

PREDATOR POST

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

Rongai Males

The three Rongai brothers Olowang, Lenkisiu and Oloisula are still holding together as a strong coalition. They are currently residing in the core of the conservancy, mostly centered around the Sampu Enkare pride. Olowang has been mating with Nariku, who is the daughter of the late Esiriwua.

The males have however tried their luck outside the core, and we sighted all three of them in Nashulai conservancy, before they returned to Naboisho, where they have young cubs to protect.



Moliban Pride

This pride consists of the two mature females, Namunyak and Namelok and their eight sub-adults who were born in mid-2022. Namunyak's collar data shows an extensive expansion of their territory towards the south and east, vastly intruding into Ilkisiusiu pride's territory.

The pride has primarily stayed within Naboisho, but recently, they crossed into both community areas and Olerai Conservancy, but luckily no conflicts have been reported. The Koka males are still controlling this pride.

Oloiborrkwe and Kiminati

Oloiborrkwe and Kiminati are a couple of strong looking males. They have expanded their territory to the east and are trying to take over an Ilkisiusiu group of females. They are also moving towards the area bordering the Maji ya Fisi males and there is potential for massive fights to break out. There is overall tremendous pressure focused in the middle sections on the conservancy, and it doesn't seem like a stable situation at all.



Ilkisiusiu pride

Noolamala, who is one of the oldest pride females at 10 years old, is still doing well. She is together with several sub adults from the 2020 litters.

Another sub-group, also with an older female and 2020 litter individuals have settled with the Maji ya Fisi males, who abandoned the Sampu Enkare Breakaway pride. They have produced seven new cubs with this group of females.



Sampu Enkare Breakaway pride

This pride used to divide its time between Naboisho and Ol Kinyei conservancies, but now most of our sightings of them have been within Ol Kinyei Conservancy.

Some of the younger subs have been struggling to survive after the takeover of Ole Cook and Lembalang, and a couple of the young males have been found dead. We are also expecting more cubs from this pride soon.





Sampu Enkare Pride

Lokoman and her two small cubs, together with Nariku and her three 2.5-year-old daughters, are the current make-up of the pride. Nariku is expected to give birth soon.

Lokoman's cubs and the soon to be born cubs are all fathered by the Rongai males.

Enesikiria Pride

Akilah and Jasmina and their daughter from the 2020 litter are doing well despite the pressure from the surrounding prides.

They lost all their cubs from this year however they have moved further south away from their original core territory, although most of the time are seen near the Encounter mara together with the remaining male cub.



Maji ya Fisi Males

Bully and Limpy controlled the Sampu Enkare Breakaway for a while, but they had to give it up in favour of the Ilkisiusiu males Ole Cook and Lambalang. It was all for the best as Bully and Limpy had been with the pride long enough to raise cubs to independence.

The two males have however settled successfully with a group of Ilkisiusiu females who they now have cubs with.



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