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Updates by the Mara Predator Conservation Programme on lions in Olare Motorogi Conservancy



Engoyanai Pride

The pride has been doing well and successfully raising cubs from three different age sets. The two Fig Tree males, Nyekundu and Osupat are still controlling this pride. These lions have been roaming between Porini Lion Camp, Rocky Crossing, Kempinski Olare Camp Oldikdik Crossing, Hammerkop Stream, and Amani Mara Camp general areas.

A splinter group of this pride with two adult females and their four sub-adults, two males and two females, can be found north of Loyk Camp and stream towards Olooltepes villages.

The Fig Tree boys are also controlling this breakaway group.

Hamerkop Pride

This pride was established by dispersing females of Sankai Pride and is mostly found around the OMC airstrip area, Oloolmorijo, and Olkuroto general areas. There are currently three adult females with cubs of two different age classes.
The Lemek boys are controlling this pride but we have previously recorded Iseketa dispersing males around the general pride area while the Lemek boys are away on the other side of their large territory.





Oldkidik Pride

This is a small Pride that is currently composed of three adult females and five small cubs about five months old. Their territory ranges around the Engoyanai and Mahali Mzuri general areas and are controlled by the Lemek males.

Iseketa pride

This is one of the peripheral prides within OMC which has its territory extending to community settlement areas.
The current pride composition is three adult females, two sub-males, one sub-adult female, and seven cubs of different sexes. The previously collared female Nengorgor has lost two out of her three cubs from her 2022 litter.
The Lemek born pride males are the fathers and are still controlling this pride. The pride mostly utilises the Motorogi part of the conservancy, but they also spill into Olare.





Moniko-Sankai Pride

This pride was formed by the daughters of the original Moniko Pride. This pride moved to Naboisho Conservancy while their daughters eventually settled and continued the pride as the Sankai pride in OMC on the Iseketa Ridge opposite Kicheche Bush Camp and west of the Predator Hub and OMC HQ.

We previously reported that part of this pride had moved to the National Reserve around the Olkiombo area with their sub-adults. However, this group came back and rejoined the main pride within their original territory around the Iseketa Ridge for a spell.

They moved on again and this time they went further west towards the Muserian area which borders the National Reserve.

Due to high livestock numbers crossing the pride's territory between the Predator Hub, the Maa trust area, and the plains around Kicheche Bush Camp, it has been difficult to sight these lions. The pride males, who were born in Oldikdik pride, moved further west into the National Reserve to the Topi Pride territory and a territorial fight started between these males and the Salas boys controlling the Topi Pride.

The Salas boys successfully pushed the intruding Sankai males away.