



# Game Report



A Painted Snipe, by ranger Jacques Briam

MalaMala Game Reserve  
January 2025

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WEATHER SUMMARY					
Temperature					
Celsius (°C)			Fahrenheit (°F)		
	Actual	Average		Actual	Average
Maximum	36	31		97	89
Minimum	20	24		68	75
Rainfall					
Millimetres		Inches		Days of rain	
176		6.9		13	

TOTAL SIGHTINGS	
Lion	74
Leopard	137
Elephant	215
Buffalo	44
Cheetah	2
Cape Hunting Dog	17

*\*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 buffalo, 1 giraffe, 3 impala, 1 wildebeest, 1 zebra
Leopard	1 bushbuck, 1 Cape hunting dog, 18 impala, 1 kudu, 1 wildebeest
Cheetah	N/A
Cape Hunting Dog	11 impala

*\*Ages of animals included in this report are approximations.*

**LIONS**  
**LION PRIDES**

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**KAMBULA PRIDE = 17**

1 ADULT FEMALE	11 YEARS 7 MONTHS
4 ADULT FEMALES	6 YEARS 6 MONTHS
9 SUB-ADULTS	2 YEARS 1 MONTHS
1 CUB	1 YEARS 11 MONTHS
2 CUBS	1 YEAR 6 MONTHS

*MALAMALA, FLOCKFIELD, NORTHERN CHARLESTON*  
(36 sightings)

The pride has continued to be somewhat fragmented this month. Two adult lionesses have been spending considerable time together. One of these two lionesses was heavily pregnant and we suspect she may have given birth. A number of the sub-adults and cubs have been seen together, and on occasion they have been joined by an adult lioness or two.

**Noteworthy Sightings:**

- 14 members of the pride were seen on the 1<sup>st</sup> in the northern parts of Charleston.
- Fragmented portions of the pride were found on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> around Southern Flockfield, including the injured sub-adult male.
- Despite aggression towards him, he was seen with 11 members of the pride on the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>, joining them at a buffalo kill south of West Street Bridge.
- The bulk of the pride were joined by an Ndhzenga male in Flockfield Drift on the 6<sup>th</sup> and one lioness was with both Ndhzenga males at the Airstrip the next day.
- The injured sub-adult male was seen near the Tamboti Thickets on the 8<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>, but was not seen again thereafter, leading us to believe that he succumbed to his injuries.
- Two lionesses shared a wildebeest kill with the Ndhzenga males west of the Airstrip on the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>.
- On the 19<sup>th</sup>, two adult lionesses were seen near the Ngoboswan Donga stealing a hoisted impala lamb kill from the Stone Drift female.
- The next day, 14 members of the pride were south of Princess Alice Pans with the Ndhzenga males, while the other two lionesses were further east of their position.
- These two females were at West Street Bridge on the 23<sup>rd</sup> and joined the Ndhzenga males near Mamba Waterhole the next day, while six sub-adults were seen north of Flockfield Tower.
- Two lionesses joined these sub-adults at Princess Alice Pans on the 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>.

**NKUHUMA PRIDE = 8**

2 ADULT FEMALES	8 YEARS 5 MONTHS
2 ADULT FEMALES	5 YEARS 7 MONTHS
4 SUB-ADULTS (3 FEMALES & 1 MALE)	3 YEARS 9 MONTHS

*WESTERN & CENTRAL EYREFIELD*  
(1 sighting)

On the 9<sup>th</sup>, two adult females were resting at Mlowathi Dam.

**NTSEVU PRIDE = 6**

2 ADULT FEMALES

11 YEARS 10 MONTHS

1 ADULT FEMALE

11 YEARS 7 MONTHS

3 CUBS

1 YEAR 2 MONTHS

*MARTHLY, EYREFIELD, MALAMALA*

(15 sightings)

They were at Mlowathi Pans on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and were with the Ndhzenga males at the Mlowathi Spot on the 4<sup>th</sup>. From the 7<sup>th</sup> to the 8<sup>th</sup>, they were feeding on a zebra kill at the base of Stwise and were at Lower Mlowathi Crossing on the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. They were joined by an Ndhzenga male east of the Mlowathi Spot on the 11<sup>th</sup> and were at Stwise the next day. On the 16<sup>th</sup>, they were seen finishing off the remains of an impala lamb near Mlowathi Spot and were east of Campbell Koppies on the 20<sup>th</sup>. They were at Plank's Pan on the 27<sup>th</sup> and west of the Airstrip on the 29<sup>th</sup>.

**SAND RIVER PRIDE = 5**

2 ADULT FEMALES

6 YEARS 6 MONTHS

1 ADULT FEMALE

5 YEARS 0 MONTHS

1 ADULT FEMALE

4 YEARS 5 MONTHS

1 SUB-ADULT FEMALE

3 YEARS 5 MONTHS

*SOUTHERN CHARLESTON*

(0 sightings)

They were not seen on MalaMala in January, but there were reports that one lioness may have given birth near Charleston Rock with another lioness looking heavily pregnant.

**TORCHWOOD PRIDE = 18**

5 ADULT FEMALES

UNKNOWN AGES

6 ADULT FEMALE

8 YEARS 9 MONTHS

7 MALE CUBS

2 YEARS 0 MONTHS

*EASTERN EYREFIELD*

(0 sightings)

They were not seen on MalaMala in January.

## MALE LIONS

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### **NDHZENGA MALES = 2**

1 ADULT MALE

9 YEARS 11 MONTHS

1 ADULT MALE

9 YEARS 6 MONTHS

*WESTERN MALAMALA, FLOCKFIELD & CHARLESTON*

*Dominant over the Kambula pride and Ntsevu pride.*

*First Encountered on MalaMala Game Reserve in September 2020.*

*(29 sightings)*

They were seen on numerous occasions this month spending much of their time with members of both the Ntsevu and Kambula prides.

### **Noteworthy Sightings:**

- On the 1<sup>st</sup>, one male was at West Street Bridge, and the other was with two Kambula lionesses at Kikilezihash crossing. Later that day, the lone male met up with his brother and they stole an impala kill from the Flat Rock male.
- They met up with the Ntsevu pride at the Mlowathi Spot on the 4<sup>th</sup> and the older male was feeding on small remains of an impala lamb kill at Mlowathi Pans two days later, while the younger brother was with the Kambula Pride at Flockfield Drift.
- They were with one Kambula lioness at the Airstrip on the 7<sup>th</sup> and were still in the area on the 10<sup>th</sup>.
- The next day, they split up with one male staying with two Kambula lionesses near Princess Alice Pans and the other male joining the Ntsevu pride east of Mlowathi Spot.
- They were both at the Windsock on the 14<sup>th</sup> and joined two of the Kambula lionesses at wildebeest kill east of the Airstrip from the 16<sup>th</sup> to the 17<sup>th</sup>.
- On the 18<sup>th</sup>, they left the Kambula lionesses at the Airstrip and crossed the Sand River near MalaMala Camp only to find the Piccadilly female with her hoisted kill, which they proceeded to steal by climbing the tree themselves.
- The next day, they were at Mlowathi Dam and joined the Kambula pride at Princess Alice Pans on the 20<sup>th</sup>.
- They were in the vicinity of West Street Bridge on the 25<sup>th</sup> and were at Drum Crossing two days later.
- On the 29<sup>th</sup>, one of the males was feeding on an impala kill west of the Causeway and his brother was north of Elephant Rock.

### **NKUHLU MALES = 5**

2 ADULT MALES

6 YEARS 5 MONTHS

3 ADULT MALES

5 YEARS 5 MONTHS

*CHARLESTON*

*Dominant over the Sand River pride.*

*First encountered on MalaMala Game Reserve in 2022.*

*(1 sighting)*

On the 23<sup>rd</sup>, four of the Nkuhlu males were seen resting in southern Charleston.

**NORTHERN AVOCA MALE = 1**

1 ADULT MALE

11 YEARS 7 MONTHS

*NOMADIC*

*First encountered on MalaMala Game Reserve in late 2019.*

(0 sightings)

Because he has not been seen on MalaMala for a few months, we will be removing him from the main section of the Game Report and he will be recorded in the "OTHER LIONS ENCOUNTERED" section in the future.

**SOUTHERN AVOCA MALE = 1**

1 ADULT MALE

11 YEARS 11 MONTHS

*NOMADIC*

*First encountered on MalaMala Game Reserve in 2017.*

(0 sightings)

He was not seen on MalaMala in January and will be removed from the main section of the Game Report. Look out for any future sightings of this male in the "OTHER LIONS ENCOUNTERED" section.

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**OTHER LIONS ENCOUNTERED**

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- **TALAMATI & NKUHUMA MALES** (2 sightings) – They were sharing a giraffe calf kill around Beaumont’s Camp on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and were north of New Rocks on the 7<sup>th</sup>.
- **GIJIMA MALES** (1 sighting) – Both males were at KK crossing on the 5<sup>th</sup>.
- **KRUGER MALES/MANTIMAHLE MALES** (1 sighting) - (Not to be confused with the "Kruger" Male seen in last months game report and were previously referred to as the "Sons of the Mantimahle Males"). One of these males was on the Gowrie Boundary, west of the Mlowathi River on the 28<sup>th</sup>.
- **STYX MALE & KAMBULA BREAKAWAY FEMALE** (1 sighting) – They were at the confluence of the Rock Drift Donga and the Sand River on the 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- **2 UNIDENTIFIED MALES** were at Clarendon Open Area on the 7<sup>th</sup>.

THE TOTAL NUMBER OF LIONS ENCOUNTERED	42 (6 cubs)
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**LEOPARDS**  
**FEMALE LEOPARDS**

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**PICCADILLY FEMALE**

11 YEARS 0 MONTHS

**CUBS**

2 WEEKS

*WESTERN EYREFIELD, MARTHLY*

*Daughter of the Kikilezi female, independent first quarter of 2016.*

*Mother of the Ngungwe female & Matumi male.*

(13 sightings)

She spent a lot of time around Mlowathi Koppies and Piccadilly Triangle, the heart of her territory, looking heavily pregnant at the start of the month. On the 3<sup>rd</sup> she was found close to Mlowathi Koppies and was seen again in a similar area on the 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. A week later she was found at the confluence of the Manyeleti River, the Mlowathi River, and the Sand River with an impala carcass which was stolen by the Ndhzenga males. She finished up another impala kill at Piccadilly triangle on the 21<sup>st</sup> and the next day she moved to Mlowathi Koppies where the sound of cubs were heard. On the 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>, she was at Lower Mlowathi Crossing and she killed an impala lamb at Piccadilly Triangle on the 28<sup>th</sup>. She was feeding on another impala kill north of Piccadilly Triangle on the last day of the month.

**NKOVENI FEMALE**

12 YEARS 5 MONTHS

**MALE CUB**

1 YEAR 0 MONTHS

*WESTERN MALAMALA*

*Daughter of the Mashaba female, independent early 2014.*

*Mother of the Plaque Rock female, Xinkhova female, and Stone Drift female.*

(1 sighting)

The Nkoveni Female spent almost the whole month west of Mala Mala with her cub. The only date that she made an appearance was on the 14<sup>th</sup> when she had an interaction with the Xinkhova female at the Old Airstrip, before making her way back west.

**XINKHOVA FEMALE**

4 YEARS 0 MONTHS

*WESTERN MALAMALA & SOUTHERN MARTHLY*

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

(7 sightings)

She was west of the Sand River, south of Sable Camp on the 1<sup>st</sup> and had a bushbuck lamb carcass close to the Old Airstrip on the 11<sup>th</sup>. On the 14<sup>th</sup>, she was seen interacting with the Nkoveni female west of the Airstrip and she was at the Old Airstrip two days later. She was feeding on the remains of a kudu north of the Airstrip on the 18<sup>th</sup> and was in the same area on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. On the last day of the month, she was at the Parking Bay.

**STONE DRIFT FEMALE**  
**2 CUBS**

4 YEARS 0 MONTHS  
2 MONTHS

*WESTERN MALAMALA & WESTERN EYREFIELD*

*Daughter of the Nkoveni female, independent last quarter of 2022.*  
(25 sightings, 11 of female, 12 of female & cubs, 2 of cubs)

The Stone Drift female was seen frequently this month, mostly in the vicinity of her den site in the Ngoboswan Donga, staying close to her two young cubs.

**Noteworthy Sightings:**

- On the 1<sup>st</sup> she was north of Plank's Pan and on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>, she was seen with her cubs at a new den site in the next donga system further north of the Ngoboswan Donga.
- On the 5<sup>th</sup> she was at Plank's Pan again before heading back west to her cubs at the den site, where she was found again over the next three days.
- She was midway along the Ngoboswan Donga on the 9<sup>th</sup>, while her cubs were seen alone at the den site.
- On the 10<sup>th</sup>, she was south of Campbell Koppies and chased off the young Matumi male and was back at her den site on the 12<sup>th</sup>.
- Two days later, only the cubs were seen there and on the 15<sup>th</sup>, she was found carrying one cub back south towards her previous den site in the Ngoboswan Donga.
- She had an impala kill in a tree south of the Ngoboswan Donga on the 18<sup>th</sup>. While resting at the base of a tree an unsuspecting impala lamb ran past resulting in her catching her second kill of the day before she made her way back to her cubs at the den site.
- On the 21<sup>st</sup>, she was joined by her cubs at an impala lamb kill further east in the Ngoboswan Donga and she was alone in the same area on the 24<sup>th</sup>.
- On the 25<sup>th</sup>, she was seen with only one cub at the den site and she was stalking impala south of Plank's Pan on the 28<sup>th</sup>.
- On the 31<sup>st</sup> she was seen moving the same cub north towards her second den site.

**THREE RIVERS FEMALE**  
**FEMALE CUB**

8 YEARS 6 MONTHS  
10 MONTHS

*WESTERN FLOCKFIELD & WESTERN MALAMALA*

*Daughter of the Kikilezi female, orphaned on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2017.*  
*Mother of the Nsuku male.*

(7 sightings, 4 of female, 1 of female & cub, 2 of cub)

On the 6<sup>th</sup> she was with her cub north of Rattray's Camp and the cub was seen alone south of the camp over the next two days. On the 11<sup>th</sup> they had an impala kill north of Princess Alice Pans and she was at the Airstrip on the 19<sup>th</sup>. She was at West Street Bridge on the 23<sup>rd</sup> and on the 28<sup>th</sup>, we witnessed her catch an impala lamb west of West Street Pans before stashing it and heading further west past Princess Alice Pans, presumably to fetch her cub for the meal.



**SIBUYE FEMALE**

11 YEARS 0 MONTHS

**WESTERN EYREFIELD***Daughter of the Kikilezi female, independent first quarter of 2016.**Mother of the Tlebe Rocks female, Langa female & Xaxa male, Gonya male & N'wana female.*

(2 sightings)

The Sibuye Female was only seen twice this month. On the 19<sup>th</sup> she was in the Mlowathi River, south of Mlowathi Dam and on the 29<sup>th</sup>, she was east of Tlebe Rocks chasing her daughter, the N'wana female, out of her territory.

**TLEBE ROCKS FEMALE**

7 YEARS 0 MONTHS

**FEMALE CUB**

11 MONTHS

**CENTRAL & WESTERN EYREFIELD***Daughter of the Sibuye Female, independent second quarter 2019.*

(6 sightings, 2 of female, 4 of female &amp; cub)

Sightings of this female were sporadic being spread all over her territory. On the 10<sup>th</sup>, she was with her cub east of Campbell Koppies as a pack of Cape hunting dogs ran past. They were sharing an impala kill further north on the 18<sup>th</sup> and on the 25<sup>th</sup>, she was north of the Ngoboswan Donga. The next day she was found on her territorial boundary at Piccadilly triangle and was with her cub close to Buffalo Bush Dam on the 27<sup>th</sup>. They were south of Campbell Koppies on the 28<sup>th</sup>.

**N'WANA FEMALE**

1 YEAR 11 MONTHS

**NOMADIC***Daughter of the Sibuye female, independent last quarter 2024.*

(6 sightings)

As the Daughter of the Sibuye female approaches the two year mark and her independence from her mother, we have decided to name her the N'wana female after the Nwana Nonashemeni Donga, where she spent much time as a cub. Her movements have been scattered as she becomes a nomadic female before settling into a territory. On the 1<sup>st</sup>, she killed an impala lamb north of Lower Mlowathi Crossing and was south of Mlowathi Dam on the 8<sup>th</sup>. The next day, she was north of Lower Mlowathi Crossing and was north of the Tlebe Rocks Donga on the 19<sup>th</sup>. On the 29<sup>th</sup>, the Sibuye female chased her eastwards from Tlebe Rocks and she was found further east of the Matshapiri River the next day.

**ISLAND FEMALE  
CUB**

11 YEARS 11 MONTHS  
2 WEEKS

*WESTERN FLOCKFIELD & SOUTHERN MALAMALA*

*Daughter of the Tamboti female, independent first quarter of 2015.*

*Mother of the Drum Crossing female.*

(5 sightings, 4 of female, 1 of female & cub)

The Island Female was not seen as much this month. On the 15<sup>th</sup>, she was far east in her territory midway along the Kruger National Park Boundary. She was west of Drum Crossing on the 17<sup>th</sup> and two days later she walked from Drum Crossing to a previously used den site on the banks of the Matshapiri River where a new tiny cub was seen. She was at Donald's Crossing on the 25<sup>th</sup> and further north at Drum Crossing two days later.

**LOOKOUT FEMALE  
FEMALE CUB**

15 YEARS 0 MONTHS  
9 MONTHS

*WESTERN FLOCKFIELD*

*First encountered on MalaMala Game Reserve in late 2015.*

*Mother of the Kapen female & Redhawk male.*

(11 sightings, 6 of female, 4 of female & cub, 1 of cub)

They were both seen regularly in the beginning of January with the disappearance of the cub in the latter half of the month. On the 2<sup>nd</sup>, they were seen in the lower reaches of the Kapen River, where they fed on an impala carcass until the next day. On the 4<sup>th</sup>, she was alone at Styx Crossing and only the cub was at Hyena Waterhole the next day. They were together again on the 9<sup>th</sup> west of Mamba Waterhole and were last seen together on the 15<sup>th</sup> at Lower Kapen Crossing. She was west of Kapen Open Area on the 25<sup>th</sup> and at Hyena Waterhole on the 29<sup>th</sup>.

**KAPEN FEMALE**

8 YEARS 3 MONTHS

*CENTRAL FLOCKFIELD*

*Daughter of Lookout female, independent first quarter 2019.*

*Mother of the New Rocks female.*

(4 sightings)

Kapen Female was found mainly in the center of her territory this month. On the 2<sup>nd</sup>, she was south of Styx Crossing and she was east of Mamba Waterhole two days later. She was at Hyena Waterhole on the 6<sup>th</sup> and had the remains of an impala lamb carcass in the same area on the 9<sup>th</sup>.

## MALE LEOPARDS

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### **MAXIM'S MALE**

10 YEARS 5 MONTHS

*WESTERN FLOCKFIELD & MALAMALA*

*First seen on MalaMala Game Reserve in early 2019.*

(4 sightings)

On the 4<sup>th</sup>, he was south of the Ngoboswan donga, near the Stone Drift females' den site and on the 16<sup>th</sup>, he was north of Rattray's Camp. He was found in the same area on the 23<sup>rd</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>.

### **FLAT ROCK MALE**

11 YEARS 9 MONTHS

*MARTHLY, WESTERN & CENTRAL EYREFIELD, NORTHERN MALAMALA*

*Son of the Porcupine female<sup>†</sup>. First seen on MalaMala in early 2017.*

(13 sightings)

He had an impala kill east of Kikelezihash Crossing on the 1<sup>st</sup>, which was later stolen by an Ndhzenga male and two Kambula lionesses. He was in the Matshipiri River at Emsagwen Waterhole on the 5<sup>th</sup> and over the next two days, he was seen along the Mlowathi River. On the 8<sup>th</sup>, he was north of Sandpit crossing and on the 10<sup>th</sup>, he ambushed and killed a Cape hunting dog pup north of Campbell Koppies before he was chased away by the rest of the pack. On the 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, and 23<sup>rd</sup> he was seen along the Matshipiri River. He was on the banks of the Sand River at Old Wildebeest Crossing on the 25<sup>th</sup> and at Buffalo Bush Dam on the 28<sup>th</sup>. On the 31<sup>st</sup>, he was near the den site of the Stone Drift female in the Ngoboswan donga.

### **EYREFIELD MALE**

7 YEARS 2 MONTHS

*NOMADIC*

*Son of the Emsagweni female<sup>†</sup>; independent in late 2019.*

(2 sighting)

He was seen around Clarendon dam on the 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>.

### **MATUMI MALE**

2 YEARS 1 MONTHS

*NOMADIC*

*Son of the Piccadilly female, independent in late 2024.*

(10 sightings)

He was seen on the 3<sup>rd</sup> near West Street Bridge and was at Lower Mlowathi crossing on the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>. On the 9<sup>th</sup>, he was further east along the Ngoboswan Donga with an impala lamb kill and on the 10<sup>th</sup>, he was chased away from Campbell Koppies by the Stone Drift female. On the 16<sup>th</sup>, he was near Sandpit Crossing with an impala lamb kill and on the 21<sup>st</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> he was west of Bicycle Crossing. On the 26<sup>th</sup> he was in the Manyeleti River.

**SPLIT ROCK MALE**

10 YEARS 7 MONTHS

*FLOCKFIELD, MALAMALA & CHARLESTON**Son of the Ostrich Koppies female†, independent latter half of 2015.*

(6 sightings)

He has been keeping to the centre of his large territory and on the 3<sup>rd</sup> he was at Mamba Waterhole. On the 12<sup>th</sup>, he was at Matshapiri Open Area and two days later, he was far south of Styx Crossing. He was patrolling his western boundary on the 24<sup>th</sup> on Dudley Lookout before heading back north to West Street Bridge on the 25<sup>th</sup> and Drum Crossing on the 26<sup>th</sup>

**N'WETI MALE**

9 YEARS 1 MONTHS

*WESTERN CHARLESTON**First seen on MalaMala Game Reserve in mid-2018.*

(3 sightings)

He was further north on the boundary of his territory on the 4<sup>th</sup> and was seen west of the Kapen Breakfast Spot. Three days later, he was further south at Charleston North Crossing and was west of Jakkalsdraai Open Area on the 17<sup>th</sup>.

**OTHER LEOPARDS ENCOUNTERED**

- **TENGILE FEMALE AND CUB** (2 sightings) – On the 1<sup>st</sup>, only the cub was east of the Sand River, opposite Beaumont's Camp. On the 22<sup>nd</sup>, they were both south of Trollip's Camp.
- An **UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE** was at Lower Mlowathi Crossing on the 13<sup>th</sup>.
- **NAMBU MALE** (4 sightings) – He was at Charleston North Crossing on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and the 5<sup>th</sup>. On the 17<sup>th</sup>, he was south of Jakkalsdraai Open Area with a wildebeest calf kill and he was south of Beaumont's Camp on the 30<sup>th</sup>.
- **GONYA MALE** (3 sightings) – He was seen on all three occasions along the northern reaches of the Mlowathi River. On the 4<sup>th</sup>, he was at Mlowathi Dam and was south of Mlowathi Dam with an impala kill two days later. He was north of the Nwana Nonashemeni Donga on the 19<sup>th</sup>.
- **MOLWATHI MALE** (1 sighting) – He was at Mlowathi Dam with an impala ram kill on the 3<sup>rd</sup>, but was not seen again despite the kill being fed on days afterwards.
- **2:3 YOUNG MALE** (1 sighting) – He was in a Jackalberry tree at the Windmill on the 20<sup>th</sup>.
- An **UNIDENTIFIED MALE** was at Fred's Tree on the 13<sup>th</sup>.

TOTAL NUMBER OF LEOPARDS ENCOUNTERED

31 (7 cubs)

## CHEETAHS

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On the 22nd, a **FEMALE WITH THREE CUBS** were seen resting on the Airstrip and **TWO MALES** were seen at Clarendon dam on the 27<sup>th</sup>.

TOTAL NUMBER OF CHEETAH ENCOUNTERED	6 (3 cubs)
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## CAPE HUNTING DOGS

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- **PACK OF EIGHT (5 ADULTS, 3 PUPS)** (10 sightings) – They killed an impala lamb west of the Old Borehole on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and they lost another pup on the 10<sup>th</sup> when they were ambushed by the Flat Rock male north of Campbell Koppies. They made a kill of sorts at Buffalo Bush Dam on the 13<sup>th</sup> and five members of the pack were north of Drum Crossing on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. From then on, only three adults and two pups were seen in this pack. On the 23<sup>rd</sup>, they were in the Ngoboswan Donga and were west of Campbell Koppies the next day. They killed an impala at Piccadilly Triangle on the 28<sup>th</sup> and caught three impala lambs the next day east of West Street Bridge. On the last two days of the month, they were seen between the Ngoboswan Donga and Piccadilly Triangle, killing another two impala lambs along the way.
- **TOULON PACK (6 ADULTS, 1 PUPS)** (6 sightings) – They were at White Cloth Open Area on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and four members were finishing up an impala kill west of Matshapiri Dam on the 16<sup>th</sup>. The next day the entire pack was at Mlowathi Dam and north of Campbell Koppies on the 18<sup>th</sup>. On the 19<sup>th</sup>, they were midway along the MalaMala Flockfield Boundary and killed an impala lamb south of Jakkalsdraai Open Area two days later.
- **FOUR INDIVIDUALS** were at the Sausage Spot on the 20<sup>th</sup>, but it was unclear as to which pack they belonged to.

TOTAL NUMBER OF CAPE HUNTING DOGS ENCOUNTERED	19 (4 pups)
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## CAPE BUFFALO AND ELEPHANTS

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We recorded **215 sightings** of **ELEPHANTS** in January with 166 of those sightings being of herds and 49 sightings were of lone bulls and bachelor groups.

There were a total of **44 sightings** of **CAPE BUFFALO** this month, 34 of which were of groups of dagga boys with the remaining 10 sightings were of larger herds.

## OTHER SIGHTINGS OF INTEREST

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- There were **30 sightings** of **SPOTTED HYENA** throughout the property, three of which were at a den site in western Charleston, where at least three young cubs were seen.
- The resident family of **BLACK-BACKED JACKALS** were at the Airstrip on **six occasions**.
- There were **10 sightings** of **SOUTHERN GROUND HORNBILLS**.
- A **CAPE CLAWLESS OTTER** was in the Sand River at West Street Bridge on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and **HONEY BADGERS** were seen three times this month