

HIGHLIGHTS FROM JUL-SEP 2020:

- ◆ Four young female wild dogs made repeated appearances in the conservancy on 23 July and 24 September (Figure 1).
- ◆ A mini-pride of nine lions, including adult male Barikoi, were frequently seen in Enonkishu throughout the quarter including a thrilling waterhole survey in September (Figure 2)
- ◆ Kisaru and her six cubs visited Enonkishu as a whole family for the last time in July. Shortly after, three cubs have disappeared, although she has returned with the remaining three (Figure 3)
- ◆ Wildlife has returned to the core of the conservancy after a lull in heavy rainfall and more intensive livestock grazing reduced the height of the grass
- ◆ Nearly 100 olive trees were stolen from the edge of the river in Block 13 (Figure 4)
- ◆ Two giraffe were killed in unfortunate accidents where they got their necks caught in the fork of a tree. One elephant also died of natural causes along Enonkishu's northern boundary (Figure 5)
- ◆ A martial eagle was tagged in Enonkishu by Mara Raptor project in September (Figure 6)
- ◆ Fifteen calves were weaned in the Herds for Growth, two of which were orphaned during the lion incident in January 2020 (Figure 7)
- ◆ On several occasions, supporting enterprises met with members of the conservancy to develop a lease which will be registered for 15 years!
- ◆ An English as a second language class has been meeting at Mara Training Centre for employees of Enonkishu's supporting enterprises (Figure 8)
- ◆ Ranger appreciation day was 31 July (Figure 9)
- ◆ Running water was provided to a ranger camp near the conservancy office
- ◆ The MARaThon training has begun for Naretoi and Enonkishu relay teams comprised of runners prepared to run 12.5 km across five conservancies 12 December 2020 (Figure 11)



Figure 1. The “Gang of Four” wild dogs seen in Enonkishu on 24 September, and throughout the quarter. *Photo by Lippa Wood.*



Figure 2. Barikoi is now wandering around Enonkishu . *Photo by Laurent Scharapan.*



Figure 3. Kisaru and her six cubs the last time they were observed in Enonkishu all together on 31 July 2020.



Figure 4. Some of the olive trees cut down in Block 13 along the Mara River.



Figure 5. In July, two giraffe were strangled when their heads were stuck in the fork of trees. The first incident occurred near Memusi dam (L) while the second incident occurred in Block 9 three weeks later (R).



Figure 6. Enonkishu's 2N, a young adult female Martial eagle who has now been fitted with a band and tracking device.



Figure 7. Two calves that were orphaned after the lion incident in January 2020 were weaned this quarter.



Figure 8. Enonkishu ranger (a) at his first day of classes. ESL classes (b) have been meeting at MTC since late August.



Figure 9. Ranger Appreciation Day was celebrated on 31 July with nyama choma and a brief parade at the new Safari Gate camp. Enonkishu rangers were supplied with a gift packet to send home to their families.



Figure 10. Running water at Camp Shannock was at long last completed this quarter.



Figure 11. Employees from Naretai and Enonkishu on the first training run of 2020, preparing for the inaugural Ultra MARathon in December.