



# Game Report



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MalaMala Game Reserve  
February 2025

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WEATHER SUMMARY					
Temperature					
Celsius (°C)			Fahrenheit (°F)		
	Actual	Average		Actual	Average
Maximum	35	31		95	88
Minimum	18	23		64	73
Rainfall					
Millimetres		Inches		Days of rain	
80		3		17	

TOTAL SIGHTINGS	
Lion	73
Leopard	114
Elephant	236
Buffalo	49
Cheetah	1
Cape Hunting Dog	32

*\*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	3 impala, 3 wildebeest, 2 buffalo, 2 giraffe, 1 kudu
Leopard	18 impala, 3 hare, 1 kudu
Cheetah	N/A
Cape Hunting Dog	10 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 8 MONTHS
4 ADULT FEMALES	6 YEARS 7 MONTHS
9 SUB-ADULTS	2 YEARS 2 MONTHS
1 CUB	2 YEARS 0 MONTHS
2 CUBS	1 YEARS 7 MONTHS
CUBS	1 MONTH

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

Some good news for the members of the Kambula pride in February as it seems the injured sub-adult has survived and is slowly healing. He was seen alone and with the pride, still in bad condition but better than the month before. Also it seems that at least one lioness has given birth to new cubs in a drainage line system running westwards from Rattray's Camp into our neighbours, we have yet to meet these new additions.

**Noteworthy Sightings:**

- On the 2<sup>nd</sup> a lioness killed a kudu at West Street Bridge, and the following day another lioness joined her.
- On the 5<sup>th</sup>, 13 members of the pride were south of West Street Bridge and made an impala kill further east that evening.
- The entire pride, except for the lactating lioness, were on the Airstrip on the 7<sup>th</sup>. Later that morning they stole a kudu kill from the Three Rivers female and her cub just south of the Airstrip.
- On the 8<sup>th</sup>, a lone lioness was on the eastern bank of the Sand River near Rattray's Camp and she was joined by the lactating lioness in the same area over the next two days.
- One lioness was around West Street Bridge on the 13<sup>th</sup>. She made her way to the Causeway during the day, where she chased the Matumi male up a tree.
- A single lactating lioness was at West Street Bridge on the 14<sup>th</sup> and the next day, two sub-adults were north of Hyena Waterhole with a giraffe calf kill while another two lionesses were found south of the Ngoboswan Donga.
- One lioness and nine sub-adults were found near the Airstrip along with two Ndhzenga males on the 16<sup>th</sup> and a single lioness was west of Rattray's Camp.
- Three lionesses and 12 sub-adults/cubs were with an Ndhzenga male south of the Airstrip on the 18<sup>th</sup>, where they stole remains of an impala carcass stashed in a thicket and the following day they were at Styx Rocks.
- On the 22<sup>nd</sup>, three lionesses and an Ndhzenga male made an impala kill close to West Street Bridge. The next day two lionesses were at Buffalo Pans and one lioness was with 11 sub-adults/cubs along the Kapen River.
- On the 25<sup>th</sup>, two lionesses were east of West Street Bridge and the rest of the pride were with the Ndhzenga males at Princess Alice Pans.
- The injured sub-adult male was fighting for the leftovers of a wildebeest carcass at the Airstrip on the 27<sup>th</sup> when he was chased and attacked by the Ntsevu pride, but he was defended by one of the Ndhzenga males. Meanwhile another 11 members of the pride were south of Princess Alice Pans.

**NTSEVU PRIDE = 6**

2 ADULT FEMALES

11 YEARS 11 MONTHS

1 ADULT FEMALE

11 YEARS 8 MONTHS

3 CUBS

1 YEAR 3 MONTHS

*MARTHLY, EYREFIELD, MALAMALA*

(15 sightings)

They were with the Ndhzenga males near Campbell Koppies on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and chased the Piccadilly female north of the koppies. The next day, we found them feeding on a giraffe bull carcass south of the Tlebe Rocks Donga with both Ndhzenga males, where they remained for the following three days. On the 5<sup>th</sup>, one lioness and an Ndhzenga male were further north, mating near Mlowathi Dam, while the rest of the pride was still at the giraffe carcass.. On the 10<sup>th</sup>, they were with one Ndhzenga male north of Campbell Koppies, hunting impalas and wildebeest, however, the cubs' impatience led to the hunt being spoiled. They were at Hyena Waterhole on the 16<sup>th</sup>, the furthest south we have seen them in a very long time. On the 20<sup>th</sup>, they were west of MalaMala Camp with a wildebeest kill, accompanied by the younger Ndhzenga male. The next day they were on the Airstrip and on the 21<sup>st</sup> they made another wildebeest kill west of the Airstrip where they remained for the next three days. On the 27<sup>th</sup>, they reluctantly shared a wildebeest kill with a sub-adult male from the Kambula pride at the Airstrip, but when he growled aggressively at one of the cubs, the females attacked and chased him westwards, only avoiding serious injury due to the younger Ndhzenga male stepping in to stop the fighting. They killed another wildebeest south of the Settling Ponds the next day.

**SAND RIVER PRIDE = 9**

2 ADULT FEMALES

6 YEARS 7 MONTHS

1 ADULT FEMALE

5 YEARS 1 MONTHS

1 ADULT FEMALE

4 YEARS 6 MONTHS

1 SUB-ADULT FEMALE

3 YEARS 6 MONTHS

2 CUBS

2 MONTHS

2 CUBS

1 MONTH

*SOUTHERN CHARLESTON*

(5 sightings)

We are finally starting to see this pride grow in numbers as our neighbours to the south have reported at least four new cubs from two lionesses were born in the last two months. On the 1<sup>st</sup>, the pride was with all five Nkuhlu males north of KK Crossing. The next day, they successfully took down a buffalo bull with the Nkuhlu males further east in the Sand River, where they remained at the carcass until the next day. Four lionesses and one Nkuhlu male were together on the 8<sup>th</sup>, close to Tjellahanga rocks. On the 12<sup>th</sup>, a lone lioness was south of Charleston Rocks where it has been confirmed they are currently denning.

**TORCHWOOD PRIDE = 18**

5 ADULT FEMALES  
6 ADULT FEMALE  
7 SUB-ADULT MALES  
*EASTERN EYREFIELD*  
(7 sightings)

UNKNOWN AGES  
8 YEARS 10 MONTHS  
2 YEARS 1 MONTH

On the 13<sup>th</sup>, six lionesses and seven sub-adults were found near Two Toes Open Area along the Matshapiri River. Three lionesses were at 4-Ways Open Area on the 17<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>, one of which was in particularly bad condition due to her old age while the other showed partially healed wounds. On the 24<sup>th</sup>, the older lioness was south of Emsagwen Waterhole and the other two lionesses were west of Ostrich Koppies the next day. On the 26<sup>th</sup>, the older lioness was south of Fred's Tree and she was found dead east of Maurice's Pan the next day.

**NKUHUMA PRIDE = 8**

2 ADULT FEMALES  
2 ADULT FEMALES  
4 SUB-ADULTS (3 FEMALES & 1 MALE)  
*WESTERN & CENTRAL EYREFIELD*  
(0 sightings)

8 YEARS 6 MONTHS  
5 YEARS 8 MONTHS  
3 YEARS 10 MONTHS

They were not seen on MalaMala this month.

## MALE LIONS

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### **NDHZENGA MALES = 2**

1 ADULT MALE

10 YEARS 0 MONTHS

1 ADULT MALE

9 YEARS 7 MONTHS

*WESTERN MALAMALA, FLOCKFIELD & CHARLESTON*

*Dominant over the Kambula pride and Ntsevu pride.*

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

(20 sightings)

On the 2<sup>nd</sup>, they were with the Ntsevu pride at Campbell Koppies where they chased the Piccadilly female northwards. The next day, they were feeding on a giraffe kill south of the Tlebe Rocks Donga with the Ntsevu pride, where they remained until the 6<sup>th</sup>. On the 5<sup>th</sup>, one male and an Ntsevu lioness were mating near Mlowathi Dam. One male was at the Airstrip on the 9<sup>th</sup>, and the next day he was vocalizing with the Ntsevu pride north of Campbell Koppies. The older male was at the Airstrip on the 11<sup>th</sup>, and they were together on the 12<sup>th</sup> south of West Street Bridge and west of the Airstrip the next day. On the 16<sup>th</sup>, they were with 10 members of the Kambula pride at the Airstrip. One male was south of the Airstrip with 15 members of the Kambula pride on the 18<sup>th</sup> where they scavenged on a stashed impala carcass and the following day they were at Styx Rocks. On the 20<sup>th</sup>, the younger male was with the Ntsevu pride west of MalaMala Camp with a wildebeest kill. One male and three Kambula lionesses killed an impala at West Street Bridge on the 22<sup>nd</sup> and the next day both males were at Hyena Waterhole, vocalising intensely. On the 24<sup>th</sup>, they were with a Kambula lioness south of the Airstrip and joined 15 members of the pride at Princess Alice Pans the next day. They were at the Airstrip on the 27<sup>th</sup> when a fight broke out between the lionesses of the Ntsevu pride and the injured sub-adult male from the Kambula pride. The younger Ndhzenga male broke up the fight and then briefly disciplined his brother before tensions cooled.

### **NKUHLU MALES = 5**

2 ADULT MALES

6 YEARS 6 MONTHS

3 ADULT MALES

5 YEARS 6 MONTHS

*CHARLESTON*

*Dominant over the Sand River pride.*

*First encountered on MalaMala Game Reserve in 2022.*

(5 sightings)

On the 1<sup>st</sup>, all five males were with three Sand River lionesses north of KK Crossing. The following day, they successfully brought down a buffalo bull with four of the Sand River lionesses further east in the Sand River, where they stayed at the carcass until the next day. On the 8<sup>th</sup>, one male was with four Sand River lionesses near Tjellanga Rocks, while two other males were resting and being very vocal at Charleston Rocks.

## OTHER LIONS ENCOUNTERED

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- **STYX MALE & KAMBULA BREAKAWAY FEMALE** (3 sightings) – They were at Charleston North Crossing on the 8<sup>th</sup> and were found again in a similar area on the 15<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>.
- **MSUTHU PRIDE** (2 sightings) – Four lionesses and a number of cubs were seen on the 3<sup>rd</sup> with a Gijima male and one female with two cubs were at Pole in the Road on the 6<sup>th</sup>.
- **GIJIMA MALES** (2 sightings) – On the 3<sup>rd</sup>, one male was with the Msuthu pride, south of Charleston Toulon Boundary. The next day, one male was in Jakkalsdraai Open Area.
- **MANTIMAHLE MALES** (1 sighting) – From now on, these males will be referred to as the “Mantimahle Males” rather than the “Kruger males/Sons of the Mantimahle Males” for clarity, despite their fathers coalition being called the same name in the past. Both males were at Mlowathi Dam on the 7<sup>th</sup> before heading north over the Gowrie Boundary. This is the furthest west we have seen them on our property.
- **KRUGER MALE** (1 sighting) - He was at Clarendon Dam on the 20<sup>th</sup>.
- **TWO UNIDENTIFIED FEMALES** were seen at Clarendon Dam on the 14<sup>th</sup>.

THE TOTAL NUMBER OF LIONS ENCOUNTERED	59 (14 cubs)
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**LEOPARDS**  
**FEMALE LEOPARDS**

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**PICCADILLY FEMALE**

11 YEARS 1 MONTH

**CUBS**

2 MONTHS

*WESTERN EYREFIELD, MARTHLY*

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

*Mother of the Ngungwe female & Matumi male.*

(19 sightings)

She was north of Campbell Koppies on the 2<sup>nd</sup> where she was chased by the Ntsveu pride and Ndzhenga males. She had an impala lamb kill near Mlowathi Koppies on the 5<sup>th</sup> and the following day she was with the Matumi male and the Stone Drift female at Piccadilly Triangle with another impala carcass. There was no significant interaction between the leopards and she remained in the same area with the Matumi male and the impala carcass until the 7<sup>th</sup>. On the 8<sup>th</sup>, we had our first sighting of one cub at her rocky den site northwest of Lower Mlowathi Crossing. The next day, she was east of MalaMala Camp along the Sand River hunting impalas, and on the 10<sup>th</sup>, she had a fresh impala kill east of the Causeway which was later stolen by the Matumi male. On the 17<sup>th</sup>, she had small remains of an impala lamb kill and on the 20<sup>th</sup>, she was seen with two cubs at her densite. Two days later she had an impala kill at Manyeleti Crossing, which got stolen by the Flat Rock male, while the Matumi male was also nearby. She was back with her cubs at the den site on the 23<sup>rd</sup> and killed an impala ram just north of the den site the next day. On the 26<sup>th</sup>, she moved her cubs to a new den site in the Mlowathi River, south of Lower Mlowathi Crossing where they were seen every day until the end of the month.

**SIBUYE FEMALE**

11 YEARS 1 MONTH

*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.*

(1 sighting)

She was only seen once in February and was east of Mlowathi Dam on the 17<sup>th</sup>.

**NKOVENI FEMALE**

12 YEARS 6 MONTHS

**MALE CUB**

1 YEAR 1 MONTH

*WESTERN MALAMALA*

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

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

(0 sightings)

There were no sightings of the Nkoveni female or her male cub this month and it seems likely that she may have shifted her territory further westwards.



**XINKHOVA FEMALE**

4 YEARS 1 MONTH

*WESTERN MALAMALA & SOUTHERN MARTHLY**Daughter of the Nkoveni female, independent last quarter of 2022.*

(9 sightings)

She was seen on the first of the month, south of MalaMala camp on the western bank of the Sand River. On the 3<sup>rd</sup> she killed a hare east of the Airstrip and she was north of Maxim's Lookout on the 10<sup>th</sup> where she made another hare kill. On the 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>, she was east of the Airstrip. She was found with an impala kill on the 18<sup>th</sup> at the Old Airstrip, where she remained for the next two days. She was north of the Parking Bay on the last day of February.

**STONE DRIFT FEMALE**

4 YEARS 1 MONTH

**1 CUB**

3 MONTHS

*WESTERN MALAMALA & WESTERN EYREFIELD**Daughter of the Nkoveni female, independent last quarter of 2022.*

(21 sightings, 7 of female, 14 of female &amp; cub)

On the 1<sup>st</sup>, she was north of Ngoboswan Donga and the next day, she was with her cub south of Sandpit Crossing. On the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>, they had an impala kill east of Ngoboswan Donga, marking the first time we saw her bring the cub to a kill. On the 6<sup>th</sup>, she was seen with the Piccadilly female and Matumi male at Piccadilly Triangle, though there was no significant interaction between the leopards. On the 7<sup>th</sup>, she and her cub had another impala kill at Maurice's Pan, where we had incredible sightings of them over the next few days including her carrying the cub up the tree to escape the harassment of a Spotted hyena. On the 11<sup>th</sup>, they interacted with a Honey badger near the Ngoboswan Breakfast Spot and on the 20<sup>th</sup> she caught an impala lamb which a pack of Cape hunting dogs chased towards her in the same area. She collected the cub for the meal and they remained in this area for the next three days. On the 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> they had another impala kill east of Sandpit Crossing. They were feeding on another impala kill north of the Ngoboswan Donga on the 27<sup>th</sup> and were joined by the Flat Rock male the next day.

**THREE RIVERS FEMALE**

8 YEARS 7 MONTHS

**FEMALE CUB**

11 MONTHS

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

(4 sightings, 1 of female, 3 of female &amp; cub)

They were seen fewer times this month. On the 6<sup>th</sup> they were north of Flockfield Tower and the following day we found them on a juvenile kudu kill west of Princess Alice pans, which was stolen by the Kambula pride. She was seen heading north from Maxims Lookout on the 12<sup>th</sup> and they were west of the Airstrip on the 18<sup>th</sup>.

**TLEBE ROCKS FEMALE**  
**FEMALE CUB**

7 YEARS 1 MONTH  
1 YEAR 0 MONTHS

*CENTRAL & WESTERN EYREFIELD*

*Daughter of the Sibuye Female, independent second quarter 2019.*

(8 sightings, 3 of female, 5 of female & cub)

She was with her cub on an impala kill on the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> south of Campbell Koppies. She was further east of this position on the 12<sup>th</sup> and at Piccadilly Triangle on the 13<sup>th</sup>. She was with her cub east of Campbell Koppies on the 16<sup>th</sup> and was at Plank's Pan the next day. On the 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, they shared an impala lamb kill south of Campbell Koppies

**N'WANA FEMALE**

2 YEARS 0 MONTHS

*NOMADIC*

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

(5 sightings)

She was at Piccadilly Triangle on the 8<sup>th</sup> and was seen hunting squirrels, mongoose and impalas unsuccessfully east of MalaMala Camp on the 16<sup>th</sup>. On the 18<sup>th</sup>, she had an impala carcass north of Fred's Tree where she was also chased by two Cape hunting dogs. She was in the Mlowathi River at the Nwana Nonashemeni Donga on the 23<sup>rd</sup> and was in the Tamboti Thickets on the 28<sup>th</sup>.

**LOOKOUT FEMALE**  
**CUB**

15 YEARS 1 MONTHS  
10 MONTHS

*WESTERN FLOCKFIELD*

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

*Mother of the Kapen female & Redhawk male.*

(5 sightings)

There was still no sign of her cub this month and we have to assume the worst may have happened. On the 3<sup>rd</sup>, she was in the Kapen River near Hyena Waterhole and was scent-marking and contact calling in the Tamboti Thickets on the 10<sup>th</sup>. She was seen in a similar area on the 15<sup>th</sup> and on the 19<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>, she was in the Kapen River close to Hyena Waterhole.

**KAPEN FEMALE**

8 YEARS 4 MONTHS

*CENTRAL FLOCKFIELD*

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

*Mother of the New Rocks female.*

(2 sightings)

She was south of Lion Rocks on the 15<sup>th</sup> and southeast of Styx Crossing on the 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**ISLAND FEMALE**  
**2 CUBS**

12 YEARS 0 MONTHS  
6 WEEKS

*WESTERN FLOCKFIELD & SOUTHERN MALAMALA*

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

*Mother of the Drum Crossing female.*

(2 sightings)

On the 4<sup>th</sup>, she was seen with severe injuries to her back and hind legs in the Matshiphiri River, east of West Street Bridge and the following day we found her body. It is unclear what exactly had attacked her as there were no signs of predators in the area. Given the location was not far from her den site, we surmised that she was likely protecting her cubs when she sustained these fatal injuries. Unfortunately with the loss of the Island female and the disappearance of the Drum Crossing female, we have to assume that the Tamboti lineage ends here. With her large territory now empty, it will be interesting to see which female moves in over the coming months.

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**MALE LEOPARDS**

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**FLAT ROCK MALE**

11 YEARS 10 MONTHS

*MARTHLY, WESTERN & CENTRAL EYREFIELD, NORTHERN MALAMALA*

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

(12 sightings)

He was in the Matshaphiri River, south of the Matshaphiri Open Area on the 1<sup>st</sup> and was opposite MalaMala Camp two days later. On the 4<sup>th</sup>, he was at Piccadilly Triangle and joined the Stone Drift female and her cub near the Ngoboswan Donga on the 7<sup>th</sup>. On the 10<sup>th</sup>, he was south of West Street Bridge and was opposite MalaMala Camp on the 13<sup>th</sup>. He was south of Stwise on the 15<sup>th</sup> and north of Lower Mlowathi Crossing on the 17<sup>th</sup>. He joined the Matumi male at an impala lamb kill at Piccadilly Triangle the next day and stole an impala kill from the Piccadilly female at Manyeleti Crossing on the 22<sup>nd</sup>, while the Matumi male was nearby. He was west of Matumi Rocks on the 26<sup>th</sup> and joined the Stone Drift female and cub for an impala kill north of the Ngoboswan Breakfast Spot on the 28<sup>th</sup>.

**MAXIM'S MALE**

10 YEARS 6 MONTHS

*WESTERN FLOCKFIELD & MALAMALA*

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

(3 sightings)

On the 1<sup>st</sup>, he was in the Sand River north of Maxim's Lookout, he was east of the Airstrip on the 11<sup>th</sup> and at the Causeway on the 17<sup>th</sup>.

**EYREFIELD MALE**

7 YEARS 3 MONTHS

**NOMADIC**

*Son of the Emsagweni female†, independent in late 2019.*  
(0 sightings)

He was not seen on MalaMala in February.

**MATUMI MALE**

2 YEARS 2 MONTHS

**NOMADIC**

*Son of the Piccadilly female, independent in late 2024.*  
(15 sightings)

He was our most-viewed male leopard this month and despite his independence, he has still been encountered mostly in his mothers territory. He was with the Piccadilly female and Stone Drift female at Piccadilly Triangle with an impala carcass on the 6<sup>th</sup>. There was no significant interaction between the leopards. On the 7<sup>th</sup>, he fed on the impala carcass whilst the Piccadilly female was still in the area. The next day he was at Fred's Tree and stole a fresh impala kill from the Piccadilly female two days later to the east of the Causeway. He was in the same area the following day where he had an aggressive encounter with a Spotted hyena. On the 13<sup>th</sup>, he was chased up a Matumi tree by a Kambula lioness and shared an impala lamb kill with the Flat Rock male at Piccadilly Triangle on the 18<sup>th</sup>. He was in the vicinity of Piccadilly Triangle from the 19<sup>th</sup> to the 21<sup>st</sup> and was near Manyeleti Crossing when the Flat Rock male stole an impala kill from the Piccadilly female at the same position. He was north of Plank's Pan on the 26<sup>th</sup> and at Lower Mlowathi Crossing the next day.

**SPLIT ROCK MALE**

10 YEARS 8 MONTHS

**FLOCKFIELD, MALAMALA & CHARLESTON**

*Son of the Ostrich Koppies female†, independent latter half of 2015.*  
(3 sightings)

On the 2<sup>nd</sup>, he was south of Mamba Waterhole hunting impalas and was at the Kapen Breakfast Spot on the 6<sup>th</sup>. On the 16<sup>th</sup>, he was seen in a Jackalberry tree south of Matshapiri Open Area.

**N'WETI MALE**

9 YEARS 2 MONTHS

**WESTERN CHARLESTON**

*First seen on MalaMala Game Reserve in mid-2018.*  
(1 sighting)

He was in the Sand River, south of Beaumont's Camp with the Nambu male on the 6<sup>th</sup>.

## OTHER LEOPARDS ENCOUNTERED

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- **NEW ROCKS FEMALE** (1 sighting) – She caught a hare at West Street Bridge on the 14<sup>th</sup>.
- **RIVER ROCKS FEMALE** (1 sighting) – She was east of Verreaux’s Crossing on the 15<sup>th</sup>.
- **2:3 YOUNG MALE** (4 sightings) – He was east of the Matshapiri Open Area Crossing on the 5<sup>th</sup> and at Styx Rocks from the 9<sup>th</sup> to the 10<sup>th</sup>. He had an impala kill at Mamba Waterhole on the 18<sup>th</sup>.
- **GONYA MALE** (2 sightings) – He was chased by the Tortoise Pan male south of Mlowathi Dam on the 24<sup>th</sup> and was north of Campbell Koppies on the 27<sup>th</sup>.
- **MARIBYES MALE** (1 sighting) - He was on the Gowrie Boundary, west of the Mlowathi River on the 20<sup>th</sup>.
- **NAMBU MALE** (1 sighting) – He was with the N’weti male south of Beaumont’s Camp on the 6<sup>th</sup>.
- **NKOVA MALE** (1 sighting) - He was seen along Ingwe Donga on the 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- **TORTOISE PAN MALE** (1 sighting) - He chased the Gonya male south of Mlowathi Dam on the 24<sup>th</sup>.

TOTAL NUMBER OF LEOPARDS ENCOUNTERED	29 (5 cubs)
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## CHEETAHS

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On the 4<sup>th</sup>, the same **TWO MALES** as last month were seen again at Clarendon Dam.

TOTAL NUMBER OF CHEETAH ENCOUNTERED	2 (0 cubs)
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## CAPE HUNTING DOGS

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- **PACK OF FIVE (3 ADULTS, 2 PUPS)** (18 sightings) – We collared a male on the 9<sup>th</sup> and had incredible sightings of them throughout the month, almost seeing them daily in the northern and central parts of the reserve, making numerous impala kills along the way.
- **TOULON PACK (6 ADULTS, 1 PUP)** (5 sightings) – We did not see much of this pack at the start of the month. The first sighting of them was on the 22<sup>nd</sup>, where they were split up; 5 females were at our Airstrip and the alpha pair were east of West Street Bridge going south. They still had not reunited by the end of the month.
- **PACK OF 2 (2 ADULTS)** (7 sightings) - We had a few sightings of this pair, most of which were west of MalaMala Camp and north towards the Gowrie Boundary. On the 18<sup>th</sup> they harassed the N’wana female at her kill near Fred’s Tree.
- **LEEUPAN PACK (4 ADULTS, 2 PUPS)** (1 sighting) - They were at Tamboti Pans along the Tjellahanga River on the 15<sup>th</sup>.

TOTAL NUMBER OF CAPE HUNTING DOGS ENCOUNTERED	20 (5 pups)
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## CAPE BUFFALO AND ELEPHANTS

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We recorded **236 sightings** of **ELEPHANTS** in February with 150 of those sightings being of herds and 86 sightings were of lone bulls and bachelor groups.

There were a total of **49 sightings** of **CAPE BUFFALO** this month, 39 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 **41 sightings** of **SPOTTED HYENA** throughout the property, only two of which were at a den site west of Jakkalsdraai Open Area.
- There were **13 sightings** of **BLACK-BACKED JACKALS** in February, mostly being seen along the Airstrip and at Mlowathi Dam.
- There were **13 sightings** of **SOUTHERN GROUND HORNBILLS** mostly encountered near Piccadilly Triangle and Campbell Koppies.
- A **HONEY BADGER** was at the Old Airstrip on the 11<sup>th</sup> and a **CAPE CLAWLESS OTTER** was in the Sand River opposite Rattray's Camp on the 14<sup>th</sup>.
- A **CARACAL** was at the Windmill on the 10<sup>th</sup> and an **AFRICAN WILD CAT** was west of Hyena Waterhole on the 16<sup>th</sup> and midway along the Airstrip with a bird kill on the 28<sup>th</sup>.
- An **AFRICAN ROCK PYTHON** caught an impala lamb south of the Ngoboswan Donga on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and another attempted to kill an impala lamb south of the Airstrip on the 18<sup>th</sup>.