

ENONKISHU

CONSERVANCY

HIGHLIGHTS FROM JAN-MAR 2021:

- Wild dogs made appearances three times throughout the quarter, one group of at least four in May, and another two males seen twice in June (Figure 1).
- Kisaru, a female cheetah who put Enonkishu on the map after raising 6 cubs in 2019, spent the majority of the quarter in neighboring conservancies but made an appearance in our conservancy near the end of June (Figure 2).
- Barikoi, a male lion leading the “Enonkishu pride” continues to remain in Enonkishu and was seen mating a lioness in mid-April (Figure 3).
- Rainfall dropped throughout the quarter with only half the rainfall of Q2 2020, and Q1 2021, marking our first official dry season since 2018, and the first time the grass has dried out since then.
- Thirteen calves were weaned, thirty-three were born, 16 cull cows were sold (Figure 4), and the Herds for Growth herd lost a bull due to MCF.
- The vaccination of domestic animals from rabies was completed by Dr. Ezra Saitoti, who filled in the gaps of the targeted habitat of wild dogs and stretched the vaccination zone into Transmara (Figure 5).
- Rangers participated in a joint patrol with neighboring conservancies, Kenya Wildlife Service, and Mara Elephant Project (Figure 6).
- 72% of conservancy members have signed a 15 year lease, providing passive yet stable income to their families to set aside their land for conservation and eco-tourism (Figure 7).
- Road work was completed by the end of the quarter, with three new culverts and the forest road to Mara Safari Club now open (Figure 8).
- Four kilometers of fenceline, funded by a generous corporate donation to reduce human-elephant conflict, were constructed along the northern boundary of the conservancy (Figure 9).
- Uniforms and torches were distributed to Enonkishu, Ol Chorro, and Lemek conservancies through a corporate CSR donation (Figure 10).



Figure 1. Four wild dogs observed near the base of the hill in May 2021. *Photo by Lippa Wood.*



Figure 2. Kisaru on 17 June near Ol Chorro boundary. *Photo by Lara Leakey.*



Figure 3. Barikoi and his lady friend on 19 April 2021.



Figure 4. Cow 2293 upon purchase in Mar 2018, purchased at KES 20,800 (L); and sale in Jun 2021 when she sold for KES 50,000 (R)



Figure 5. Dr. Ezra Saitoti and team were supported by Kenya Wildlife Trust and VSF Germany to fill in the gaps from the two day vaccination campaign in February.



Figure 6. Joint patrol on 22 June 2021 with Mara Elephant Project, KWS, OI Chorro, and Enonkishu conservancies.



Figure 7. 72% of Enonkishu's members signed a 15 year lease on 21 May 2021.



Figure 8. The new culverts in Enonkishu have been completed, allowing all weather access to many areas that have been cut off by flooded roads.



Figure 9. Elephant fence construction along conservancy's northern boundary.



Figure 10. Distribution of uniforms and torches in Enonkishu (top) and neighboring OI Chorro (bottom) conservancies.



Figure 11. Distribution of uniforms in Lemek Conservancy by CEO of corporation the donation came from.