

ENONKISHU

CONSERVANCY

HIGHLIGHTS FROM JAN-MAR 2021:

- There were four sightings of the seven wild dogs throughout the quarter, with the last observation made on 20 February (Figure 1).
- Kizaru spent the majority of the quarter in neighboring conservancies but made an appearance in Enonkishu near the end of March (Figure 2).
- Lion dynamics have been complicated throughout the quarter with a sub-group of 2 lionesses and four older cubs being the primary lions seen (Figure 3).
- There were ten leopard sightings throughout the quarter, three of which were confirmed to be a female named “Enkishui” by a resident guide in October.
- Bushmeat snaring and “poaching” events have been on the rise throughout the Mara conservancies, with more tactical joint patrols and snare sweeps occurring throughout the quarter.
- Olive trees continue to be stolen from Block 13, along the Mara River. Efforts were made to distribute seedballs in an effort to reforest the area (Figure 4).
- Ten calves were weaned and thirty-four calves were born to Herds for Growth, sixteen of which were born throughout the month of February and a new Boran bull was purchased for the Herd (Figure 5).
- The fifth Northern Mara Vaccination campaign vaccinated 1444 cats, dogs, and donkeys 12-13 February, stretching across wild dog habitat to minimize transmission (Figure 6).
- A major renovation to Chali Chali ranger outpost began (Figure 7).
- The first quarterly meeting of Enonkishu’s new management company took place in January (Figure 8).
- Tsetse fly targets have only been maintained throughout the last quarter, but careful records of treatments administered are being kept to share with the KENTTEC team.
- Construction on the Fairmont road as well as three culverts in the conservancy began to make the conservancy more accessible to visitors (Figure 9).
- Monitoring of electrocutions along newly installed power lines has begun (Figure 10).



Figure 1. Seven wild dogs observed near the hilltop on 6 February. Photo by Lippa Wood.



Figure 2. Kizaru, overseeing her conservancy from a murrum pit perch on 23 March 2021 .



Figure 3. Group of 2 lionesses and 4 older cubs killed a young giraffe on 24 March. Photo by Ninian Lewis.



Figure 4. Rangers ready to distribute Olive seedballs in an area of the conservancy that has been deforested on 8 March. Dung piles were targeted for easy monitoring of germination, with the majority of seedballs dispersed in ideal habitat.



Figure 5. (Left) The calf kindergarten eagerly awaiting their mothers' return at the end of a full day of grazing. (Right) New bull joined Herds for Growth on 11 January.



Figure 6. The vaccination campaign on 12-13 February extended into Pardamat Conservation Area and surrounding communities. Ten animals were sterilized at Mara Training Centre. *Photo provided by Ninian Lewis*



Figure 7. New construction at ranger outpost Chali Chali, including 2 bedrooms and piping water closer to the living quarters.



Figure 8. First quarterly board meeting for the new management company of Enonkishu Conservancy, building a foundation for transparency and strong governance.



Figure 9. Newly installed culvert connecting Enonkishu to neighboring conservancy for all-weather access.



Figure 10. (Left) New power line poles extending into the conservancy. (Right) Rangers recording an incident of an electrocuted white stork along a power line.