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LION TAILS MNC - SIXTH EDITION

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

Iseketa males

We have now officially documented that the four Iseketa males also are in control of the Oluisukut pride, across the Mara River, who they have cubs with. But it also seems that they are wanting to take back the core Cheli pride and one of the males has been mating with Amber.

Olerai and Olekiti are not being seen that often in recent times and they are no match for the 4 Iseketa boys.





Offbeat Pride

This pride is continuing to have a difficult time because of the Engoyanai males, who are desperately trying to settle with the females. This has forced some of the pride females to utilize the periphery of the pride's home range which is not ideal, and the prey is often scarce there. One of the females from a 2015 litter was killed in a conflict case, as she was predating on livestock. The male offspring from the April 2020 litter are lurking around the conservancy, and we saw one of the young males approaching the Cheli pride but was quickly chased away.

Cheli Core Pride

Scarlet and Numba still have had six cubs between them, who are now around 6 months old, while Angavu has three cubs who are a few months younger. Amber has been mating Oronkai keeping her distance from the pride to keep the Iseketa male at bay. Amber's daughter and son from her mid-2019 litter are still around, and it's surprising that the son is still able to stay with the pride with the pressure from the different male coalitions around.



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Buibui pride

The Buibui pride is finally showing itself again, this time back in MNC. It has been tough times for the 3 adult females (former Chelli lions) after the pride males were killed in 2020 by snares.

All their offspring from the 2019 and 2020 litters have disappeared and now they have new cubs. There is a good chance that the Sankai males from Lemek Conservancy are the fathers.



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