



Game Report



A caracal and her kitten by Gareth Nuttall-Smith

MalaMala Game Reserve
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THE MONTH'S WEATHER SUMMARY					
Temperature					
Celsius (°C)			Fahrenheit (°F)		
	Actual	Average		Actual	Average
Maximum	40.5	31	Maximum	105	88
Minimum	16.1	20	Minimum	60.9	69
Rainfall					
Millimetres		Inches		Days of rain	
101.8		4		13	

TOTAL SIGHTINGS	
Lion	96
Leopard	160
Elephant	185
Buffalo	98
Cheetah	0
Cape Hunting Dog	14

**Sightings are tallied by day and not by drive. E.g., an individual leopard seen during the morning and afternoon drive on the same day is regarded as a single sighting.*

KILL STATS	
Lion	1 wildebeest, 1 buffalo, 1 giraffe, 1 impala
Leopard	15 impala, 1 scrub hare
Cheetah	No recorded kills
Cape Hunting Dog	5 impala, 1 scrub hare

**AGES ARE APPROXIMATIONS*

LION PRIDES

THE KAMBULA PRIDE = 18

1 ADULT FEMALE	± 10 YEARS 9 MONTHS
4 ADULT FEMALES	± 5 YEARS 8 MONTHS
9 CUBS	1 YEAR 3 MONTHS
1 CUB	1 YEAR 1 MONTH
3 CUBS	0 YEARS 8 MONTHS

MALAMALA, FLOCKFIELD, NORTHERN CHARLESTON

(17 sightings)

From this month forward, the group previously referred to as 'the bulk of the pride' will retain the name Kambula, while the 'estranged lionesses' are now referred to as the Ntesvu pride; they have their own section in the report. A detailed blog on the separation of the pride and the choice of the new name can be found on the MalaMala website.

We received higher than average rainfall this month, so this pride made use of more of their territory. Thus, we saw less of them than usual.

Noteworthy sightings:

- On the 6th, they were seen in the Sand River south of Sandpit Crossing, where they had a standoff with a hippopotamus.
- Five lionesses and only 12 cubs were found east of the Sand River opposite Rattray's Camp on the 7th, while the 13th cub was found inside the fence of Rattray's camp. He found his way out and joined the pride later that afternoon.
- On the 10th, they were joined by the two Ndhzenga males at Mamba Waterhole.
- On the 15th, they were joined by the two Ndhzenga males south of Vulture Waterhole, where all 20 individuals roared together.
- One female and six cubs were north of Styx Crossing the next day. The rest of the pride were further north, near Maurice's Pan.
- On the 17th, they were all together again east of the Tamboti Thickets and had moved further south to the Kapen Breakfast spot on the 18th, where the two Ndhzenga males were also seen.
- On the last day of the month, the pride and one Ndhzenga male had an impala kill north of Rattray's Camp.

THE NTSEVU PRIDE = 6

2 ADULT FEMALES

11 YEARS 0 MONTHS

1 ADULT FEMALE

± 10 YEARS 9 MONTHS

3 CUBS

0 YEARS 4 MONTHS

MARTHLY, SOUTHWESTERN EYREFIELD & NORTHWESTERN MALAMALA

(31 sightings)

The Kambula pride has been split in two with three of the original lionesses and the three cubs adopting the name of the pride used by our neighbours. For the last four months these lions have been seen regularly in the area of Campbell Koppies (used as a den site), Mlowathi Koppies and the lower reaches of the Mlowathi River and Piccadilly Pans. This month was no different with the pride mostly been seen in this general area.

Noteworthy sightings:

- From the 1st to the 3rd, the pride fed on a wildebeest kill north of Fred's Tree.
- On the 5th, the largest of the three females was seen at Mlowathi Dam Crossing, while the other two females and three cubs were in the Mlowathi River north of Lower Mlowathi Crossing.
- The three lionesses were with one Ndhzenga male at Mlowathi Dam on the 6th.
- Two of the lionesses returned to the cubs south of Lower Mlowathi Crossing the next day. They were joined by the third lioness on the 8th and remained in this area until the 10th.
- Two lionesses and the cubs were at Manyeleti Crossing on the 11th.
- On the 14th, one lioness was with a Ndhzenga male to the north of Elephant Rock.
- The three cubs were south of Lower Mlowathi Crossing on the morning of the 22nd. They were joined by the three lionesses and the two Ndhzenga males that afternoon and remained in that area until the 23rd.
- On the 24th, the three lionesses were seen with the Ndhzenga males in the Sand River in front of MalaMala Camp while the cubs remained in the area they had been in previous days.
- On the morning of the 25th, the three cubs were alone east of the Causeway, by the afternoon, the adults and Ndhzenga males collected them, and all the lions rested at the Broken Dam.
- On the 26th, two lionesses with the cubs were south of Plank's Pan. The other lioness was seen mating with one of the Ndhzenga males north of Lower Mlowathi Crossing.
- On the 29th, one lioness was at Lower Mlowathi Crossing, while the rest of the pride was at Fred's Tree.
- The whole pride and one Ndhzenga male were at the Mlowathi Spot on the 31st.

THE NKUHUMA PRIDE = 18

1 ADULT FEMALE

10 YEARS 8 MONTHS

3 ADULT FEMALES

± 7 YEARS 7 MONTHS

2 YOUNG ADULT FEMALES

± 4 YEARS 9 MONTHS

1 YOUNG ADULT MALE

4 YEARS 3 MONTHS

7 SUB-ADULTS (3 FEMALES & 4 MALES)

± 2 YEARS 11 MONTHS

CENTRAL & EASTERN EYREFIELD

(1 sighting)

One lioness from the Nkushima pride was seen on the 3rd at Clarendon Dam.

THE MARTHLY PRIDE = 1

1 ADULT FEMALE

MARTHLY

(0 sightings)

5 YEARS 0 MONTHS

This lioness wasn't seen for yet another month. With the Ntsevu pride occupying the areas she frequented, she has shifted further west. From next month this lioness will feature in "**Other Lions**".

THE SAND RIVER PRIDE = 5

2 ADULT FEMALES

1 ADULT FEMALE

1 SUB-ADULT FEMALE

1 SUB ADULT FEMALE

SOUTHERN CHARLESTON

(4 sighting)

± 5 YEARS 8 MONTHS

4 YEARS 2 MONTHS

3 YEARS 7 MONTHS

2 YEARS 7 MONTHS

With the arrival of the Nkuhlu males, the Sand River pride has experienced much disruption. In their takeover, the Nkuhlu males killed two adult females and several cubs. Five members of the pride remain in their original territory, two adult lionesses and three younger lionesses, who have accepted the new males.

This month, five lionesses from the Sand River pride were seen in Ingwe Donga, with two Nkuhlu males on the 9th. Four of the lionesses were with three Nkuhlu males in the Sand River opposite Beaumont's Camp on the 28th. Overnight, they pushed the Styx Pride off a giraffe kill and spent the rest of the month around the giraffe kill on the western ramp of Calabash Crossing with the Nkuhlu males.

THE TORCHWOOD PRIDE = 26

7 ADULT FEMALES

6 ADULT FEMALES

7 SUB-ADULTS

6 CUBS

EASTERN EYREFIELD

(0 sightings)

UNKNOWN AGES

± 7 YEARS 11 MONTHS

± 3 YEARS 6 MONTHS

±1 YEAR 2 MONTHS

This pride was not seen this month.

MALE LIONS

THE NDHZENGA MALES = 2

1 ADULT MALE

± 9 YEARS 1 MONTH

1 ADULT MALE

± 8 YEARS 8 MONTHS

WESTERN MALAMALA, FLOCKFIELD & CHARLESTON

Dominant over the Kambula.

First Encountered on MalaMala September 2020

(28 sightings)

These males have their work cut out for them moving between their two prides. They spent much of their time with the Ntsevu pride this month. On 11 days, they were seen with the Ntsevu pride; they were with the Kambula pride on three days. They also seem to be making a habit of stealing kills from leopards (detailed below).

Noteworthy sightings:

- On the 2nd and 3rd, these two males were seen north of Campbell Koppies.
- On the 4th, one male was north of the Airstrip, and he climbed a tree to attempt to retrieve the remains of an impala carcass.
- On the 10th, they were seen with the members of the Kambula pride at Mamba Waterhole.
- On 14th, a male stole a kill from the Piccadilly female south of Elephant Rock Lookout.
- On the 15th, both males met up with the members of the Kambula pride north of Hyena Waterhole and spent the early evening roaring with all 18 members of the pride.
- On the 16th and 17th, they were at Lower Mlowathi Crossing, with the Ntsevu pride.
- They moved south on the 18th and were with the Kambula pride at the Kapen Breakfast Spot.
- On the 22nd, they joined the members of the Ntsevu pride south of Lower Mlowathi Crossing.
- On the 24th, both males were with the Ntsevu pride at the confluence of the three rivers. Mating behaviour was observed between one male and one female.
- One Ndhzenge male moved to the Airstrip on the 26th, while his brother was with one of the lionesses from the Ntsevu pride north of Lower Mlowathi Crossing.
- On the 27th, one male was found resting under a tree that held the remains of a hoisted impala. Unbeknown to him, five leopards were also in this area (see the section on the 'SIBUYE FEMALE').
- On the 29th, one of the males stole an impala kill from the Sibuye female in the Mlowathi River north of Mlowathi Dam.
- One male was north of Piccadilly Pans on the 30th. While the second male was with the Ntsevu pride north of Mlowathi Koppies.

THE NORTHERN AVOCA MALE = 1

1 ADULT MALE

± 10 YEARS 9 MONTHS

EYREFIELD

First encountered in late 2019.

(0 sightings)

This male lion was not seen this month.

THE SOUTHERN AVOCA MALE = 1

1 ADULT MALE

± 11 YEARS 1 MONTH

NOMADIC

First encountered on MalaMala Game Reserve

(2 sightings)

This older male was seen twice this month, on the 12th, he fed on the remains of a buffalo calf near Charleston Rock. He was still in the same area on the 15th.

THE BLACK DAM MALES = 2

2 ADULT MALES

± 6 YEARS 6 MONTHS

EYREFIELD

First encountered on MalaMala Game Reserve in 2022

(2 sightings)

On the 19th, the two Black Dam males were seen digging in a termite mound to the west of 4-Ways Open Area. Although we did not see them dig up anything, the following day and on close inspection the signs suggested they were successful in digging up a warthog overnight. They were in the same area again on the 22nd.

OTHER LIONS ENCOUNTERED:

- **NKHULU MALES** (6 sightings) – Most sightings of these males were with members of the Sand River pride (see above). Two males were seen alone on the 20th at Elephant Alley.
- **KNP MALES** (1 sighting) – On the 4th, these males rested on Clarendon Dam wall.
- **STYX PRIDE** (3 sightings) – Six members of the Styx Pride were seen at the far southwest corner of MalaMala on the 26th. On the 28th, the pride had a large male giraffe kill on the western ramp of Calabash crossing. Overnight, they had been pushed off their kill by the Sand River pride and Nkuhlu males, and they were north of Pole in the Road (29th).

THE TOTAL NUMBER OF LIONS ENCOUNTERED	(16 cubs)
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LEOPARDS
FEMALE LEOPARDS:

THE ISLAND FEMALE
CUB

11 YEARS 1 MONTH
0 YEARS 3 MONTHS

WESTERN FLOCKFIELD, SOUTHERN MALAMALA

Daughter of the Tamboti female[†], independent first quarter of 2015.

Mother of the Drum Crossing female.

(14 sightings, 13 of female, 1 of female and cub, 0 of cub)

Unfortunately, it appears the Island female has lost another cub. They were only seen together once this month, on the 1st, sharing an impala kill at Flockfield Lookout. The next day, she was alone at West Street Bridge. On the 4th, she was near her den, north of Donald's Crossing, calling for her cub. She spent the following two days searching incessantly in the area. She was at Donald's Crossing on the 9th and 10th. On the rainy morning of the 12th, she had a fresh impala kill south of Donald's Crossing but lost it to hyenas. On the 13th, she patrolled north of West Street Bridge, reaching Paddy's Pools the next day. She returned west on the 15th and was at Buffalo Pans. On the 22nd, she was at Styx Crossing. On the 27th, she was with Maxim's male near Rattray's Camp, encountering the Kambula pride further south in Flockfield Drift. Finally, on the 29th, she was back on West Street Bridge.

THE PICCADILLY FEMALE
MALE CUB

10 YEARS 2 MONTHS
1 YEAR 2 MONTHS

WESTERN EYREFIELD, MARTHLY

Daughter of the Kikilezi female[†], independent first quarter of 2016.

Mother of the Ngungwe female.

(21 sightings, 9 of female, 10 of female and cub, 2 of cub)

On the 2nd, the Piccadilly female and her cub were together at Mlowathi River, sharing an impala kill until the next day. They reunited with the Flat Rock male near Elephant Rock on the 7th, then were spotted at Bicycle Crossing on the 10th. However, the cub was later seen alone at Elephant Rock. They shared another impala kill east of Elephant Rock on the 13th, which was stolen by a Ndhzenga male. On the 15th, a territorial dispute with the Tlebe Rocks female near Fred's Tree was disrupted by passing elephants. On the 18th, she was alone west of Mlowathi Pans, and on the 20th in the western parts of Piccadilly Triangle. Between the 22nd and 26th, she moved between Piccadilly Triangle and Lower Mlowathi Crossing, accompanied by her cub for the first two days. On the 27th, she encountered a male lion defending a hoisted impala near a carcass (see 'SIBUYE FEMALE'). The Piccadilly female had an impala kill on the northern bank of the Manyeleti River on the 28th, and both she and her cub were present the following day. On the last day of the month, the duo had an impala ram kill stolen by Cape hunting dogs near MalaMala Camp.

THE SIBUYE FEMALE**2 CUBS (1 MALE, 1 FEMALE)**

WESTERN EYREFIELD

*Daughter of the Kikilezi female[†], independent first quarter of 2016.**Mother of the Tlebe Rocks female, Langa female & Xaxa male.*

(20 sightings, 1 of female, 8 of female and cubs, 11 of the cubs)

10 YEARS 2 MONTHS

1 YEAR 0 MONTHS

Sightings of the Sibuye female and her cubs occurred mainly around Mlowathi Dam. On the 3rd, the cubs were with the Ngoboswan male near the confluence of the Mlowathi River and the Nwana Nonanshemeni Donga. They shared a meal with their mother, north of Mlowathi Dam for the next two days. The cubs were seen separately around Mlowathi Dam on the 7th, 8th, and 10th. On the 12th, 14th, and 15th, all three were together north of Mlowathi Dam. The Sibuye female was alone on the Gowrie Boundary in the Mlowathi River on the 16th, and her cubs were in the Nwana Nonanshemeni Donga on the 21st. On the 27th, near Mlowathi Pans a Ndhzenza male stole their kill and then the Piccadilly female arrived. After some interaction between the females, they separated. On the 28th, the cubs were in the Mlowathi River south of the Gowrie Boundary. On the 29th, all three were with the Ngoboswan male north of Mlowathi Dam when a Ndhzenza male stole their kill. On the 30th, they were north of Mlowathi Dam, and on the 31st, east of Mlowathi Dam.

THE NKOVENI FEMALE**3 CUBS**

WESTERN MALAMALA & SOUTHERN MARTHLI

*Daughter of the Mashaba female, independent early 2014.**Mother of the Plaque Rock female, Xinkhova female, and Stone Drift female.*

(5 sightings, 2 of female, 3 of female and cubs)

11 YEARS 7 MONTHS

2 MONTHS

On the 12th, she was west of the Airstrip with suckle marks. On the 17th, she introduced us to her three six-week-old cubs west of the Airstrip as they shared an impala meal. On the 27th and 28th, she was found, again west of the Airstrip, with her three young cubs, feeding on the remains of another impala.

THE THREE RIVERS FEMALE**CUB/S**

WESTERN FLOCKFIELD, WESTERN MALAMALA

*Daughter of the Kikilezi female[†], orphaned on 22nd May 2017.**Mother of the Nsuku male.*

(8 sightings)

7 YEARS 8 MONTHS

1 MONTH

The Three Rivers female has cubs! We haven't seen them, but she has suckle marks, and from her movements we believe she's denning near Rattray's Camp. On the 18th and 25th she was at Flockfield Camp. Between the 22nd and the 24th she was seen in Rattray's Camp. She had an impala kill in front of Rattray's Camp on the 28th. On the 29th and 31st she was north of Rattray's Camp.

THE TLEBE ROCKS FEMALE**2 CUBS**

6 YEARS 2 MONTHS

1 MONTH

CENTRAL & WESTERN EYREFIELD

Daughter of the Sibuye Female, independent second quarter 2019.

(10 sightings, 9 of female, 1 of female and cubs)

Exciting news for the Tlebe Rocks female as she was seen with two young cubs on the eastern koppie of Campbell Koppies. On the 1st, she was seen east of the Causeway and was at Piccadilly Triangle on the 3rd. The next day, she was seen to the west of Ostrich Koppies with clear suckle marks. She was south of Campbell Koppies on the 10th and 11th. On the 15th, she was south of Fred's Tree with the Piccadilly female (see section on 'PICCADILLY FEMALE' for more information). On the 17th, she was west of Cambell Koppies and was north of the Mlowathi Spot the next day. On the 24th, she was found on top of the eastern koppie of Campbell Koppies with her two new cubs, who are about four weeks old. On the 30th, she was seen with one cub at the den site.

THE XINKHOVA FEMALE

3 YEARS 2 MONTHS

WESTERN MALAMALA & SOUTHERN MARTHLY

Daughter of the Nkoveni female, independent last quarter of 2022.

(0 sightings)

The Xinkhova female was not seen this month.

THE STONE DRIFT FEMALE

3 YEARS 2 MONTHS

WESTERN MALAMALA & SOUTHERN MARTHLY

Daughter of the Nkoveni female, independent last quarter of 2022.

(12 sightings)

We enjoyed 12 days of viewing this female. She was seen along Ngoboswan Donga on the 2nd and 3rd. She was at Maurice's Pan on the 4th and 5th. She was with the Flat Rock male on the 6th, at the Ngoboswan Breakfast Spot. On the 9th and the 15th, she was south of the Airstrip. This female was east of Kikilezihash Crossing on the 16th, near West Street Bridge on the 17th, and with the Flat Rock male at the Confluence of the Three Rivers on the 26th. She was found alone in this area the next day and near Ngoboswan Breakfast Spot on the 28th.

THE PLAQUE ROCK FEMALE

6 YEARS 1 MONTH

WESTERN MALAMALA

Daughter of the Nkoveni female, independent last quarter of 2019.

(5 sightings)

The Plaque Rock female was only seen five times in March. She was at the Old Airstrip on the 3rd and feeding on the remains of an impala kill north of the Airstrip on the 5th. She was back at the Old Airstrip on the 9th and caught a scrub hare at Maxim's Lookout on the 20th. On the 28th, she was near the windsock.

THE LOOKOUT FEMALE

±14 YEARS 2 MONTHS

WESTERN FLOCKFIELD

First encountered on MalaMala Game Reserve in late 2015.

Mother of the Kapen female & the Redhawk male.

(4 sightings)

The Lookout female was seen four times this month. All four sightings of this older leopard were in the Tamboti thickets. Excitingly, she seems to have suckle marks.

MALE LEOPARDS

THE FLAT ROCK MALE

10 YEARS 11 MONTHS

MARTHLY

Son of the Porcupine female. First seen on MalaMala in early 2017.

(17 sightings)

The Flat Rock male was extensively observed this month. He was at Elephant Rock on the 3rd and in the Mlowathi River north of Lower Mlowathi Crossing the next day. On the 6th, he was with the Stone Drift female south of the Ngoboswan Breakfast Spot, returning to Elephant Rock on the 7th. He visited Fred's Tree on the 9th and the Causeway on the 10th, then back near Ngoboswan Breakfast Spot on the 11th. By the 16th, he had moved south in the Mlowathi River. On the 18th, he was around Emsagwen Waterhole. On the 19th, he interacted with the Maxim's male at the Causeway. On the 23rd, he was found feeding on an impala kill in the Manyeleti River. He reunited with the Stone Drift female on the 26th at the Confluence of the Three Rivers and on the 27th, he investigated where the Ndhzenga male had stolen a kill from the Sibuye female near Mlowathi Pans. He was spotted on the eastern ramp of the causeway on the 28th and east of the Ngoboswan Breakfast Spot on the 29th.

THE MAXIM'S MALE

± 9 YEARS 7 MONTHS

*WESTERN FLOCKFIELD & MALAMALA**First seen on MalaMala Game Reserve in early 2019.*

(5 sightings)

We enjoyed five sightings of the Maxim's male. On the 3rd, he was at the Causeway and was at Confluence Crossing on the 10th. On the 19th, he was in the Sand River at Elephant Rock Lookout. He made his way to the Causeway, where he bumped into the Flat Rock male, leading to much rasping and scent-marking. On the 22nd, he was north of the Windssock. He was with the Island female on the 27th around Rattray's Camp.

THE NGOBOSWAN MALE

6 YEARS 4 MONTHS

*MARTHLY & WESTERN EYREFIELD**Son of the Emsagweni female[†], independent in late 2019.*

(8 sightings)

The Ngoboswan male was seen on eight days in March. On the 2nd, he was seen to the east of Campbell Koppies. On the 3rd he exhibited interesting behaviour when he appeared to check in on the cubs of the Sibuye female, contact calling and chuffing for them, north of Mlowathi Dam. On the 5th, he was north of Mlowathi Dam. He was at Buffalo Bush Dam on the 18th and was seen at Senegal Bush on the 23rd. On the 29th, he was with the Sibuye female and cubs when a Ndhzenga male stole an impala kill from them. On the 31st he was north of Senegal Bush.

THE SPLIT ROCK MALE

9 YEARS 8 MONTHS

*CHARLESTON**Son of the Ostrich Koppies female[†], independent latter half of 2015.*

(2 sightings)

The Split Rock male was only seen twice this month. On the 11th, he was to the north of Styx Crossing and was further south of the same crossing on the 22nd.

THE EYREFIELD MALE

6 YEARS 4 MONTHS

*NOMADIC**Son of the Emsagweni female[†], independent in late 2019.*

(0 sightings)

This nomadic male was not seen on MalaMala in March.

OTHER LEOPARDS ENCOUNTERED:

- **RIVER ROCKS FEMALE AND MALE CUB** (7 sightings) – She was seen at various locations throughout the month: south of the Rock Drift Donga on the 1st, south of the Kapen Breakfast Spot on the 10th, with her cub east of Verreaux’s Crossing on the 12th, alone midway along the Charleston Flockfield Boundary on the 13th, near Beaumont’s camp on the 28th, with her cub in the same area the next day, and the cub was found alone at the entrance of Sibuye Drive on the 31st.
- **KAPEN FEMALE AND FEMALE CUB** (11 sightings) – On the 3rd, she was with her cub north of the Zebra Skull. On the 5th, she was north of Hyena Waterhole, and her cub was seen at Styx Crossing on the 8th. Her cub was seen alone again on the 11th in the Rock Drift Donga, east of the Sand River and was near Lion Rocks on the 15th. The cub was back at Lion Rocks on the 18th. On the 22nd, the Kapen female was at Lion Waterhole while her cub was further south. She was at Lion Waterhole again on the 25th. The female was at Vulture Waterhole on the 31st.
- **MONDZO FEMALE** (1 sighting) – She was at Clarendon Dam on the 19th.
- **NTSUMI FEMALE AND TWO CUBS** (1 sighting)—On the 1st, the Ntsumi female and her cubs were seen feeding on an impala ram kill at Beaumont’s Camp.
- An **UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE** was seen at Old Wildebeest Crossing on the 11th.
- **2:3 YOUNG MALE** (6 sightings) – Over the past year, this once timid young male has not only grown in size but also in confidence. He was spotted moving north from Charleston Flockfield Boundary on the 5th, west of White Cloth Open Area on the 6th, at Cheetah Pan in eastern Flockfield on the 11th, and at Paddy’s Pools on the 20th. Between the 24th and 26th, he fed on an impala kill in a tree south of Matshapiri Open Area, unperturbed by-passing spotted hyenas and a Cape hunting dog.
- **NKOVA MALE** (1 sighting) – This male was seen at KK Pan in Charleston on the 11th.
- An **UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE** was on the eastern ramp of the causeway on the 27th. There is a good chance it was the Stone Drift female who was at the confluence of the three rivers in the morning.

TOTAL NUMBER OF LEOPARDS ENCOUNTERED	33 (13 cubs)
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CHEETAH

There were no sightings of cheetahs this month.

TOTAL NUMBER OF CHEETAH ENCOUNTERED	0
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CAPE HUNTING DOGS

We enjoyed **16 days** of Cape hunting dog sightings. Sightings continue to confuse us as groupings are irregular. We are seeing a pack of 14 that is easily identified, as one male is missing half his tail. We are also seeing a pack of 12. In addition, we regularly see three or four small groups.

Noteworthy Sightings:

- On the 1st, a pack of 14 (one male is missing half his tail), killed an impala at Matumi Rocks.
- Six CHDs were at Drum Crossing on the 9th.
- A pack of four were around Matshapiri Open Area on the 10th and 11th.
- A pack of 12 were at KK Crossing on the 11th.
- The 14 CHDs, with the broken-tailed-male, killed an impala at Mlowathi Dam on the 12th.
- On the 19th, a pack of 10 tormented zebra and wildebeest on the Airstrip.
- On the 20th, a pack of 12 killed a scrub hare and an impala at the Old Flockfield Boma Crossing. The same pack killed an impala ram on Baby Elephant Walk on the 21st.
- On the 26th, a lone female killed an impala west of Lower Mlowathi Crossing.

TOTAL NUMBER OF CAPE HUNTING DOGS ENCOUNTERED	56 (0 pups)
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CAPE BUFFALO AND ELEPHANTS

We recorded **185 sightings** of **ELEPHANTS** in February, 151 of which were of herds, and the remaining 34 sightings were of bulls.

This month, there were **98 sightings** of **CAPE BUFFALO**, 69 sightings were of old bulls seen mostly on the banks of the Sand River and the remaining 29 sightings were of herds.

OTHER SIGHTINGS OF INTEREST

- Overall, there were **24 sightings** of **SPOTTED HYENA** throughout the property.
- There were **14 sightings** of **SOUTHERN GROUND HORN BILLS** in March.
- There were **4 sightings** of **BLACK-BACKED JACKALS** this month.
- A **CARACAL** and two kittens were seen near the rocks on Baby Elephant Walk on the 26th.
- A **PANGOLIN** was seen on the 28th.