



Game Report



"It's rutting season", by ranger Lauren Dent

MalaMala Game Reserve
April 2025

It's all about the wildlife!

WEATHER SUMMARY					
Temperature					
Celsius (°C)			Fahrenheit (°F)		
	Actual	Average		Actual	Average
Maximum	34	28		93	82
Minimum	15	20		59	68
Rainfall					
Millimetres		Inches		Days of rain	
26.3		1		8	

TOTAL SIGHTINGS	
Lion	90
Leopard	120
Elephant	213
Buffalo	56
Cheetah	1
Cape Hunting Dog	18

**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 zebra, 1 waterbuck
Leopard	15 impala, 3 hare, 1 bird, 1 bushbuck, 1 waterbuck, 1 monkey
Cheetah	N/A
Cape Hunting Dog	1 bushbuck

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

LIONS
LION PRIDES

KAMBULA PRIDE = 20

1 ADULT FEMALE	11 YEARS 10 MONTHS
4 ADULT FEMALES	6 YEARS 9 MONTHS
9 SUB-ADULTS	2 YEARS 4 MONTHS
1 SUB-ADULT	2 YEARS 2 MONTH
1 SUB-ADULT	1 YEAR 9 MONTHS
4 CUBS	3 MONTHS

MALAMALA, FLOCKFIELD, NORTHERN CHARLESTON
(41 sightings)

There were numerous sightings of the Kambula pride this month, many of which were of the four newest cubs as they were brought out of their densite regularly to kills procured by their mother. The remainder of the pride is still thriving with three lionesses and 11 sub-adults moving throughout their territory and the emergence of the fifth lioness at the end of the month, showing suckle marks but with no sign of her cubs yet.

Noteworthy Sightings:

- The lioness with her new cubs was west of the Airstrip on the 1st, while another lioness and four sub-adults were further south of them.
- Five sub-adults were west of Hyena Waterhole on the 3rd, and the next day, 10 of them were joined by three lionesses and one Ndhzenga male at Donald's Crossing.
- On the 6th, the lioness and four cubs were at the den site near Princess Alice Pans, while other members of the pride were sleeping under West Street Bridge.
- On the 9th, a lioness and an Ndhzenga male were mating north of Rattray's Camp, and two lionesses were at the den site with the four cubs.
- The next day, the lioness and four cubs were feeding on an impala carcass at the Parking Bay, which was stolen by the Ndhzenga males, whilst the bulk of the pride was at Dudley Lookout.
- On the 11th, the lioness and four cubs were at the den site, while four sub-adults were with an Ndhzenga male at Mamba Waterhole.
- The lioness and four cubs were at the den site from the 13th to the 15th.
- On the 18th, the bulk of the pride and Ndhzenga males were chasing a dagga boy at Charleston North Crossing. That same day, the lioness and four cubs were feeding on a zebra carcass west of Confluence Crossing, where they remained for the next four days.
- The bulk of the pride and Ndhzenga males were at Hyena Waterhole on the 22nd.
- Two days later, a lioness was very vocal at Rattray's Camp gate and later joined her four cubs further north of there, while the rest of the pride and the Ndhzenga males trailed a herd of buffalo at Old Dudley Crossing.
- 11 sub-adults were at Hyena Waterhole on the 25th and at Mamba Waterhole on the 26th.
- On the 27th, three lionesses were with them east of the Tamboti Thickets, and the following day they killed an impala ram at Mamba Waterhole. The lioness and four cubs were joined by an Ndhzenga male at Princess Alice Pans on the same day.
- The lioness who was pregnant last month was seen on the 29th near Rattray's Camp with suckle marks but with no sign of where she may be keeping her new cubs.
- The next day, the mother of four killed an impala ram west of West Street Bridge and dragged it to her cubs who were waiting nearby.

NTSEVU PRIDE = 6

2 ADULT FEMALES

12 YEARS 1 MONTH

1 ADULT FEMALE

11 YEARS 10 MONTHS

3 CUBS

1 YEAR 5 MONTHS

MARTHLY, EYREFIELD, MALAMALA

(24 sightings)

They were with the Ndhzenga males northeast of West Street Bridge on the 2nd, and the next day with one male at the White Cloth open area. On the 4th, they fed on a wildebeest kill with an Ndhzenga male west of MalaMala Camp and the following day they had another wildebeest kill north of the Ngoboswan Donga. They remained in this area for the next three days and were joined by the other Ndhzenga male on the 7th. The following day, the oldest lioness remained with the two males in the same area and was mating with the younger male, while the rest of the pride were west of MalaMala Camp. On the 9th, the lioness and the younger Ndhzenga male were still mating at Piccadilly Triangle, and the whole pride was at Manyeleti Crossing on the 10th and 11th. They were with an Ndhzenga male at Bicycle Crossing on the 13th and were with both males at the Causeway the next day. On the 15th and 16th, they were at the Airstrip and were joined by the Ndhzenga males on the 16th. They were finishing off a waterbuck carcass with the Ndhzenga males at Old Wildebeest Crossing on the 21st and 22nd. On the 25th, they were at Matshipiri Open Area and the next day, they were with the Ndhzenga males east of Fred's Tree, being very vocal. On the 29th, they were feeding on the remains of a zebra foal with a Ndhzenga male north of Plank's Pan and the next day, they chased the Piccadilly female and cubs from their impala kill south of Piccadilly Triangle, with one lioness climbing a tree to try catch the Piccadilly female without luck.

SAND RIVER PRIDE =± 9

2 ADULT FEMALES

6 YEARS 9 MONTHS

1 ADULT FEMALE

5 YEARS 3 MONTHS

1 ADULT FEMALE

4 YEARS 8 MONTHS

1 SUB-ADULT FEMALE

3 YEARS 8 MONTHS

2 CUBS

4 MONTHS

2 CUBS

3 MONTHS

CUBS

1 MONTH

SOUTHERN CHARLESTON

(3 sightings)

Another lioness has given birth to a number of cubs in Charleston this month. Due to the age of the cubs, the area they are denning in is zoned until they are older. Three lionesses and four cubs were west of Rocky Crossing in the Sand River on the 10th. Two lionesses were with two Nkuhlu males west of Flat Rocks on the 21st and a lioness was with the four older cubs in Ingwe Donga on the 29th.

TORCHWOOD PRIDE = 17

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

UNKNOWN AGES
9 YEARS 0 MONTHS
2 YEARS 3 MONTHS

Ten members were south of Matshipiri Dam on the 4th, and the next day they were west of that position. On the 8th, a lioness and a sub-adult male were north of Clarendon Dam. Eight members were at Tlebe Rocks on the 12th and one lioness and six sub-adult males were hunting zebras near the Windmill on the 17th. On the 23rd, four sub-adult males were near Clarendon Dam, in the same area as the four Kambula males. Some of the sub-adults bore visible injuries, indicating a likely altercation between the two groups.

NKUHUMA PRIDE = 8

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

8 YEARS 8 MONTHS
5 YEARS 10 MONTHS
4 YEARS 0 MONTHS

Four lionesses and one sub-adult male were north of Mlowathi Dam on the 19th and on the 23rd, three lionesses were on the Gowrie Boundary east of the Mlowathi River.

MALE LIONS

NDHZENGA MALES = 2

1 ADULT MALE	10 YEARS 2 MONTHS
1 ADULT MALE	9 YEARS 9 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 with the Ntsevu pride northeast of West Street Bridge on the 2nd, and one male was at White Cloth Open Area with the other male was at Kapen Open Area the next day. On the 4th, one male joined the Kambula pride at Donald's Crossing, and the other male shared a wildebeest kill with the Ntsevu pride west of MalaMala Camp. The next day, the same male and Ntsevu pride were north of Ngoboswan Donga with another wildebeest kill and remained here for the next three days being joined by the other male on the 7th. The younger male mated with a lioness here the next day. On the 9th, they were mating at Piccadilly Triangle, while the older male mated with a lioness from the Kambula pride north of Rattray's Camp. On the 10th, they stole an impala kill from the lioness and four cubs of the Kambula pride south of the Parking Bay and the next day a male was with four sub-adults of the Kambula pride at Mamba Waterhole. They were at Mlowathi Dam on the 15th and were chasing buffalo with the Kambula pride at Charleston North Crossing on the 18th. They fed on a waterbuck kill with the Ntsevu pride at Old Wildebeest Crossing on the 21st and were with the Kambula pride at Hyena Waterhole the next day. On the 24th, they trailed buffalo with the Kambula pride at Old Dudley Crossing. Two days later, they were very vocal with the Ntsevu pride east of Fred's Tree and the next day they were north of Campbell Koppies. The older male joined the Kambula lioness and four cubs at Princess Alice Pans on the 28th and the younger male fed on a zebra kill with the Ntsevu pride east of Plank's Pan the following day. On the 30th, he was with the Ntsevu pride when they chased the Piccadilly female and her cubs up a tree to the south of Piccadilly Pans.

NKUHLU MALES = 5

2 ADULT MALES	6 YEARS 8 MONTHS
3 ADULT MALES	5 YEARS 8 MONTHS

CHARLESTON

Dominant over the Sand River pride.

First encountered on MalaMala Game Reserve in 2022.

(2 sightings)

Four males were east of Jakkalsdraai Open Area with a scavenged giraffe carcass on the morning of the 1st. Two males were with two lionesses from the Sand River pride at Flat Rocks on the 21st.

OTHER LIONS ENCOUNTERED

- **STYX MALE & KAMBULA BREAKAWAY FEMALE** (2 sightings) – They were at Charleston North Crossing on the 23rd and 24th.
- **KAMBULA MALES** (2 sightings)- They were seen for the first time in a while, being very vocal at Clarendon Dam, where four sub-adult males from the Torchwood pride were also present with injuries, suggesting the males may have had an altercation on the 23rd. They were in the same area the next day.
- **KRUGER MALE** (1 sighting) – He was chased by elephants east of Mlowathi Dam on the 23rd.
- **NKUHUMA MALES** (1 sighting) - Not to be confused with the older Nkuhuma male seen with the Talamati male, these are the sons of the Northern Avoca males. They were seen for the first time in a very long time again on MalaMala, hunting buffaloes at the Windmill on the 17th.

THE TOTAL NUMBER OF LIONS ENCOUNTERED	62 (±11 cubs)
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LEOPARDS
FEMALE LEOPARDS

PICCADILLY FEMALE

11 YEARS 3 MONTHS

2 CUBS

4 MONTHS

WESTERN EYREFIELD, MARTHLY

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

Mother of the Ngungwe female & Matumi male.

(25 sightings, 3 of female, 18 of female & cubs, 4 of cubs)

She moved her den site to Manyeleti Crossing on the 5th and was at Piccadilly Triangle the next day. She shared a Scrub hare kill with both cubs at Manyeleti Crossing on the 7th, while the Matumi male walked by unnoticed. She had a Vervet monkey kill with her cubs at the prominent rocks north of Lower Mlowathi Crossing on the 11th, and the next day they were further south in the Mlowathi River. On the 15th, she took her cubs from the den site in the Mlowathi River for a drink west of Piccadilly Triangle and returned to the den site the following day. On the 20th, she had an impala carcass south of Lower Mlowathi Crossing at the den site, where all three of them fed on it over the next two days. They were south of the Mlowathi Spot on the 22nd and 23rd. They joined the Matumi male at Piccadilly Triangle with his impala kill on the 24th, and the next day they were south of Lower Mlowathi Crossing. She caught a Scrub hare at Piccadilly Triangle and carried her kill to the cubs at the den site on the 26th. The next day, they were west of the Mlowathi Spot and had an interaction with the Flat Rock male. On the 28th, She caught an impala ram west of Piccadilly Triangle and brought her cubs to where she had it stashed. They remained in this area until the 30th, when an Ndhzenga male and the Ntsevu pride chased them up a nearby tree, luckily moving on as night fell.

NKOVENI FEMALE

12 YEARS 8 MONTHS

MALE CUB

1 YEAR 3 MONTHS

WESTERN MALAMALA

Daughter of the Mashaba female, independent early 2014.

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

(0 sightings)

The Nkoveni female has spoiled us with incredible sightings with her numerous cubs over the years in her territory south of MalaMala Camp and was once one of our most frequently viewed and famous leopards. However, with recent changes in dynamics with the Xinkhova female and Three Rivers female now occupying her former territory, it appears that she has shifted completely west into our neighbours' property. There have been no sightings of her for the past few months, and it is with sadness that we announce she will be removed from the main section of the Game Report for now. Going forward, she will be recorded under the "Other Leopards Encountered" section.

LOOKOUT FEMALE

15 YEARS 3 MONTHS

*WESTERN FLOCKFIELD**First encountered on MalaMala Game Reserve in late 2015.**Mother of the Kapen female & Redhawk male.*

(4 sightings)

She was east of the Tamboti Thickets on the 15th and at Flockfield Lookout the next day. She was here again on the 22nd and two days later, she was north of Hyena Watherhole.

SIBUYE FEMALE

11 YEARS 3 MONTHS

2 CUBS

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.*

(7 sightings)

Exciting news! She was found at a densite with at least one cub in the northern reaches of the Mlowathi River on the 5th and the next day there were two cubs present. Due to their young age, the den site will not be open for a few weeks yet. She had an impala carcass in the Nwana Nonashameni Donga on the 11th and on the 13th the Gonya male joined her in the area until the 15th. On the 26th, we followed her to her new den site west of Mlowathi Dam with no further sign of the cubs yet.

XINKHOVA FEMALE

4 YEARS 3 MONTHS

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

(6 sightings)

She was northeast of the Airstrip with the Maxim's male and an impala carcass on the 9th and 10th. She was then seen north of Maxim's Lookout with the Maxim's male, the Three Rivers female and her cub on the 14th, all reluctantly sharing an impala carcass. There was a brief altercation between her and the Three Rivers female at this position before they went their separate ways. She was east of the Airstrip on the 23rd and had an impala kill west of Sand Pit Crossing on the 27th and 28th.

KAPEN FEMALE

8 YEARS 6 MONTHS

*CENTRAL FLOCKFIELD**Daughter of Lookout female, independent first quarter 2019.**Mother of the New Rocks female.*

(3 sightings)

She was west of New Rocks with the Split Rock male on the 17th and at Styx Crossing on the 24th. She had an impala carcass west of Mamba Waterhole, while the Kambula pride walked past her on the 26th. Excitingly, she also seems to be lactating again!

**THREE RIVERS FEMALE
FEMALE CUB**

8 YEARS 9 MONTHS
1 YEAR 1 MONTH

WESTERN FLOCKFIELD & WESTERN MALAMALA

Daughter of the Kikilezi female†, orphaned on 22nd May 2017.

Mother of the Nsuku male.

(5 sightings, 3 of female, 2 of female & cub)

She was at West Street Bridge on the 12th and was with her cub north of Maxim's Lookout on the 13th and the following day. The Maxim's male and the Xinkhova female were also in the area, all periodically feeding on the same impala carcass. She had a brief altercation with the younger Xinkhova female but no injuries were observed. On the 15th, she was with her cub at the Airstrip and she was alone at West Street Bridge on the 28th.

**STONE DRIFT FEMALE
1 CUB**

4 YEARS 3 MONTHS
5 MONTHS

WESTERN MALAMALA & WESTERN EYREFIELD

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

(16 sightings, 3 of female, 12 of female & cub, 1 of cub)

On the 1st, she was with her cub at Plank's Pan, where they had an interaction with the Matumi male. They shared an impala carcass east of West Street Bridge on the 3rd and had an encounter with the Flat Rock male, who stole half of the kill. The New Rocks female was also in the area. She was still here with her cub again the next day and they were at Matshipiri Open Area on the 5th. They were northwest of that location on the 7th and she made an impala kill at Kikilezihash Crossing on the 14th, which she later brought her cub to. The following day, the Flat Rock male was with them in the area, while the Maxim's male sat silently watching them from the western bank of the Sand River. In the afternoon, the Matumi male also joined them in the area with no serious interactions between any of the individuals present. She lost a freshly-caught impala carcass to a hyena northeast of Maurice's Pan on the 18th. The both of them were feeding on an impala carcass south of Matshipiri Open Area on the 23rd and the following day they were at Plank's Pan. On the 25th, they were southeast of the Causeway, and were at Ngoboswan Breakfast Spot the next day.

**N'WANA FEMALE
NOMADIC**

2 YEARS 2 MONTHS

Daughter of the Sibuye female, independent last quarter 2024.

(0 sightings)

She was not seen on MalaMala in April.

**TLEBE ROCKS FEMALE
FEMALE CUB**

7 YEARS 3 MONTHS
1 YEAR 2 MONTHS

CENTRAL & WESTERN EYREFIELD

*Daughter of the Sibuye Female, independent second quarter 2019.
(8 sightings, 4 of female, 4 of female & cub)*

She was stalking impalas west of Ostrich Koppies on the 2nd and was southeast of Fred's Tree on the 6th. The following day she was with her cub south of Campbell Koppies. On the 9th, she was east of Campbell Koppies and was stalking impalas north of Emsagwen Waterhole on the 14th. She shared an impala carcass with her cub at the Sausage Spot on the 27th and they shared another impala kill further north of that position on the 29th and 30th.

NEW ROCKS FEMALE

2 YEARS 4 MONTHS

SOUTHERN MALAMALA & WESTERN FLOCKFIELD

*Daughter of the Kapen female, independent
(9 sightings)*

We are excited to welcome a new addition to the main section of the Game Report—the New Rocks female—who has quickly become a favourite among many of us, and has taken over part of the Island female's former territory. On the 3rd, she was east of West Street Bridge in the same area as Stone Drift female and her cub, as well as the Flat Rock male, but with no interaction with either of them. She caught a Knob-billed duckling at Buffalo Pans on the 7th and was east of White Cloth Open Area with an unknown skittish female on the 13th. The following day she caught an Egyptian goose, which later escaped, at Confluence Crossing and then had an interaction with the Split Rock male east of that. She was at Drum Crossing on the 16th and further east on the 18th. She was at Buffalo Pans on the 21st, Flockfield Lookout the next day and caught a Scrub hare at Buffalo Pans on the 25th.

MALE LEOPARDS

MAXIM'S MALE

10 YEARS 8 MONTHS

WESTERN FLOCKFIELD & MALAMALA

*First seen on MalaMala Game Reserve in early 2019.
(6 sightings)*

He was at West Street Bridge on the 7th and shared an impala carcass north of the Airstrip with the Xinkhova female on the 9th and 10th. On the 14th, he shared another impala carcass with the Three Rivers female and her cub north of Maxim's Lookout. The Xinkhova female was also in this area, leading to some tension between the leopards. The following day, he was watching the Flat Rock male, Stone Drift and her cub from the western bank of Kikilezihash Crossing. There was no interaction between any of the leopards. He walked past MalaMala Camp on the 27th.

FLAT ROCK MALE

12 YEARS 0 MONTHS

*MARTHLY, WESTERN & CENTRAL EYREFIELD, NORTHERN MALAMALA**Son of the Porcupine female; First seen on MalaMala in early 2017.*

(16 sightings)

He was at Senegal Bush on the 1st, and two days later he stole an impala carcass from the Stone Drift female and her cub east of West Street Bridge, even though he had his own waterbuck kill in the area as well. He was still here the next day and was north of Campbell Koppies on the 7th. On the 11th, he was at Senegal Bush and at Bicycle Crossing on the 13th. He was with the Stone Drift female and her cub two days later with an impala carcass at Kikilezihash Crossing, while the Maxim's male watched them from the western bank. In the afternoon, the Matumi male also joined them in the area, but there was no serious interaction between any of the leopards. The following day, he was east of West Street Bridge and on the 17th, he was at the Causeway. On the 19th, he was at Emsagwen Waterhole and was east of Stwise on the 23rd. He was at Matumi Rocks on the 26th and interacted with the Piccadilly female and her two cubs west of the Mlowathi Spot the following day.

MATUMI MALE

2 YEARS 4 MONTHS

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

(9 sightings)

He was seen fewer times in April. On the 1st he was at Plank's Pan where he interacted with the Stone Drift female and her cub and was northeast of West Street Bridge with an impala carcass on the 5th. He walked past the Piccadilly female and her two cubs at Manyeleti Crossing without noticing them on the 7th and the next day he was south of MalaMala Camp. On the 15th, he joined the Flat Rock male, Stone drift female and her cub with an impala kill east of Kikilezihash Crossing. He was east of Maurice's Pan on the 20th. He had an impala kill at Piccadilly Triangle on the 22nd, where he remained for the next two days and was joined by the Piccadilly female and her two cubs on the 24th.

SPLIT ROCK MALE

10 YEARS 10 MONTHS

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

(7 sightings)

He was at Matshipiri Open Area on the 11th and was socializing with the New Rocks female east of Flockfield Lookout on the 14th. He was east of the Tamboti Thickets on the 16th and the following day he was west of New Rocks with the Kapen female. On the 26th, he was at Kapen Breakfast Spot where he was chased up a tree by two hyenas and the next day, he was at White Cloth Open Area. He had a territorial standoff with the Nkova male at Charleston North Crossing on the 29th, with no physical altercation observed.

N'WETI MALE

9 YEARS 4 MONTHS

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

(0 sightings)

Another month has passed without a single sighting of him—by us or any of our neighbouring properties—and with other male leopards beginning to take over his former territory, we fear that the worst may have happened and that he is no longer with us.

EYREFIELD MALE

7 YEARS 5 MONTHS

NOMADIC*Son of the Emsagweni female; independent in late 2019.*

(0 sightings)

He was not seen this month.

OTHER LEOPARDS ENCOUNTERED

- **MASHABA FEMALE** (1 sighting) – She was at River Rocks on the 19th.
- **LANGA FEMALE** (1 sighting) - She was west of Mlowathi Dam on the 20th.
- **GONYA MALE** (4 sightings) – He was southeast of Mlowathi Dam on the 1st. He had a bushbuck kill in the Nwana Nonashameni Donga on the 12th and the next two days he was with the Sibuye female and an impala carcass further west of that.
- **NKOVA MALE** (2 sightings) – He was north of River Rocks on the 19th and had a territorial dispute with the Split Rock male at Charleston North Crossing on the 29th.
- **NHENHE MALE** (1 sighting) - He was at Mlowathi Springs on the 20th, the first recorded sighting of him on MalaMala.
- **TORTOISE PAN MALE** (1 sighting) - He was at Mlowathi Dam on the 29th.
- An **UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE** was east of White Cloth Open Area with the New Rocks female on the 13th.

TOTAL NUMBER OF LEOPARDS ENCOUNTERED	27 (7 cubs)
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CHEETAHS

There were TWO MALES at Clarendon on the 13th, the same two individuals that have been seen in this area in previous months.

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

- **PACK OF SIX (4 ADULTS, 2 SUB-ADULTS)** (11 sightings) – The female from the Toulon pack has settled permanently into this pack and the six of them were seen together on numerous occasions this month. They were at Senegal Bush on the 3rd and at Mlowathi Dam the next day. On the 5th, they were near Stwise and were at Manyeleti Crossing on the 11th. They killed a bushbuck at Matshapiri Open Area on the 15th and were at Drum Crossing the next day. On the 17th, they were near Lion Rocks and were chased by elephants near Maurice’s Pan on the 19th, while following the scent of another pack in the area (see ‘TOULON PACK’ section). They were north of Ostrich Koppies on the 20th and they chased an unknown pack of three from Mlowathi Dam on the 27th.
- **LEEUPAN PACK (4 ADULTS, 2 SUB-ADULTS)** (4 sightings) – The alpha female was looking heavily pregnant this month and hopefully they will be denning on MalaMala soon. On the 10th, they were south of Charleston North Crossing and were at Jakkalsdraai Open Area on the 15th. Three members of the pack were at Ivory Pan on the 19th and were south of Mamba Waterhole on the 21st.
- **PACK OF 3 (3 ADULTS)** (2 sightings) – They were chased by the pack of six at Mlowathi Dam on the 27th and were split up with one individual contact calling later in the morning.
- **TOULON PACK (5 ADULTS, 1 SUB-ADULT)** (1 sighting) – The remaining four females left from the breakaway pack were being tracked by the pack of six near Maurice’s Pan on the 19th and later they met up but were chased out of the area by the larger pack.

TOTAL NUMBER OF CAPE HUNTING DOGS ENCOUNTERED

19 (0 pups)

CAPE BUFFALO AND ELEPHANTS

We recorded **213 sightings** of **ELEPHANTS** this month with 150 of those sightings being of herds and 63 sightings were of lone bulls and bachelor groups.

There were a total of **56 sightings** of **CAPE BUFFALO** in April, of which 47 were of groups of dagga boys with the remaining 47 sightings were of larger herds.

OTHER SIGHTINGS OF INTEREST

- There were **34 sightings** of **SPOTTED HYENA** throughout the property.
- There were **18 sightings** of **BLACK-BACKED JACKALS** in March, mostly being seen along the Airstrip and at Mlowathi Dam.
- There were **6 sightings** of **SOUTHERN GROUND HORNBILLS** and an **AFRICAN ROCK PYTHON** was seen near Kapen Rocks.
- There were **2 sightings** of **WHITE-TAILED MONGOOSE** and **HONEY BADGERS** were seen on **3 occasions**, once with a pup!
- **CAPE CLAWLESS OTTER, CIVETS** and **THICK-TAILED BUSHBABY** were each seen once in April.