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LION TAILS NABOISHO- NINETH EDITION

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

Enesikiria core pride

The main Eneskiria pride have been struggling trying to stay away from the so called Keekerok Nomads. Sadly, one of their two daughters was killed by this male coalition, and so only one daughter and four sons remain. They are otherwise healthy and are now officially sub-adults, just having turned 18 months.



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Enesikiria pride Breakaway group

The four daughters of Akilah, Jasmina & Isina have now been named Namelok (Sweetie), Enchore (Friend), Enteipa (Sunset) and Naisudori (Hiding in the bush). They are usually found south of Encounter Mara Camp. Namelok and Enteipa have six cubs together, who are now six months old, while Naisudori is still hiding her cubs and Enchoro is pregnant.

Ilkisiusiu pride

This pride is the largest pride in the conservancy, with 25 members. Noolamala recently introduced two new cubs to the pride while Nasha and Noonkuta are yet to show off theirs. There are still 15 sub-adults in this pride, many of whom are males. One of these males was found dead one morning and we don't know if he was killed by intruding males or by one of his fathers being too aggressive towards him. Most of the pride spends its time close to Naboisho Camp.



Sampu Enkare Breakaway pride

This pride is also quite large, with 20+ members including the two Maji ya Fisi born pride males who control the pride. The three older adult females Nentubui, Napono and Leyai are with three out of their original five daughters from their 2017 litter. One was confirmed dead while the other disappeared. One female is hiding with new cubs while the five other





adults have 12 cubs together ranging from 8-12 months old. The pride frequently crosses between Naboisho and Ol Kinyei conservancies.





Fig Tree male and partner

The Fig Tree born male from the 2016 litter is still together with his coalition partner whose origin is unknown. The duo is known as the Keekerok Nomads by guides and tourists. They are the fathers of the Enesikira Breakaway pride's cubs and the Sampu Enkare pride's few cubs.

Rongai males

Naboisho Lion Tails would not be complete if this powerful coalition was not mentioned. They are in their prime and keeping busy staying on top of the huge Ilkisiusiu pride. Although most of the youngsters are only just short of 18 months old, the fathers are becoming more aggressive towards their sons.



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