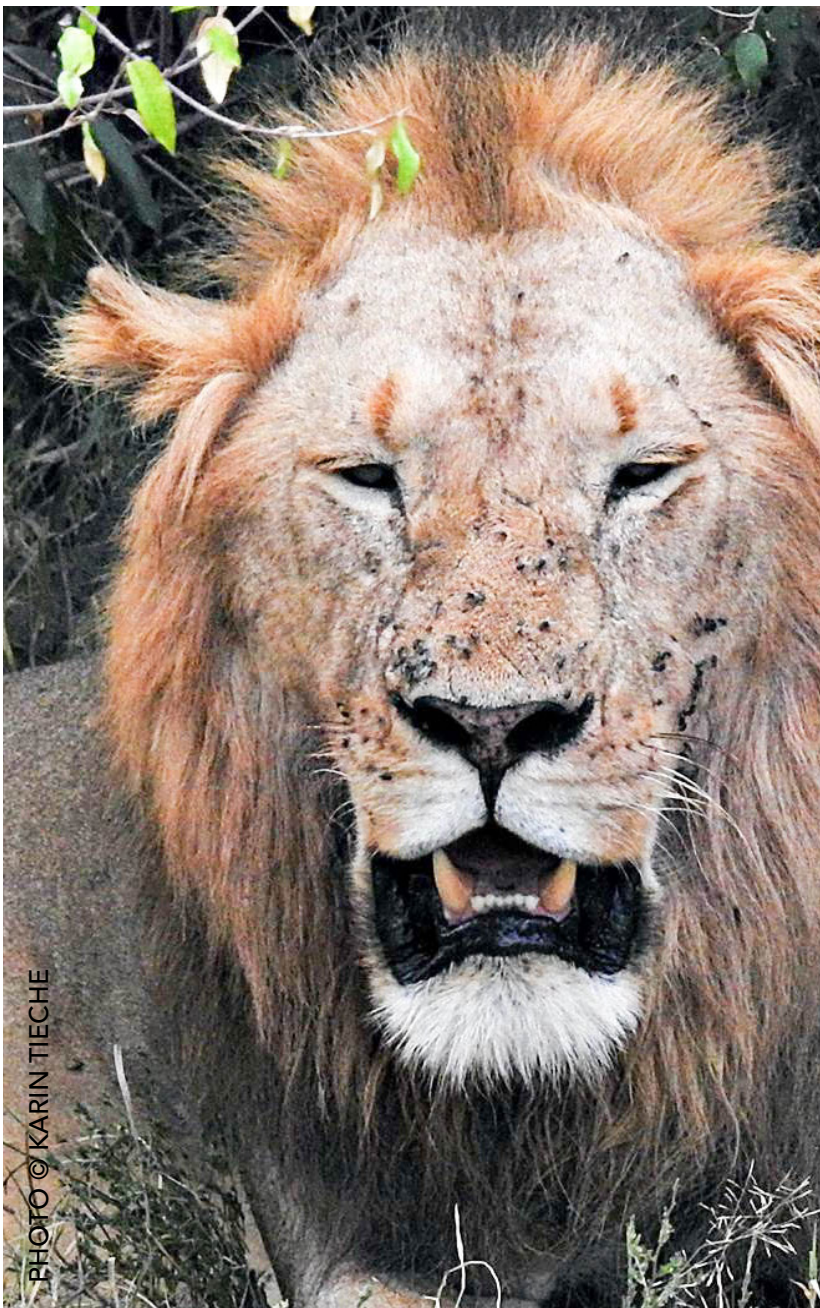
Ilkisiusiu pride

Split into two groups, the Ilkisiusiu pride has a total of 11 cubs. They are also doing well, also under the protection of the three Rongai males.



Ololoimataia born males

Two new males showed up a few months ago in Naboisho Conservancy, who we ID'ed as being born into the Ololoimataia pride in the Reserve. Originally part of a group of seven born in May 2015, these two separated from the rest of the group and were occupying the Keekerok area for a spell before moving north. In Naboisho, they have been seen with the Sampu Enkare pride and the Enesikiria sub-adult females.





Iseketa dispersing males

Six brothers dispersed from the Iseketa pride in Olare-Motorogi Conservancy earlier this year. One of them was a collaring candidate for MPCP's collaring program. Unfortunately, they all disappeared before we had a chance to deploy a collar. In October, two of the males showed up in Naboisho, and we were lucky to deploy a collar on one of the males. They are still in the conservancy but are on the move.



Visiting nomads

Two very young sub-adult males made their appearance in Naboisho close to the Osilale ranger station. We have not yet been able to ID them, but they must have come from either the Reserve, Siana or Olarro conservancies.



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