October 2020 updates

This past month has seen the relaxation of COVID-19 restrictions in Kenya and the partial re-opening of schools. At KWT, we have continued with our predator conservation work while ensuring the safety of our staff and the communities we work with. Below are some of the highlights of our activities in October.

Mara Predator Conservation Programme activities

Annual Intensive Monitoring

Our Mara Predator Conservation Programme (MPCP) research team has completed its Annual Intensive Monitoring of Predators. The monitoring session, which ran for three months, has seen the team drive around and camp in the National Reserve, the Mara Triangle, and the conservancies in the Mara Ecosystem.

More updates on the findings from the monitoring session will be shared in the upcoming MPCP’s Q3 report.

Wild dog sightings

MPCP has had a sighting of a new group of four adult females in Lololinyo Conservancy. It is believed that this group could have dispersed from the Serengeti pack but it has not yet been verified.

There have also been sightings around Lemek Hills by locals and MPCP’s camera traps also captured some members of the pack.

More updates on the wild dog sightings and study will also be on the upcoming Q3 Report by MPCP.

Wildlife Clubs activities

Wildlife club members during their game visit to the Maasai Mara National Reserve

Following the partial reopening of schools after the closure occasioned by COVID-19, the MPCP community team embarked on some club activities. One of them was the game drives where selected members from the supported schools got a chance to visit the Maasai Mara National Reserve. A total of 100 wildlife club members were taken for the game drives and they all enjoyed the experience.

Conservation Leadership Programme

Billy Kaitet, one of the Conservation Leadership Programme scholars has recently graduated from the Kenya Wildlife Service Training Institute (KWSTI) with a Certificate in Wildlife Management. Billy who has been interning with our Mara Predator Conservation Programme graduated second on top of his class and we are very proud of him.

Evaline Sintoiya is also about to complete her studies at the Africa Nazarene University and we are looking forward to her marking this great milestone.

MPCP Fundraising Photography & predator monitoring Safari with Trai Anfield

Award-winning natural history photographer and filmmaker Trai Anfield is organizing yet another fundraising safari for MPCP in March 2021. 2020’s fundraising safari was a great success raising $6,000 for MPCP and we are inviting you to support our work in the Mara by booking the 2021 safari.

Few slots are remaining. Click below to read more about the safari and find out how to book.

Ways to give

To ensure that we continue to run and support predator conservation programmes, we need your support. Your donation today will ensure that communities and predators in the Greater Mara, Samburu, and Amboseli -Tsavo ecosystems continue to thrive. No amount is too little.

Click below to donate.

With Best Wishes,

Kenya Wildlife Trust Team.