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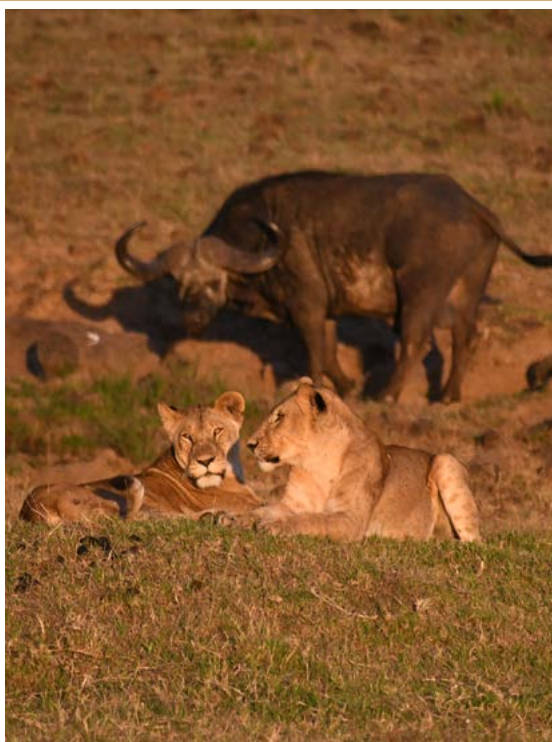
Updates by the Mara Predator Conservation Programme on lions in Olare Motorogi Conservancy

Engoyanai Pride

The pride has been successfully rearing cubs throughout three age groups and has been doing well. These lions are currently composed of 3 adult females, 4 Subs Adults (2 sub males; Kas and Lengogu and 2 Sub adult females) and 7 cubs of two different age sets. Nyekundu and Osupat, the two fig trees males, are still in charge of this Pride.

These lions have been wandering around the general locations of Amani Mara Camp, Kempinski Olare Camp Oldikdik Crossing, Porini Lion Camp, Rocky Crossing, and Hamerkop Stream. This pride, Engoyanai DF4, is split into two adult females and three subadults (1 male and two females) and 2 cubs of approximately 5 – 6 months of age.

The pride is located north of Loyk Camp and flows towards the villages of Olooltepes. Also, in charge of this breakaway satellite, Pride, are the boys from Fig Tree.



Moniko - Sankai Pride

Daughters of the original Moniko Pride, which broke away from its natal pride and established a satellite pride on the Iseketa Ridge, west of the Predator Hub and OMC Rangers headquarters, and across from Kicheche Bush camp, formed this pride. As previously reported, these lions go into hiding in the early hours of the morning and only emerge in the early hours of the night, it has been challenging to spot them due to the large number of animals that cross the pride's territory between the Predator Hub, Maa trust area, and the plains around Kicheche bush camp and during our recently concluded IMS 2023, these lions have very few sighting.

A split group of this pride appears to have migrated further westward and ranges between Muserian area, Oldonyo loip, Zebra plain, Lallashe and Maa Trust general areas. Like their counter Sankai pride, these lions have been difficult to sight because of coming out in the later hours of the evening.

Oldikdik Pride

Six adult females and 11 cubs, who are approximately 3 and 5 months old, make up this pride currently.

Their territory range encompasses the general area of Oloormotonyi, Josephine's camp and Gorge, this pride is also under the control of the Lemek boys.



Hamerkop pride

Females from Sankai Pride were dispersed to form this Pride; they are primarily located in the general areas of Olkuroto, Oloolmorijo, and the OMC airstrip.

Right now, there are three adult females that have two different demographic groups of cubs of 4 cubs who are around 1 year old and 3 of around 5 months old. The Lemek boys are also controlling this pride.



Iseketa pride

With its territory extending to community settlement areas, this is one of OMC's peripheral prides. The pride is currently comprised of 4 Adult Females, 2 Sub adults males (Ledama and Leteipa) who are about 3 years of age and 7 subs who are around 1 year of age; 3 Males and 4 Females.

The current litter of cubs is fathered by the Lemek boys. These lions have been utilizing the Motorogi side of the conservancy and due to the recently controlled grazing around Motorogi, these lions have shifted their territory southwards around Andy's Road.



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