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Head Scout's daily report

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The scouts team while on patrol sighted a family of elephants running as if they were in danger. On a closer look they noticed three bull trailing them at a distance. Two of the bulls were much larger. The younger bull led the two other larger male in pursuit of the oestrus female. Onn noticing that the younger bull was a head the other two bull increased their paces out running the young bull. The two large bulls joined together then chased away him away. They ensured that he was kept at bay from the females.

Bull elephants spend much a lot of time fighting for dominance with each other. Only the most dominant males will be permitted to breed with cycling females. The less dominant ones must wait their turns. It is usually the older bulls, forty to fifty years old, that do most of the breeding. The dominance battles between males can look very fierce, but typically they inflict very little injury. Most of the bouts are in the form of aggressive displays and bluffs. Ordinarily, the smaller, younger, and less confident animal will back off before any real damage can be done. Moreover, during the breeding season, the battles can get extremely aggressive, and the occasional elephant is injured. During this season, known as musth, a bull will fight with almost any other male it encounters, and it will spend most of its time hovering around the female herds, trying to find a receptive mate.

http://youtu.be/ONWPyTfGh0o

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Scouts on Duty (Patrol)

Chemichemi

Main Gate/Barrier

Off Duty

Daniel, Shuel, Siito, John, Salau, Tony, Lenkiroro
Setek

Benson

Patrol route

Bravo 1: Oriatu, Kirok Loirien, Oloropa, Osinoni, Ntulele, BT, Milimani, Safaricom, Chemichemi,

Bravo 2: Osinoni, Olgenchemi, Oldonyowuas, Oyerata, Milimani, BT, Saltlick, Osinoni

Livestock Movement in the Conservancy

One herd of cattle belonging to Patet Gilisho intruded into Bushtops plot.

Condition of wild animals

Good

Condition of cattle

Good

Condition of vegetation

Good

Weather condition

Sunny, hot morning and rainy afternoon

Water Supply

Sufficient

Animals sighted

No. of animals seen

African Civet Civettictis civetta

African Elephant	Loxodonta africana

7

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

180

Bushbuck Tragelaphus scriptus

2

Cape Buffalo	Syncerus caffer

5

Cape hare Lepus capensis

40

Caracal Felis caracal

Cheetah Acinonyx jubatus

Coke’s Hartebeest Alcelaphus buselaphus

5

Common (Golden) Jackal

Dwarf Mongoose Helogale parvula

18

Eland Taurotragus oryx

22

Grant’s Gazelle Gazella granti

6

Hedgehog Atelerix albiventris

Honey Badger (Ratel) Mellivora capensis

Impala Aepyceros melampus

500

Kirk’s Dik Dik Madoqua kirkii

42

Klipspringer Oreotragus oreotragus

Large-spotted Genet Genetta tigrina

Leopard	Panthera padus

1

Lesser Bushbaby Galago moholi

Lesser Kudu Tragelaphus imberbis

Lion	Panthera leo

Maasai Giraffe Giraffa camelopardalis

21

Olive Baboon Papio anubis

35

Porcupine Hystrix cristata

Rock Hyrax (Dassie) Heterohyrax brucei

Serval Felis serval

Side-striped Jackal Canis adustus

Silver-backed Jackal Canis mesomelas

5

Slender Mongoose Galerella sanguinea

2

Small-spotted Genet Genetta genetta

Spotted Hyena Crocuta crocuta

8

Striped Hyena Hyena hyena

Topi Damaliscus korrigum

42

Thompson’s Gazelle Gazella thomsoni

90

Warthog Phacochoerus eathiopicus

31

White-tailed Mongoose Ichneumia albicauda

Wildebeest Connochaetes taurinus

50