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Head Scout's daily report

Reporting date: 04.04.2011

The Oldest elephant in our conservancy passed on this week due to old age. The elephant, an adult male was a frequent visitor to the conservancy especially after the rains in the past year. Prior to his demise, he was seen in the conservancy for about 5 days. Every evening during our afternoon game drives, we passed by to see him. At one point Daniel, reported that he looked frail and limping. He spent most of his last days resting in the nearby croton bushes at Ntulele plot sometimes straying into Oloropa and Kirok Loirien plots. His behaviour was unusual at first as elephants move a lot in the day searching for food. In fact they spend three halves of their time eating. But when his body was found five days later in Kirok Loirien plot them, we knew that he must have been on his last days.

Our scouts on patrol discovered the body lying in a bush where he must have struggled as he inhaled his last breath. His tusks were intact. His boby still fresh was opened by a pack of Hyenas who managed to rip open a small hole if the belly.

We invited the Wildlife authorities KWS and NCC who came and removed the tusks for safe keeping. Both tusks were estimated to weigh about 100Kg in total. May Ole Mzee rest in peace!

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Scouts on Duty (Patrol)

Chemichemi

Main Gate/Barrier

Off Duty

Benson, Shuel, Tompoi, Yenko, Saiuto Sedek

Daniel Lomokunyo, Lenkiroro Taki

Patrol route

Bravo 1: Oriatu, Kirok Loirien, Oloirien, Chemichemi, Safaricom, BT, Milimani

Bravo 2: Osinoni, Oloropa, Ntulele, Orgillai, Saltlick, BT, Oyerata

Livestock Movement in the Conservancy

No livestock intrusion reported

Condition of wild animals

Good

Condition of cattle

Condition of vegetation

Good

Weather condition

Sunny and Hot

Water Supply

Plenty

Animals sighted

No. of animals seen

African Civet Civettictis civetta

African Elephant	Loxodonta africana

25

African Wild Cat Felis lybica

Banded mongoose Mungos mungo

21

Bat-eared Fox Otocyon megalotis

4

Black Rhinocero	s Diceros bicornis

Buchell’s Zebra Equus burchellii

50

Bushbuck Tragelaphus scriptus

4

Cape Buffalo	Syncerus caffer

5

Cape hare Lepus capensis

Caracal Felis caracal

Cheetah Acinonyx jubatus

6

Coke’s Hartebeest Alcelaphus buselaphus

Common (Golden) Jackal

Dwarf Mongoose Helogale parvula

27

Eland Taurotragus oryx

5

Grant’s Gazelle Gazella granti

8

Hedgehog Atelerix albiventris

Honey Badger (Ratel) Mellivora capensis

Impala Aepyceros melampus

490

Kirk’s Dik Dik Madoqua kirkii

20

Klipspringer Oreotragus oreotragus

Large-spotted Genet Genetta tigrina

Leopard	Panthera padus

Lesser Bushbaby Galago moholi

Lesser Kudu Tragelaphus imberbis

Lion	Panthera leo

2

Maasai Giraffe Giraffa camelopardalis

20

Olive Baboon Papio anubis

40

Porcupine Hystrix cristata

Rock Hyrax (Dassie) Heterohyrax brucei

Serval Felis serval

Side-striped Jackal Canis adustus

Silver-backed Jackal Canis mesomelas

4

Slender Mongoose Galerella sanguinea

Small-spotted Genet Genetta genetta

Spotted Hyena Crocuta crocuta

2

Striped Hyena Hyena hyena

Topi Damaliscus korrigum

26

Thompson’s Gazelle Gazella thomsoni

60

Warthog Phacochoerus eathiopicus

12

White-tailed Mongoose Ichneumia albicauda

Wildebeest Connochaetes taurinus

42