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

Iseketa males

Oronkai, Osidai and Ntui seem only to be controlling the Serian pride, while Saruni has become more of a solitary male. He occasionally joins his brothers, but the Serian females are not showing much tolerance towards Saruni, when he is around. It finally appears that the Iseketa males might actually protect their offspring this time and help raise them to independence.







Serian Pride

Only one cub survived from their 2020 litter, and she is now 16 months old. She will be the pride's first cub to reach independence since they broke away from the Cheli pride and settled as the Serian pride. The pride also has seven cubs who range between 3-6 months in age. Nairoshi is hiding cubs while Nasarian is pregnant.

Cheli Core Pride

Scarlet and Numba have six cubs between them, who are now around 14 weeks old, while Angavu is still hiding her cubs. Amber has been mating recently and so she is due to give birth in the next three months. The fathers are Olerai and Olekiti, who have completely taken over this pride. Amber's daughter and son from her mid 2019 litter are still around, but the son is living a risky life, trying to stay with the females while staying clear of the males, as they will try to kill him given the chance. The fathers of the two sub-adults are the Iseketa males.



Offbeat pride

This pride is struggling keeping their cubs safe, as the young Engoyanai gang are lurking around. When Olerai and Olekiti are with the Cheli pride, the five males are seen with the Offbeat females. Four adult females are seen on a regular basis, currently with five cubs. Two males and two females from the 2020 litter are also seen with the pride occasionally.







Olerai & Olekiti

The beautiful males, who we refer to as the Croton Island males, were born into the Oloolaimutia (Sopa) pride in 2013. Originally three brothers, they ventured into Olare-Motorogi Conservancy in 2015, and they ended up taking over the Oldikdik pride. In December 2019, they took their pride into the Enchoro Naibor area of Mara North Conservancy, and by January 2020, these two males had pushed off half tail and his unrelated partner, born in the Iseketa pride, and Olerai and Olekiti took over the Offbeat pride. They later expanded their territory, also taking over the Cheli pride.



Engoyanai dispersing males

Originally a dispersing coalition of six males, five of them showed up in MNC in November last year. They went as far as Serian Camp and killed most of the cubs from the pride there and managed to kill a few cubs in other MNC prides as well. They are currently trying their luck with the Offbeat pride when Olerai and Olekiti are not around.



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