

ENONKISHU

CONSERVANCY

HIGHLIGHTS FROM OCT-DEC 2020:

- Sightings of wild dogs in Enonkishu have been frequent as our “gang of four” joined up with some males from the Pardamat pack (Figure 1).
- Kisaru’s three surviving cubs separated from her on 18 October (Figure 2). Herders have reported that Kisaru gave birth to three new cubs on the northern boundary of the conservancy around 15 December. A new (to us) male cheetah has been making appearances in Enonkishu.
- Adult male lion Barikoi has been seen among his typical pride of nine lions that have been sticking to Enonkishu throughout 2020 (Figure 3).
- Grey Crowned crane numbers increased drastically during the quarter, as has been noticed in December of previous years (Figure 4).
- 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 (Figure 5).
- The harvesting of Olive trees from a neighbor’s land adjacent to the conservancies (Figure 6) has spurred further negotiations in protecting 800 acres.
- Twelve calves were weaned and eleven calves were born to Herds for Growth and the target of 300 head by the end of the year was achieved on 26 December 2020 (Figure 8).
- In early October, the team from KENTTEC returned to test our livestock for Trypanosomiasis strains (Figure 9). Herd managers switched medications and treatment plan to account for a strain we were unaware had infected the cattle.
- The new Bingham ranger camp just inside Naretoi’s Safari Gate was completed in October (Figure 10).
- The worst parts of the black cotton road from Safari Gate up to the Nampaso settlement was repaired with murram (Figure 11).
- ESL classes for employees of the conservancy and supporting enterprises continued throughout the quarter, meeting in the Wild Shamba when the Eco camp was occupied.
- A football tournament was held at Kaelo’s homestead prior to the partial return of students to school in early October (Figure 12).
- Throughout the quarter, rangers from Naretoi and Enonkishu trained for the inaugural Ultra MARAthon that took place on 12 December (Figure 13).



Figure 1. Seven wild dogs observed in Ol Chorro near Enonkishu’s boundary on 7 December. *Photo by Howard Saunders*



Figure 2. . Kisaru in November 2020. *Photo by Laurent Scharapan.*



Figure 4. Barikoi near the wetland across from the Naretoi fence. *Photo by Laurent Scharapan.*



Figure 5. Grey-crowned crane flock below Memusi dam. Photo by Ninian Lewis.



Figure 6. Joint patrol including KWS, MEP, Ol Chorro, Lemek, and Mara North rangers on 14 October 2020.



Figure 7. 210 posts from *Olea africana* seized from Samson Nampaso's land in late November 2020.



Figure 8. Male calf born to E107 born on 26 December, bringing the total number of Herds for Growth to 300.



Figure 9. KENTTEC team examining blood to determine prevalence of each *Trypanosomiasis* strain.



Figure 10. New Bingham camp at Safari Gate officially opened in October 2020



Figure 11. Kisaru's three remaining cubs taking a stroll down the new murram track past the Naretoi fence corner.



Figure 12. Enonkishu management with youth from the surrounding community, making up the Enonkishu football club.



Figure 13. Enonkishu relay team escorting an Enonkishu herder as he completed the entire 50 km race!