

MAASAI MARA LEOPARDS

Maasai Mara National Reserve and Mara Triangle



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Identification process

The face pattern on each leopard individual is distinctive. There are also considerable bilateral variations to the markings and so obtaining clear, close-up images of both the left and right profiles, plus a face shot, will greatly increase the likelihood of making a positive identification. While patterns on the forehead can appear different depending on the camera angle and lighting, identifying distinguishing patterns between the eye and ear proved most reliable. Some leopard have such distinctive spot patterns in these areas that they could be successfully identified in the field, and these areas have been highlighted on the leopard in the database. Other leopard have distinctive physical characteristics e.g. scarring that also makes them easy to identify visually in the field.

Results

Leopard sighted from 2013 to date presented in the current Database. New sightings will continue to be matched to determine population status, distribution and kinship between individuals (parents, littermates).

The Database was formed using the photographs taken by the ongoing cheetah research' team (Mara-Meru Cheetah Project), taken by Ms. Eve M. Hills, and obtained from the Maasai-Mara tour guides, visitors and volunteers. Research To date, over 12000 photographs have been processed, and 52 leopards (20 males and 32 females) have been identified. Each individual has been given a code: M001R for a male and F001R for a female in the Maasai Mara National Reserve and M012T for a male / F023T for the Mara Triangle.

Please help us by sharing your knowledge and information about the leopards included on the database particularly parentage, sibling relationships, and the areas in the reserve they have been seen.

You can post your leopard photographs to our Face Book page '[Mara Leopard Watch](#)' or you can send photos by email to: maraleopardwatch@gmail.com

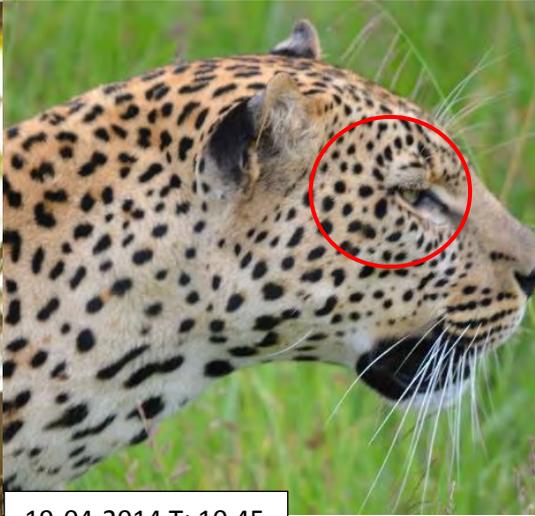
MALE LEOPARDS

ID: M001R/Name: Keekorok male

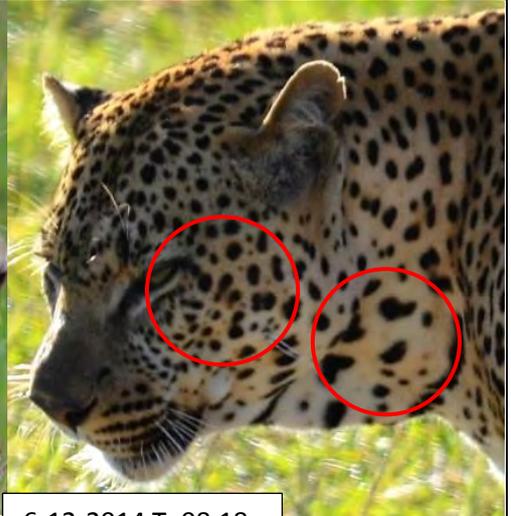
Most recent sighting: 17 August 2018



29-09-2014 T: 06.54



19-04-2014 T: 10.45



6-12-2014 T: 08.18



17-08-2018 T: 17:38

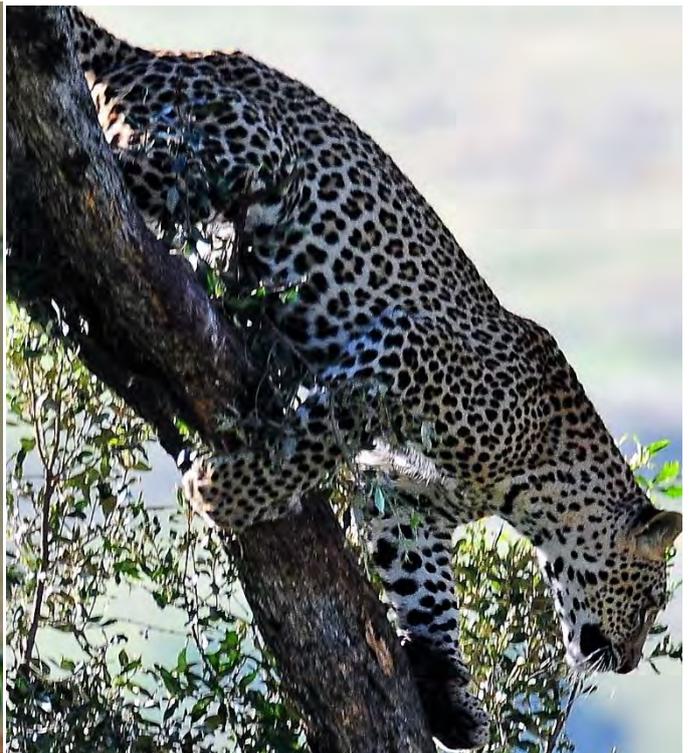


21-12-2014 T: 09.55

Born:
Estimated age: 7-9
Mother: Unknown
Area: Keekorok

ID: M002R/Name:

Most recent sighting: 10 June 2016



Born: 2011 - 2013

Estimated age: 4-5

Mother: Unknown

Area: Unknown

Comments: photo quality makes it difficult to positively ID this male.

ID: **M003R**/Name:

Most recent sighting: **4 Jan 2015**



Born: 2008 – 2010

Estimated age: 8 – 10 yrs

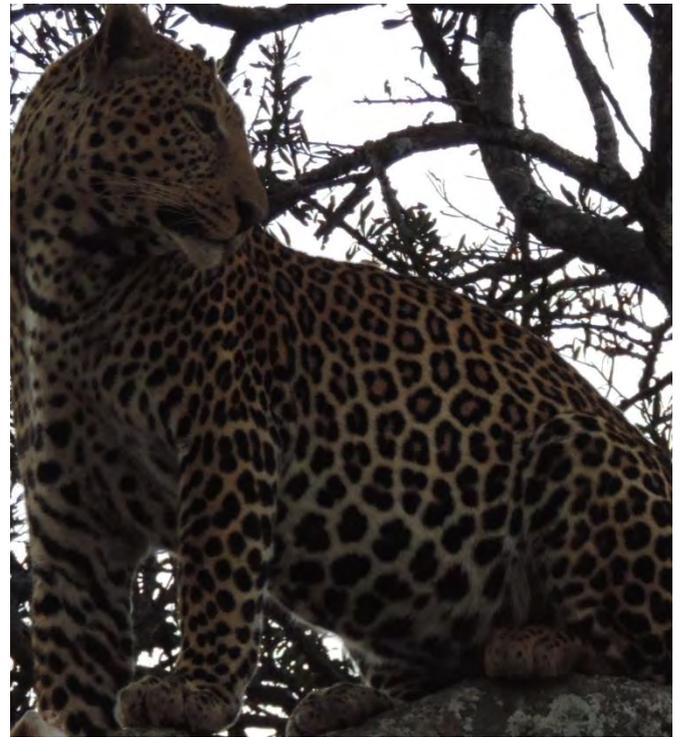
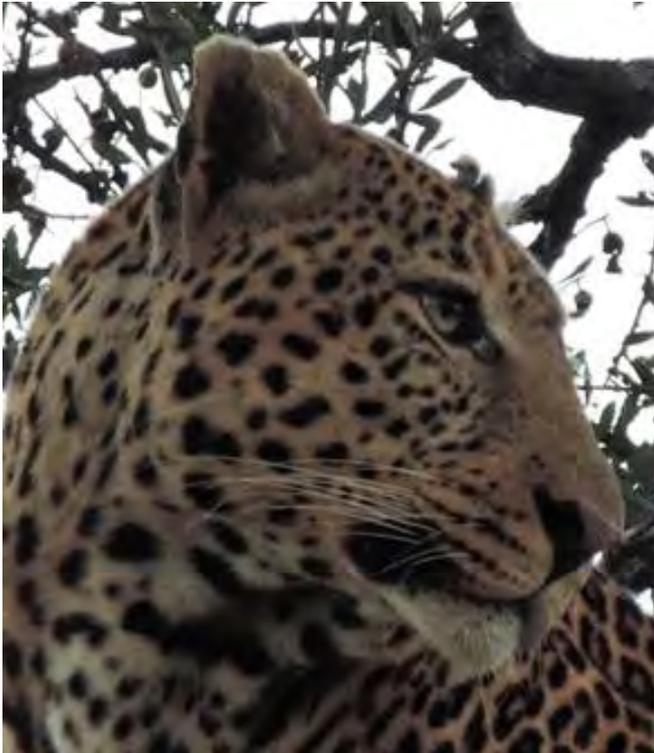
Mother: Unknown

Area: Serena area

Comments: One sighting in current dataset and no clear photos of different angles of his body.

ID: **M004R**/Name:

Most recent sighting: **7 July 2013**



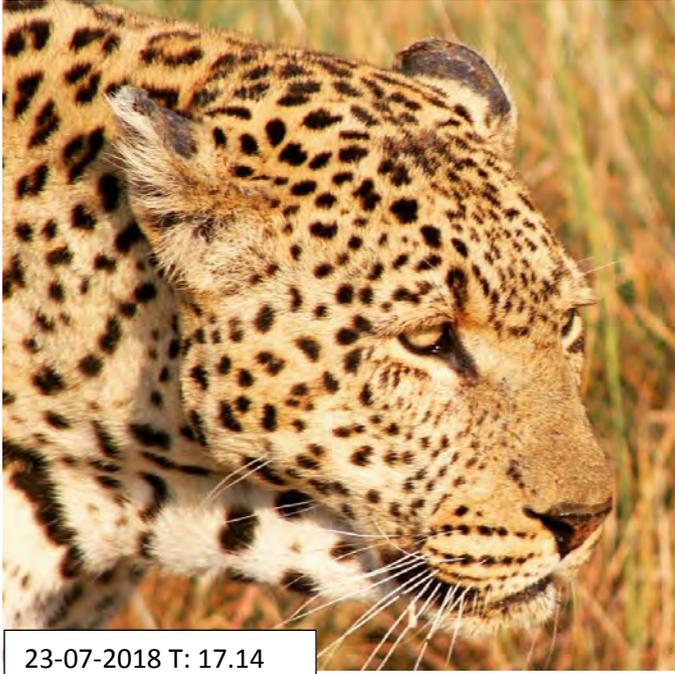
Born: 2007 - 2009

Estimated age: 10

Mother: Unknown

Area: Unknown

Comments: One sighting in current dataset.



23-07-2018 T: 17.14



Posted September 2018



Posted July 2018



23-07-2018 T: 17.22



21-07-2018 T: 17:00



23-07-2018 T: 17.22

Born: 2009-2010

Estimated age: 8 -9 yrs

Mother: Unknown

Area: Mara Triangle

Comments: Prominent male of the Triangle.

ID: **M006R**/Name: **Blue eyes - Chiwawa**

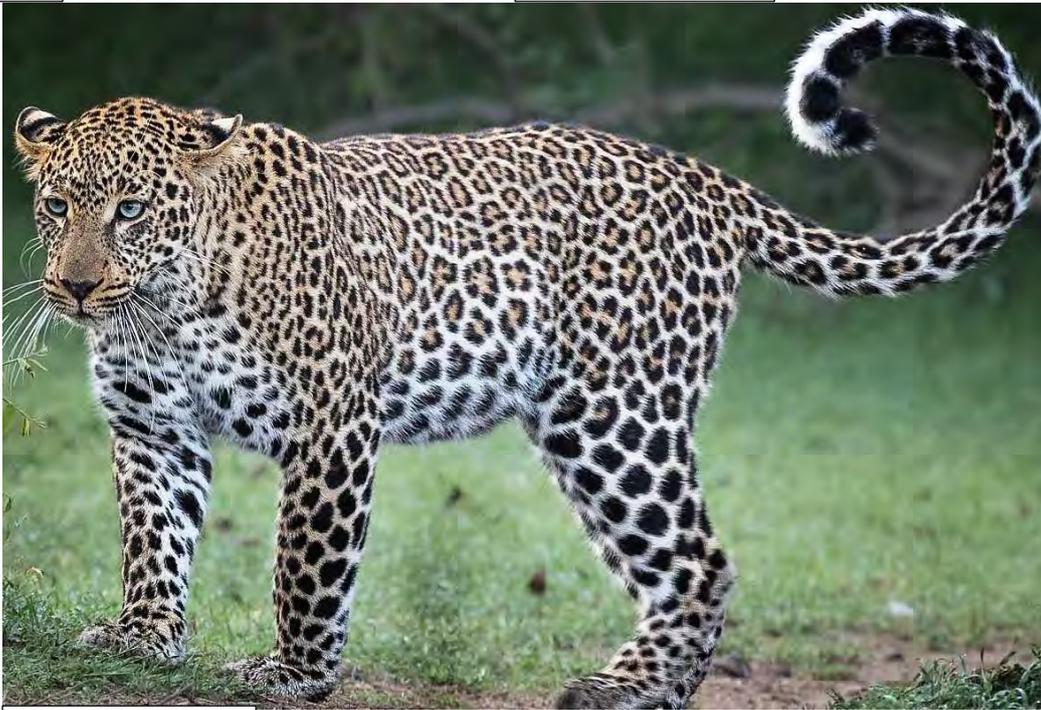
Most recent sighting: **August 2018**



Posted: May 2018



Posted: Aug 2018



Posted: Dec 2017

Born: approx. 2015

Estimated age: 3

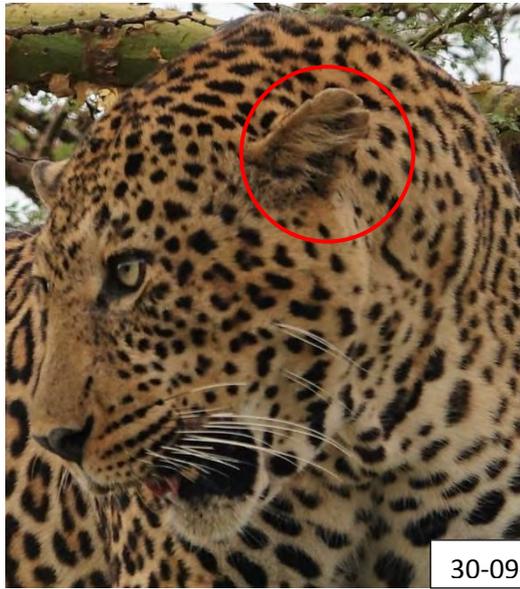
Mother: Kaboso

Area:

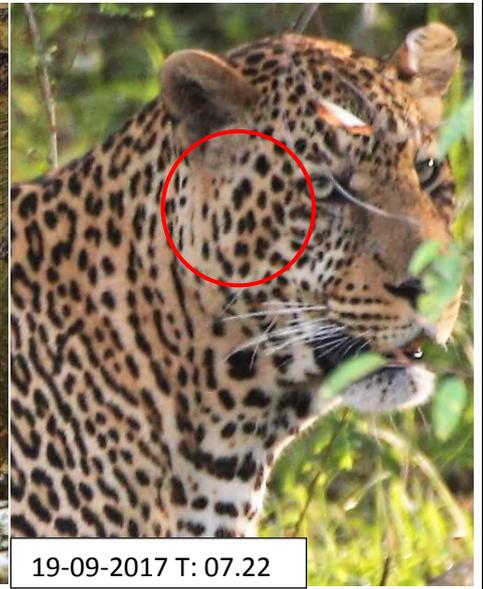
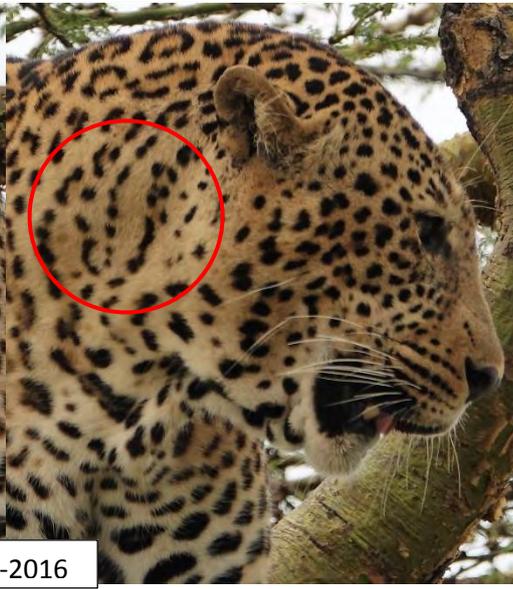
Comments:

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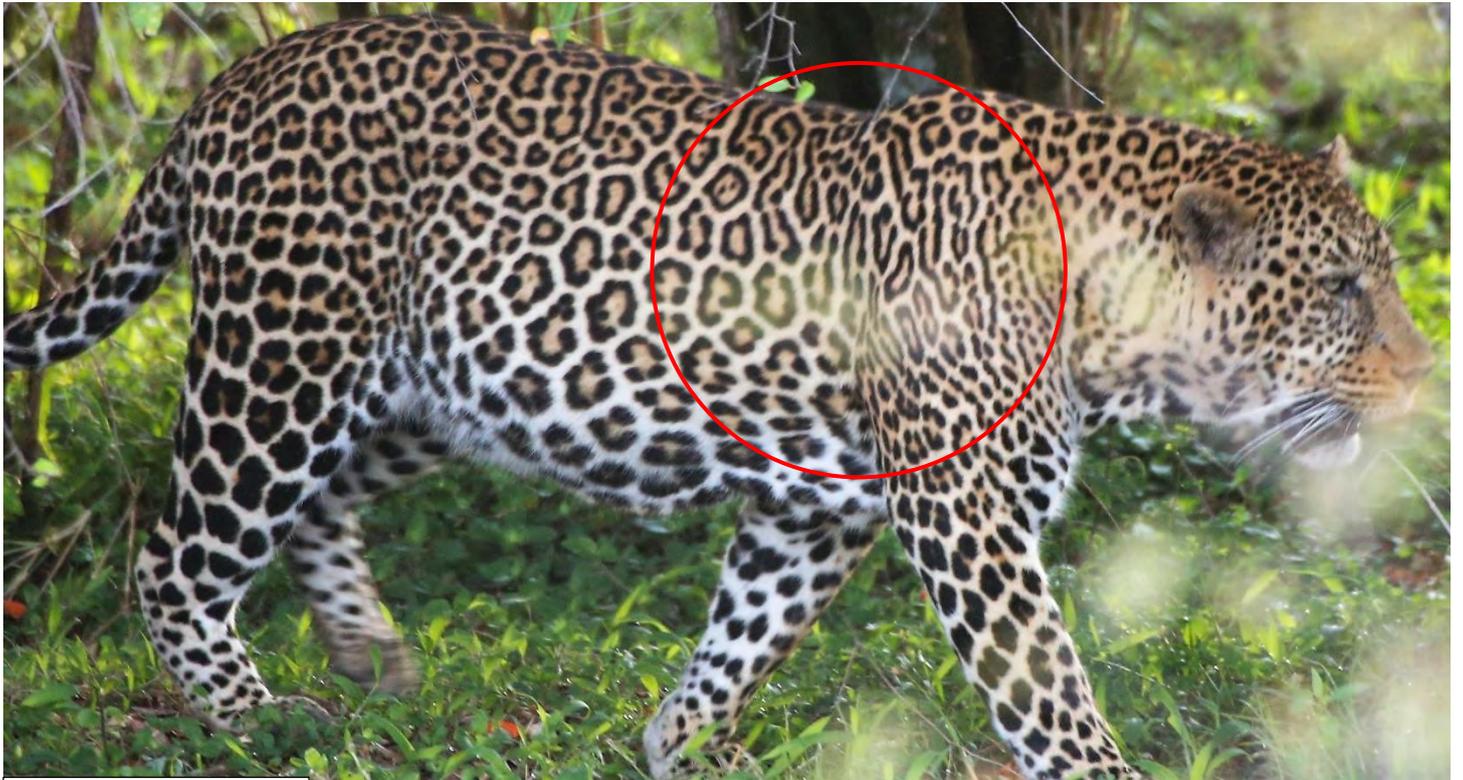
Most recent sighting: **19 September 2017**



30-09-2016



19-09-2017 T: 07.22

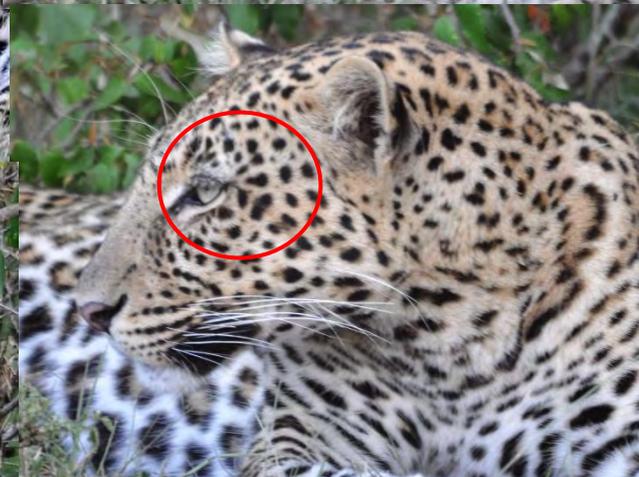
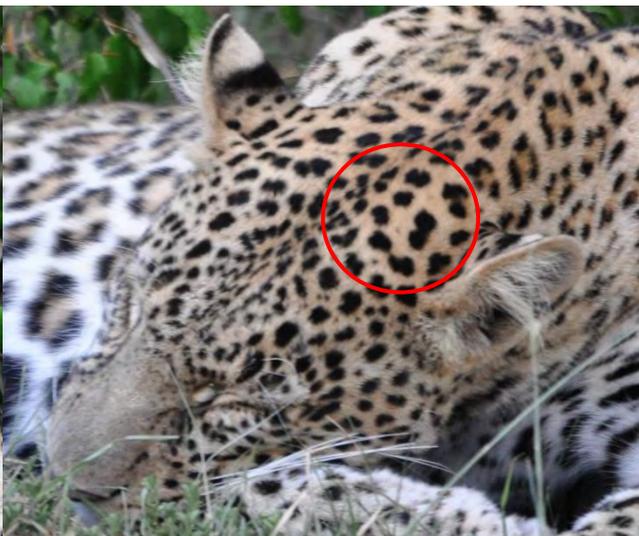
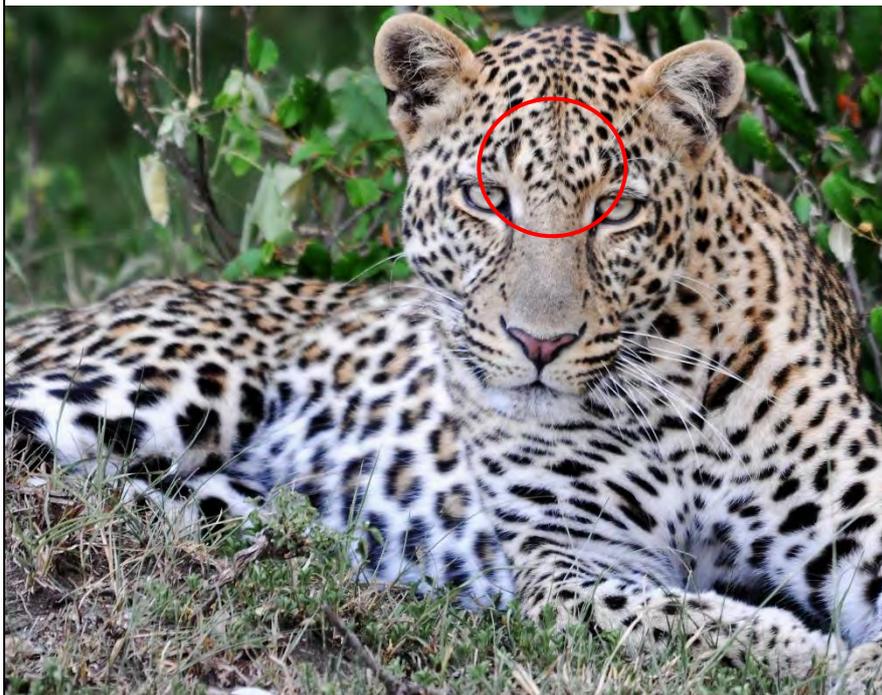


19-09-2017. T: 07.22

Born:
Estimated age: >8 yrs
Mother: Unknown
Area: Unknown
Comments: Distinctive pattern on shoulder area.

ID: **M008 R/Name:**

Most recent sighting: **17 February 2018**



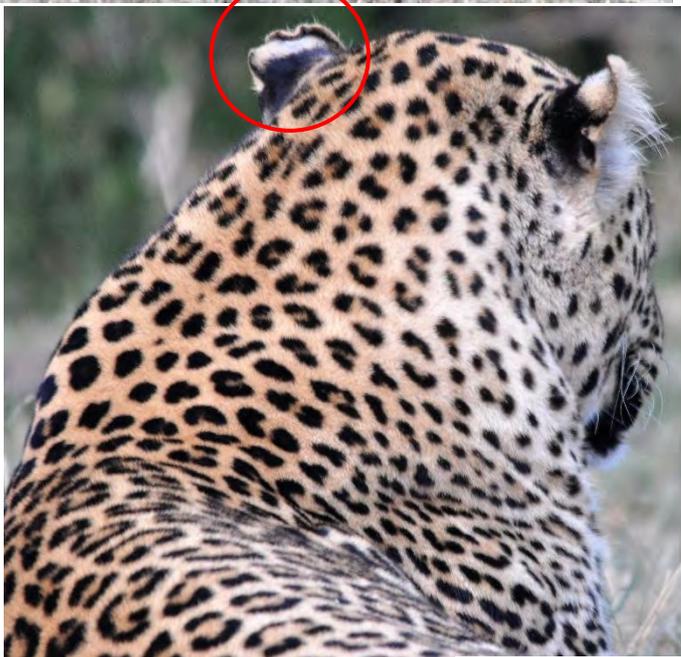
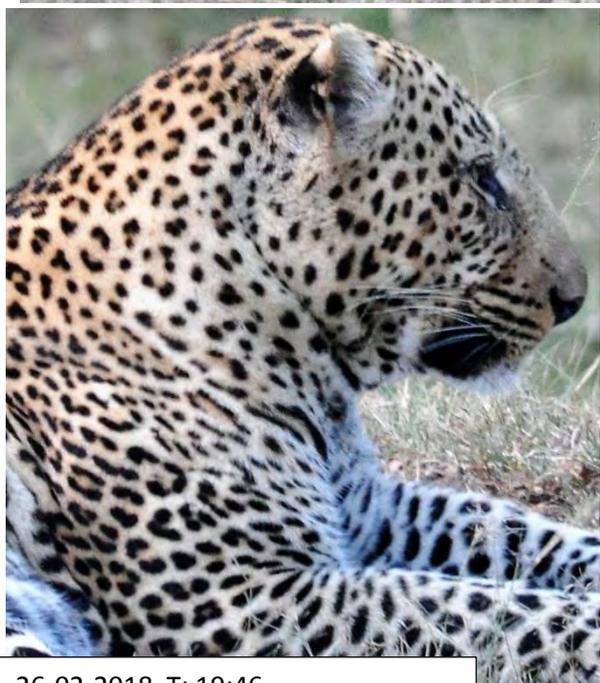
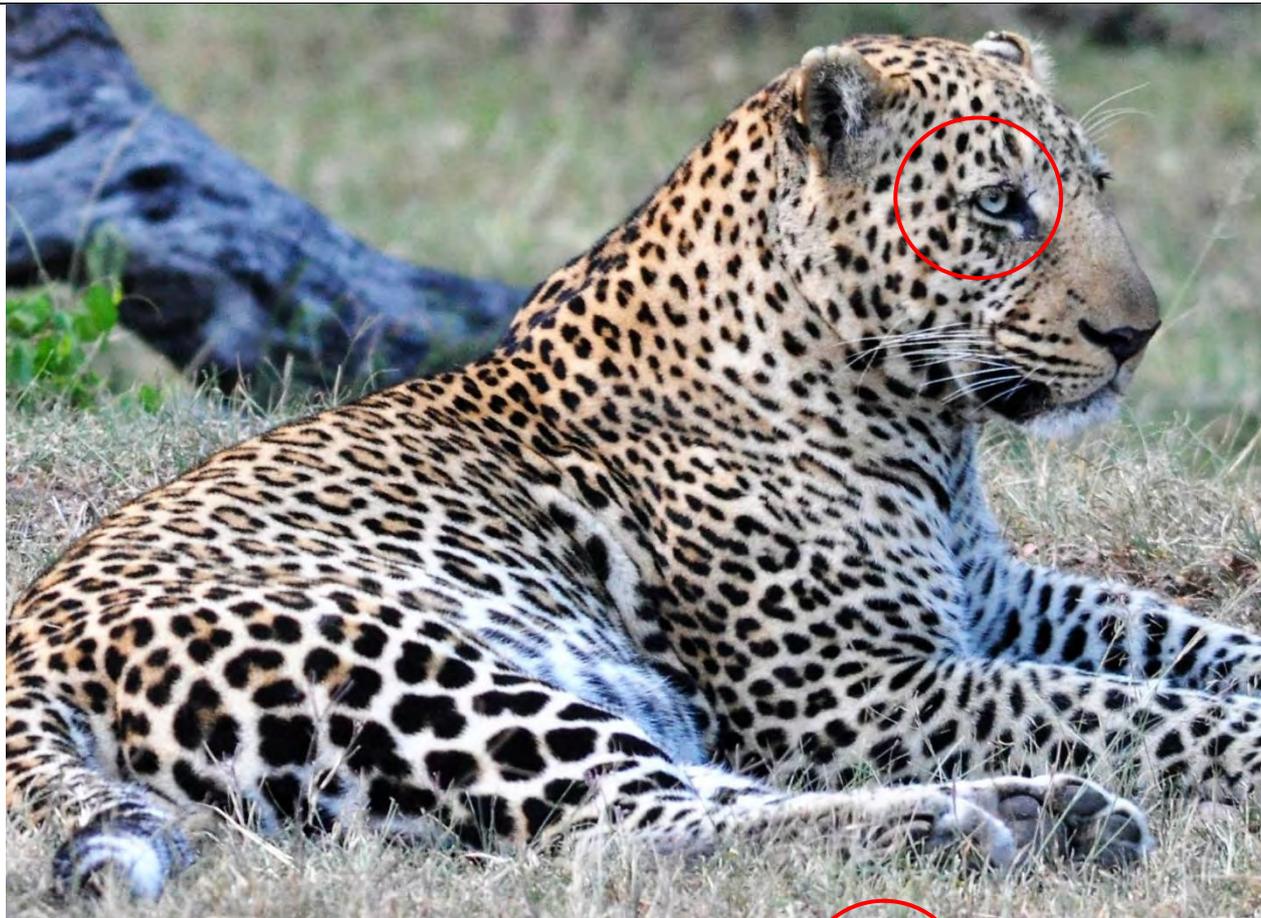
17 Feb 2018 T: 19.04

Photo credits: Sally Giles

Born:
Estimated age: 2-4 yrs
Mother: Unknown
Area: Unknown
Comments: One sighting in current dataset.

ID: **M009** R/Name:

Most recent sighting: **26 February 2018**



26-02-2018 T: 19:46

Photo credit: Sally Giles

Born:

Estimated age: 7 - 9

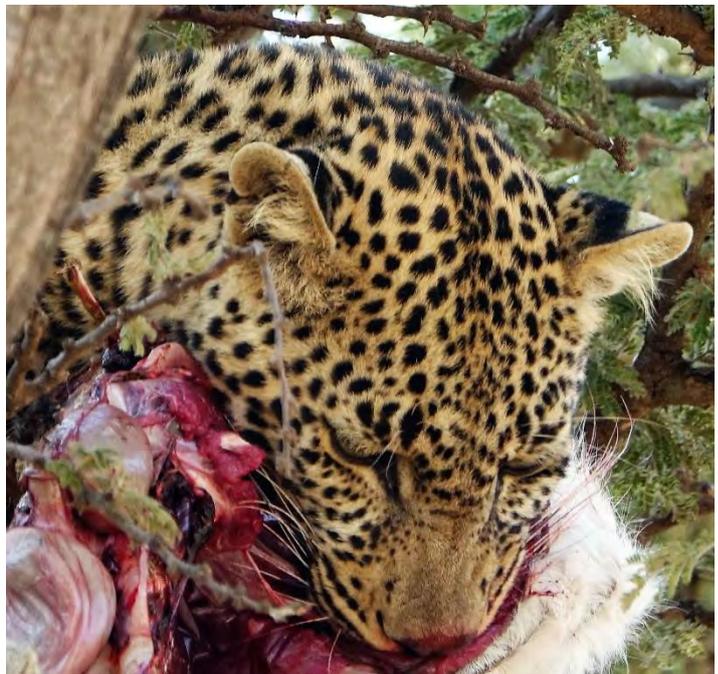
Mother: Unknown

Area: Unknown

Comments: One sighting in current dataset.

ID: M010 O/Name: Olare male

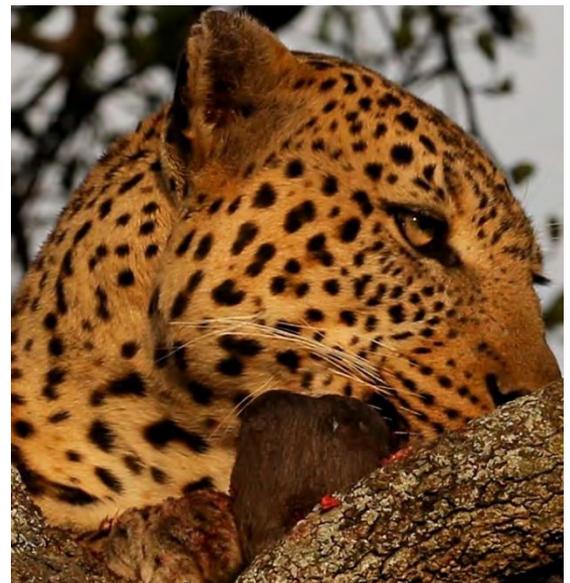
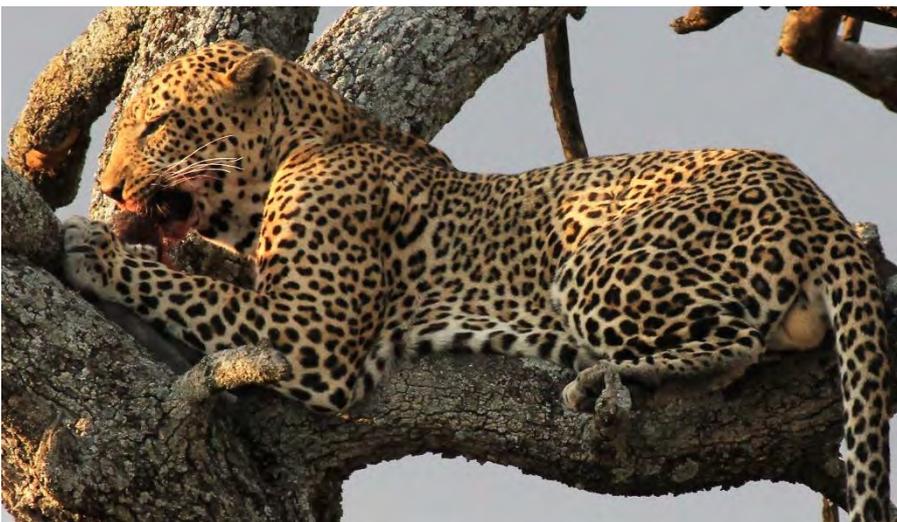
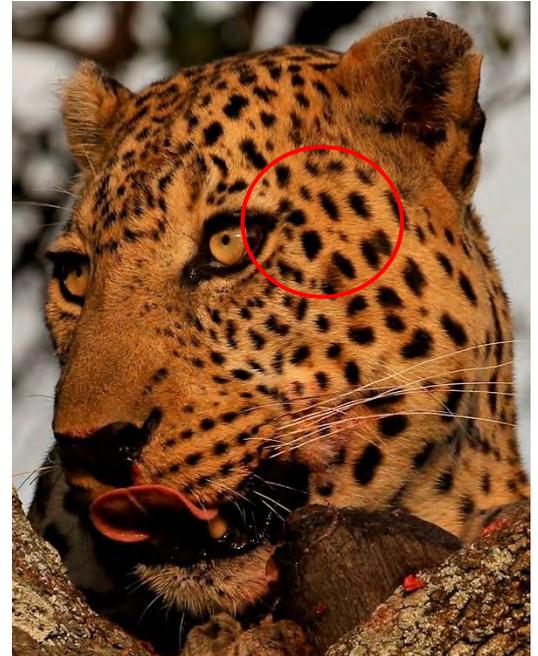
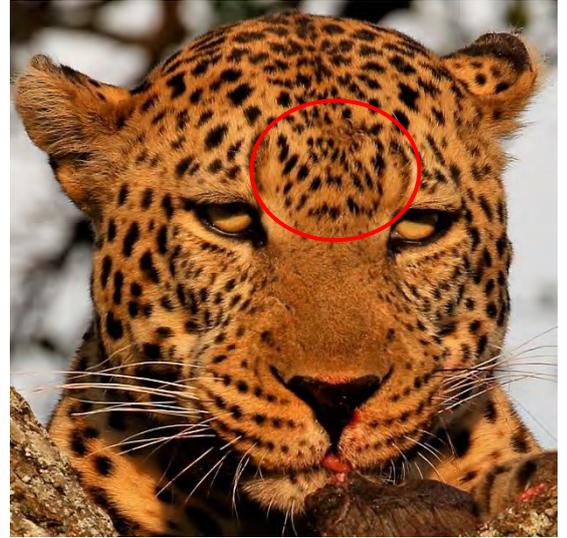
Most recent sighting: August 2016



20-08-2016 T: 12:18

Photo credit: Jackson

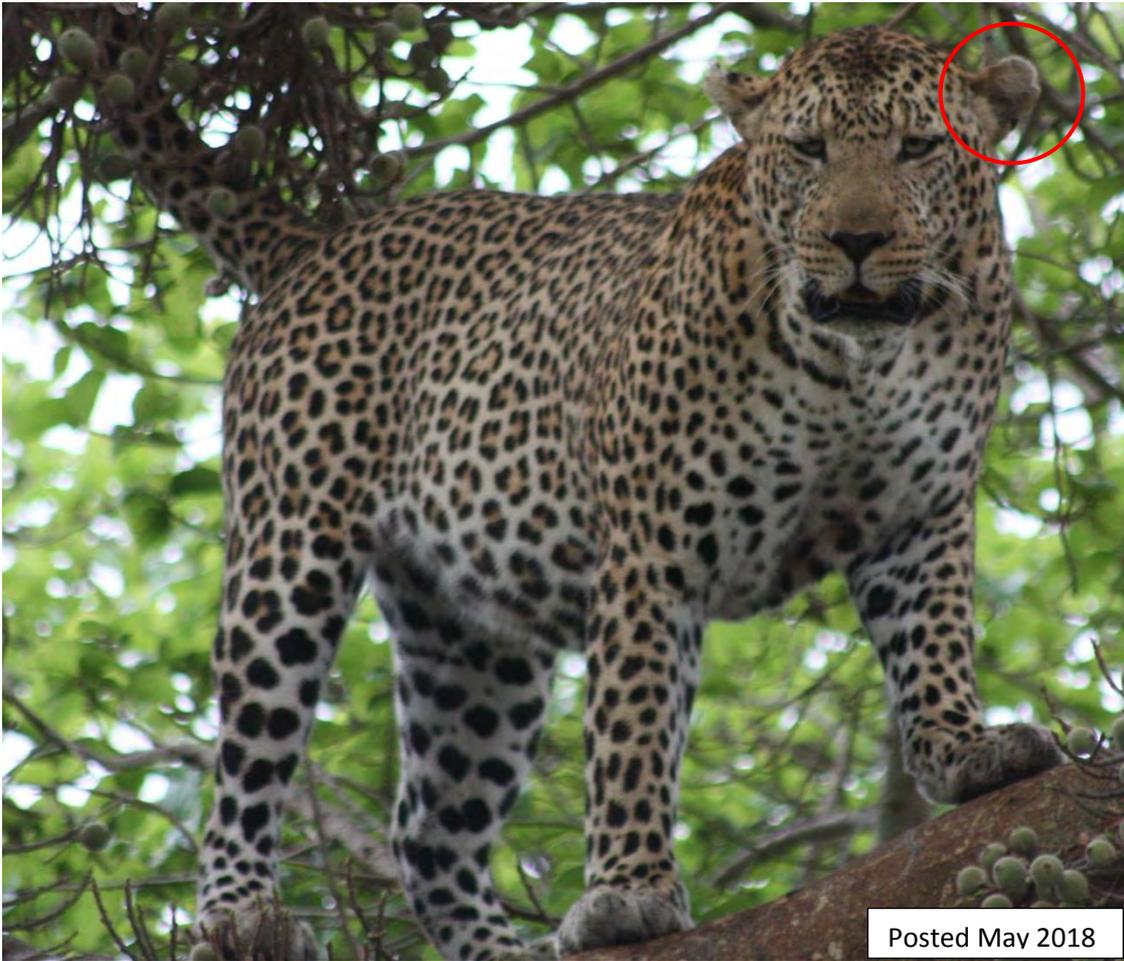
Born:
Estimated age: 3-4 yrs
Mother: Unknown
Area: Olare conservancy
Comments:



18-09-2018 T: 18:08

Photo credit: Dr Elena Chelysheva

ID: **M011 R/Name: Oldest**



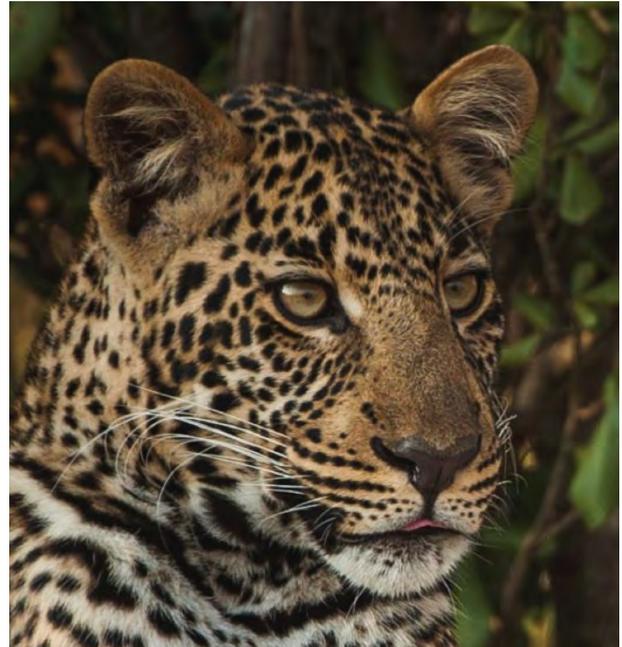
Born:
Estimated age: > 8 yrs
Mother: Unknown
Area: Sand River

ID: M012T/Name: Carlos/Shujaa

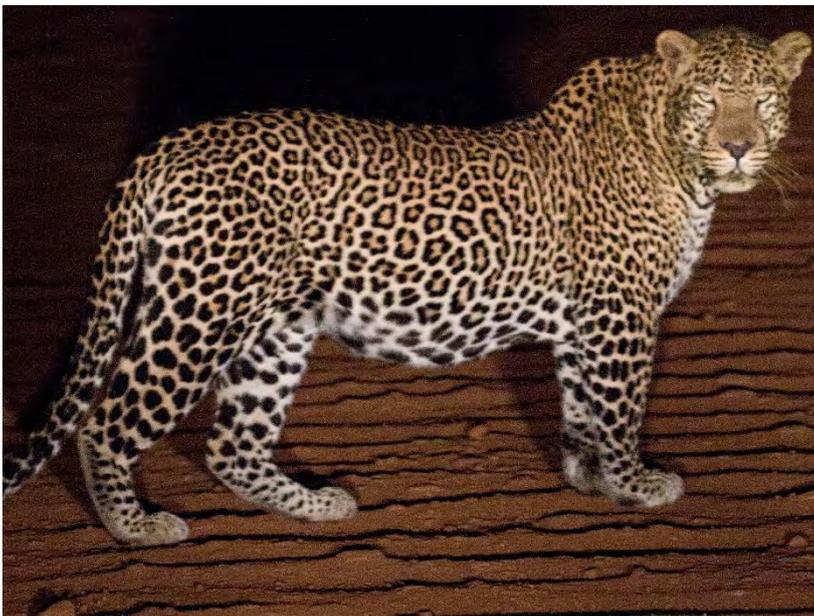
Most recent sighting: July 2017



August 2012, Frederico Veronesi



August 2012, Frederico Veronesi



October 2016, Mike Kowalski



September 2016, Merkel Erasmus

Born: October 2011

Estimated age: 7 yrs

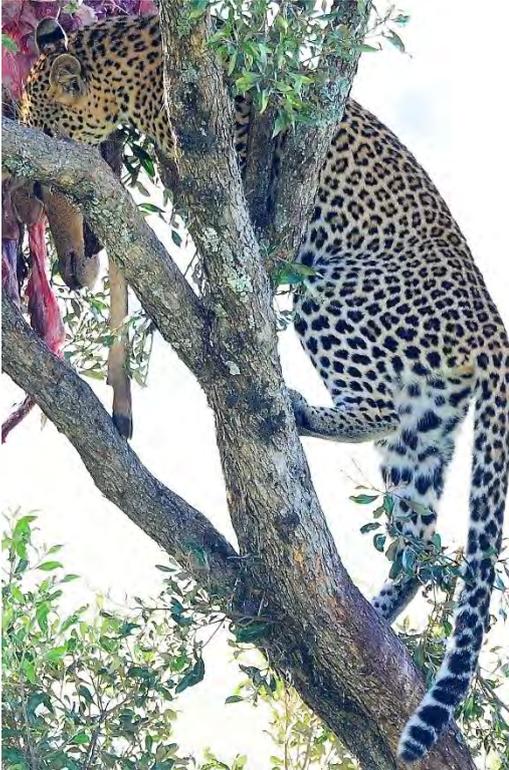
Mother: F014/Siri

Area: Triangle – Mara Serena to BBC crossing.

FEMALE LEOPARDS

ID: **F001 R** /Name:

Most recent sighting: **July 18 2018**



10-06-2016 T: 08:26



10-06-2016 T: 08:25



18-07-2017 T: 15:02

Born:
Estimated age: 4-6 yrs
Mother: unknown
Area: unknown
Comments: Not enough good quality photographs for matching. The two sightings are not a definite match but markings around the left eye are similar. Do you know this female?

ID: **F002 R/Name:**

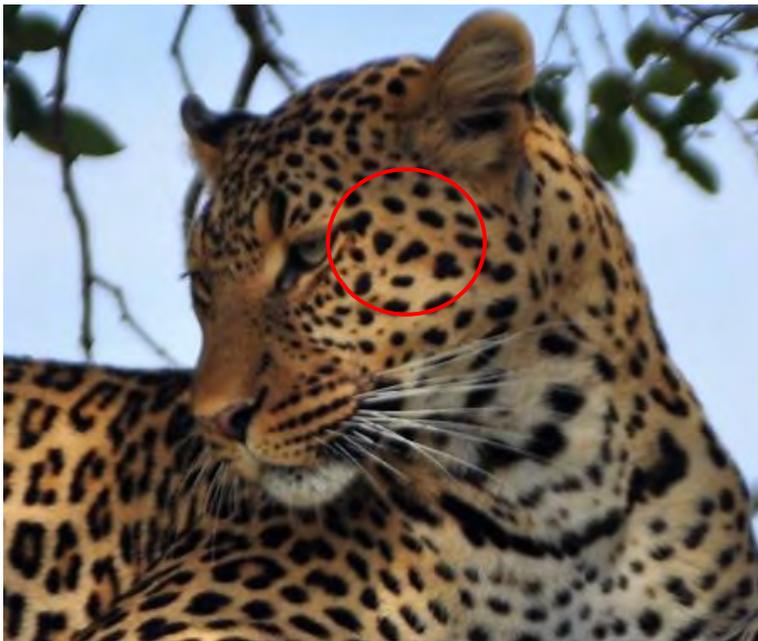
Most recent sighting: **14 June 2016**



14-06-2016 T: 17:27



26-11-2014 T: 11:40



14-06-2016 T: 17:22

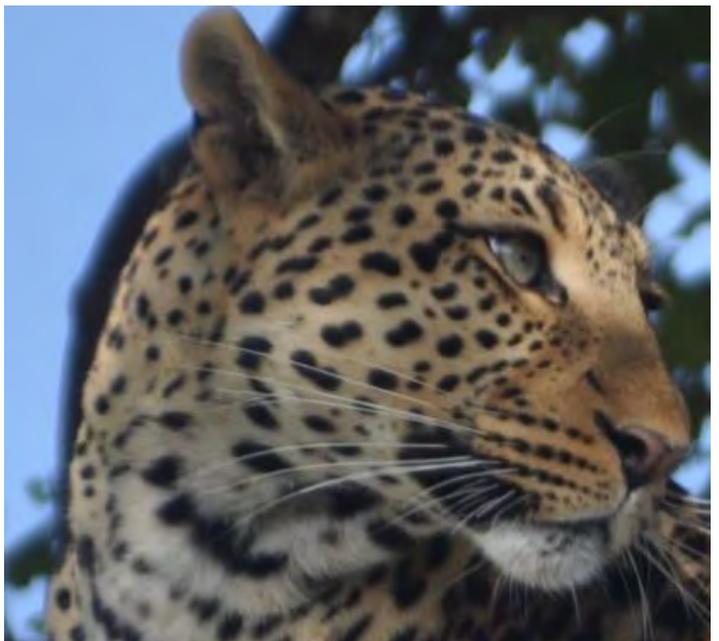
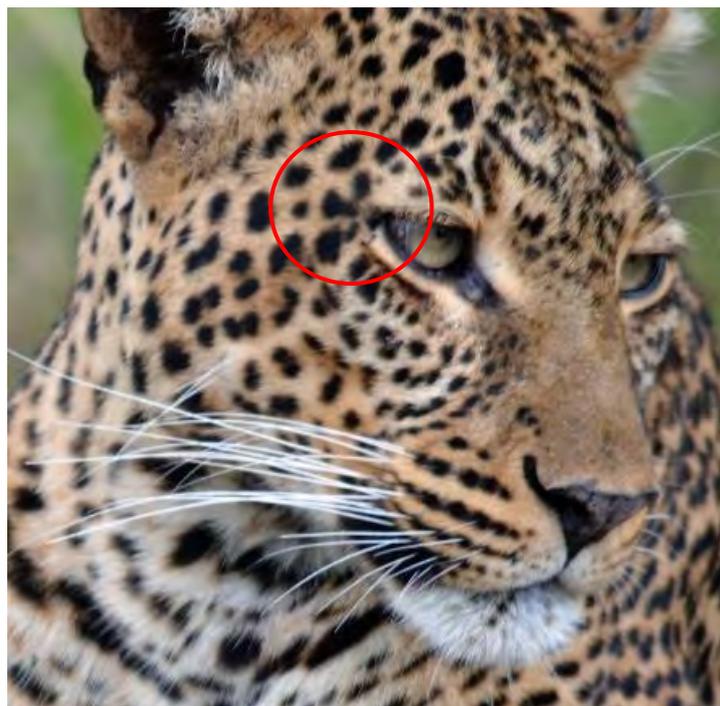
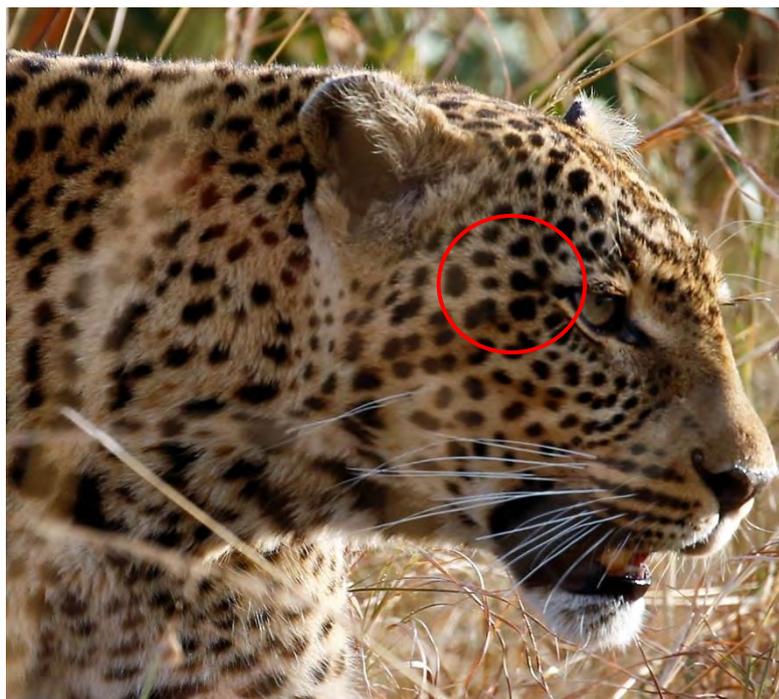


Photo credit: Christine

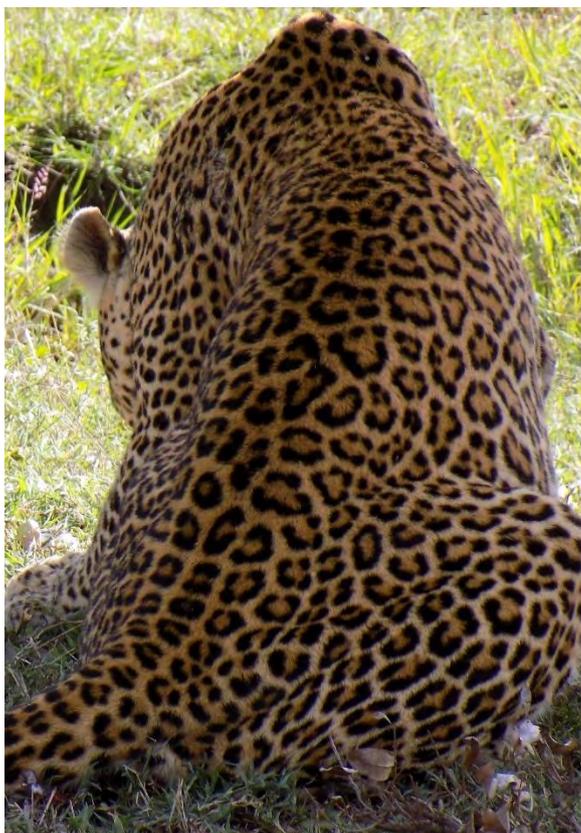
Born:
Estimated age: 6-8 yrs
Mother: unknown
Area: Seen Mrefu-Salas
Comments:



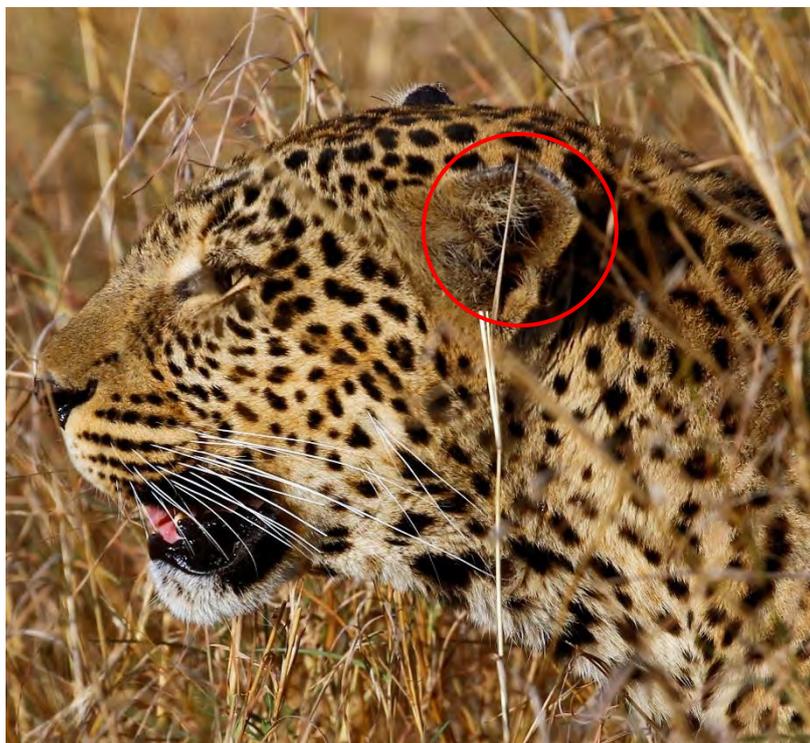
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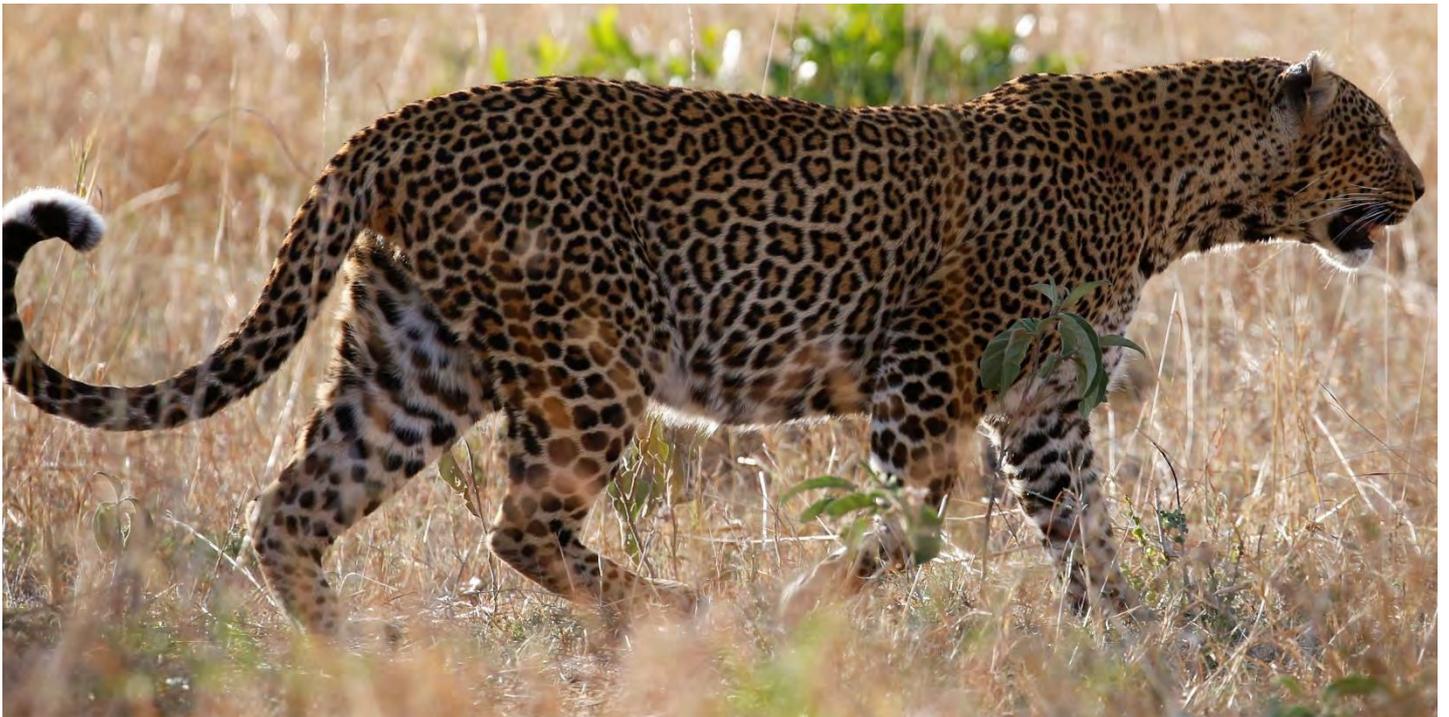
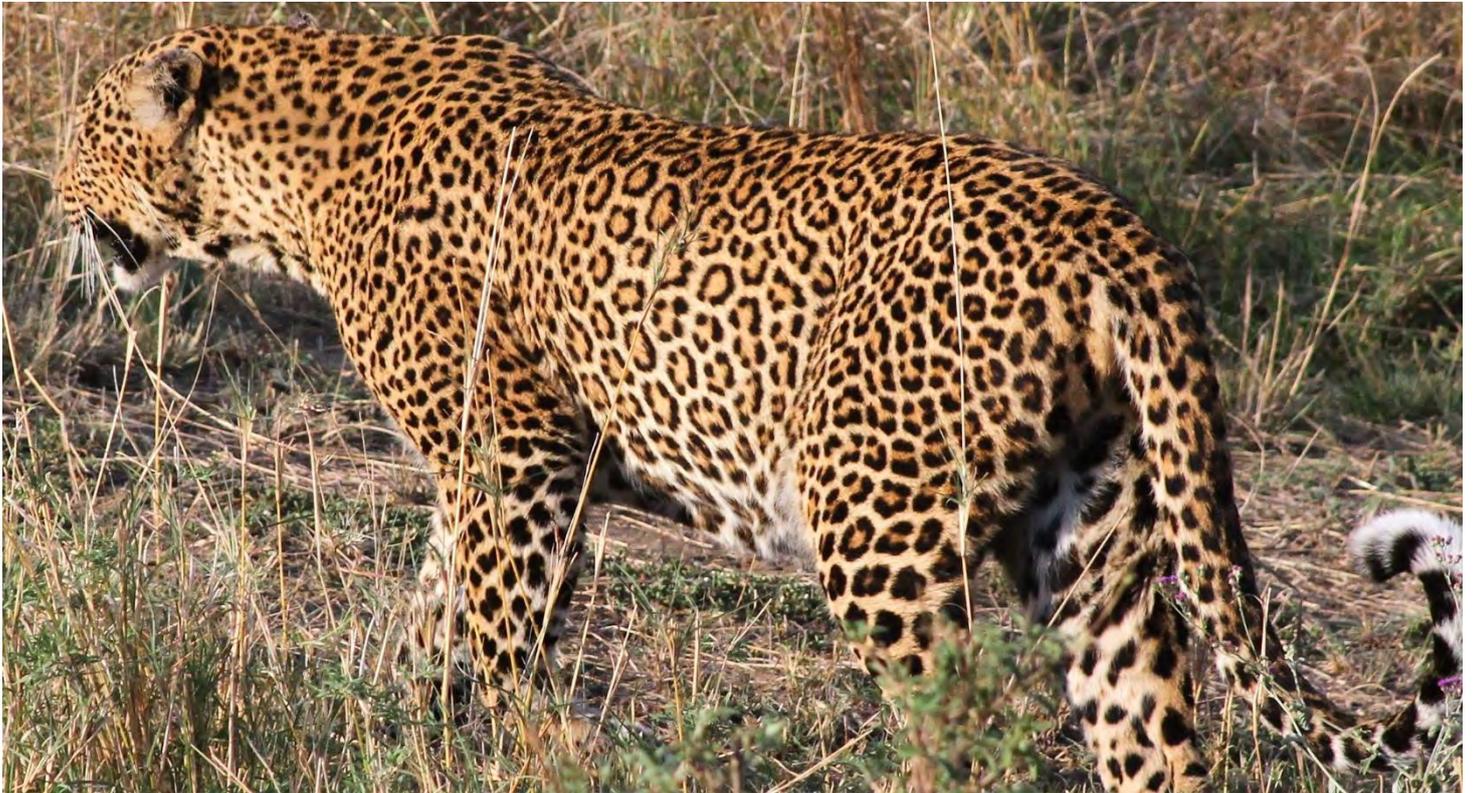
18-09-2018 T: 17:57



21-10-2017 T: 09:16



18-09-2018 T: 17: 58



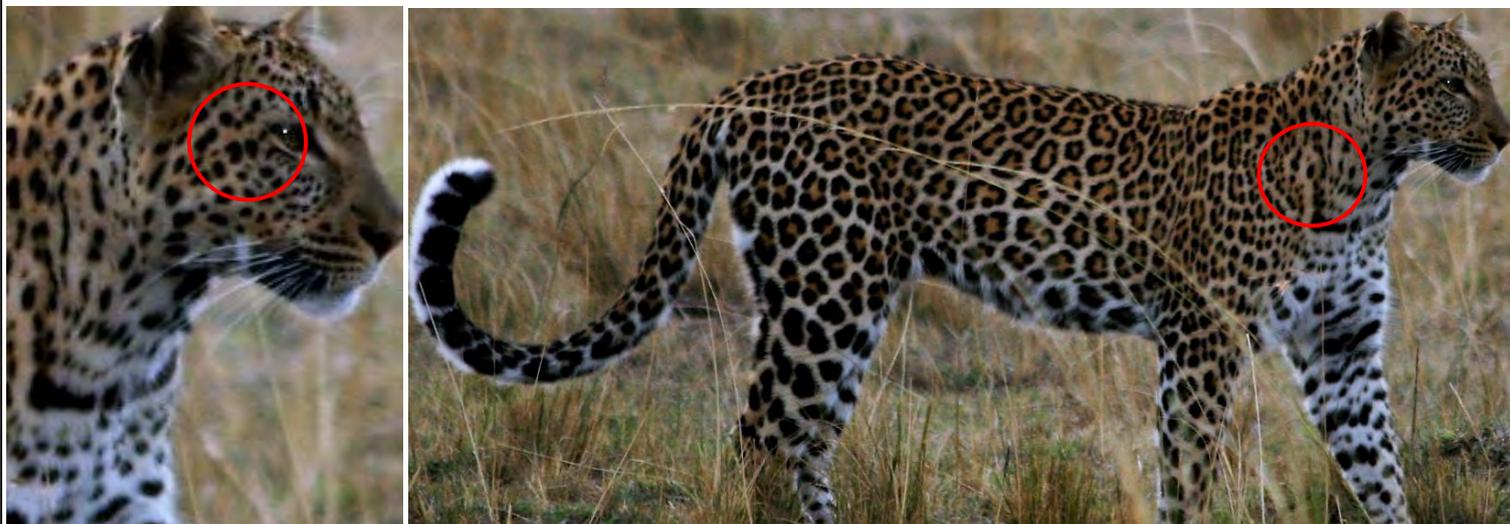
18-09-2018 T: 17: 47 & 17: 52

Photo credit: Dr Elena Chelysheva

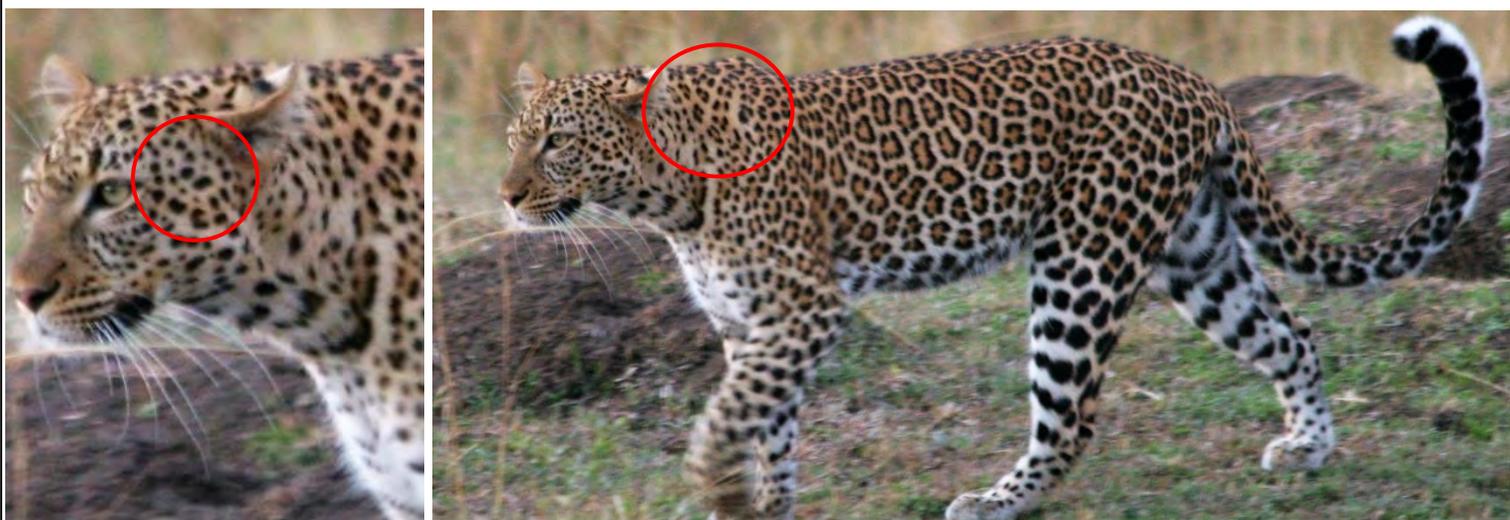
Born:
Estimated age: 6-8 yrs
Mother: Unknown
Area: Seen in Sand river area
Comments: Mature female must be known to guides? Seen with 3 small cubs in August 2014 and one juvenile cub in November 2017 (see cubs and juveniles).

ID: **F004** R/Name:

Most recent sighting: **30 August 2013**



30-08-2013 T: 18:46



30-08-2013 T: 18:45

Born:
Estimated age: 3-5 yrs
Mother: Unknown
Area: Unknown
Comments:

ID: F005 R/Name:

Most recent sighting: December 2011



Born:

Estimated age: 10 yrs

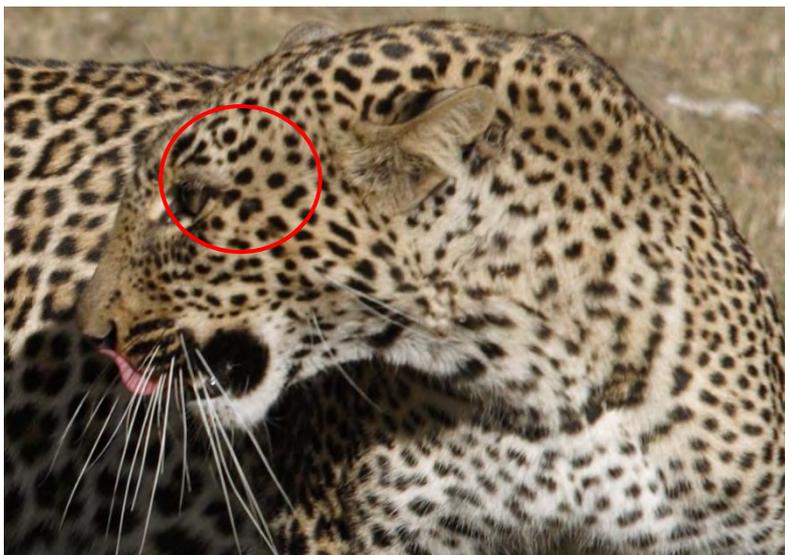
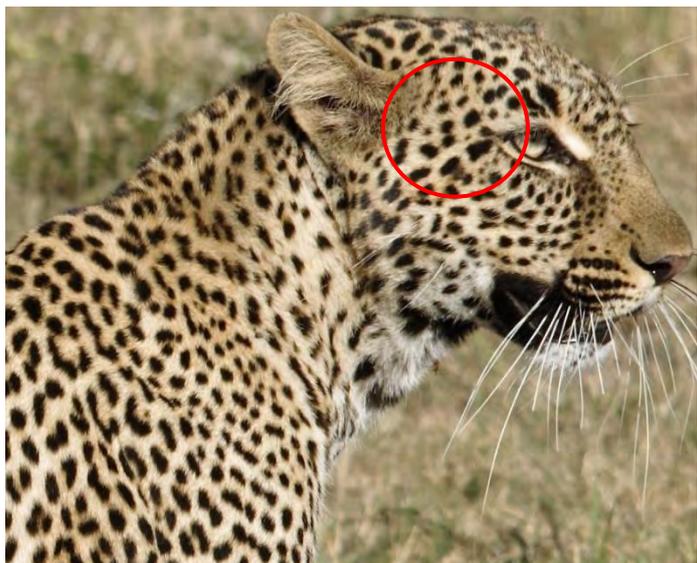
Mother: Unknown

Area: Unknown

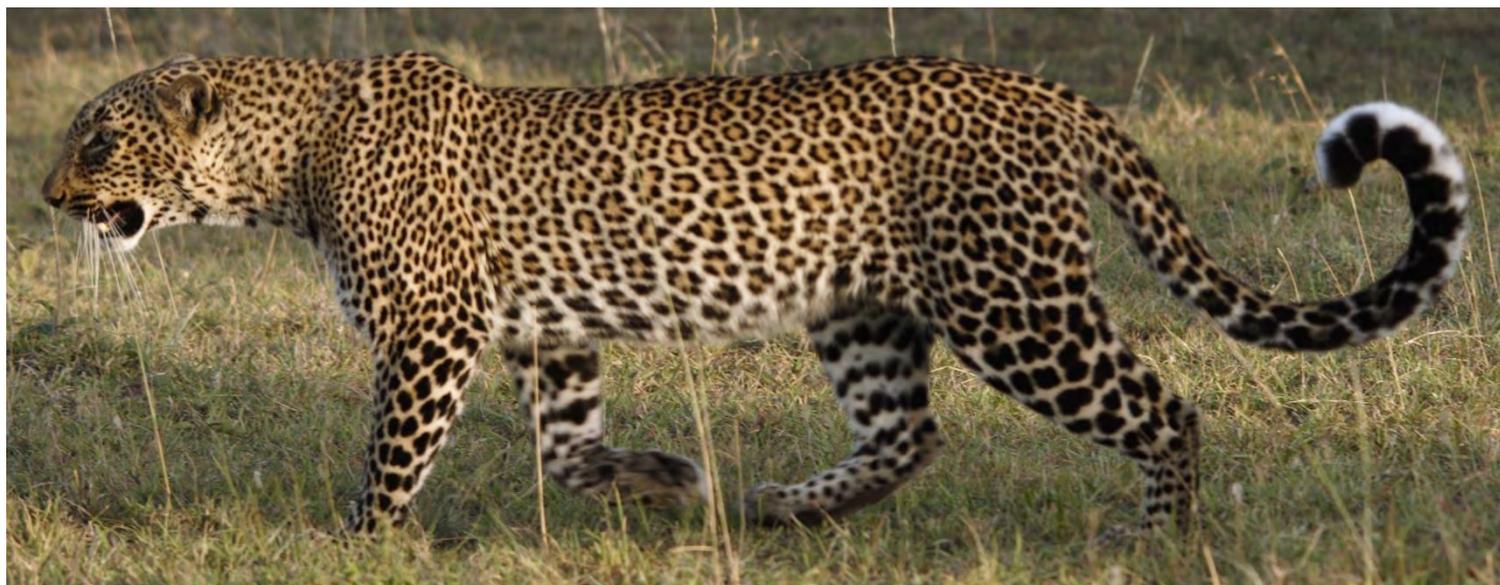
Comments: Last photos in current dataset 2011.

ID: F006 R /Name:

Most recent sighting: March 2014

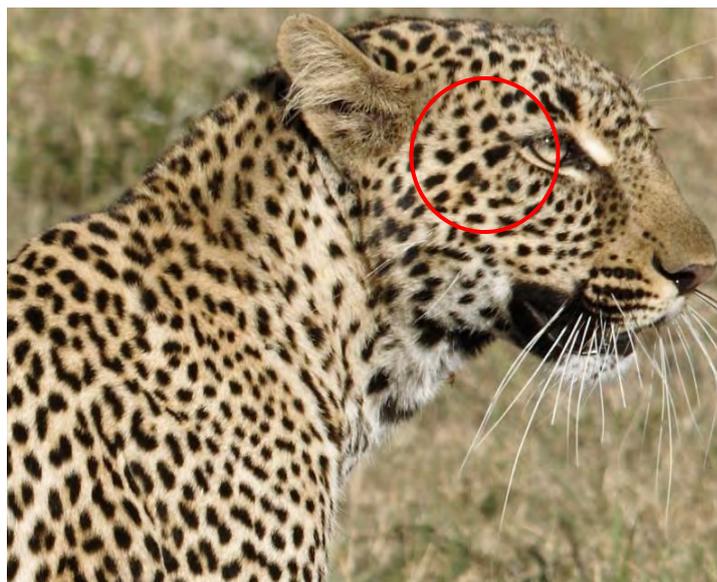
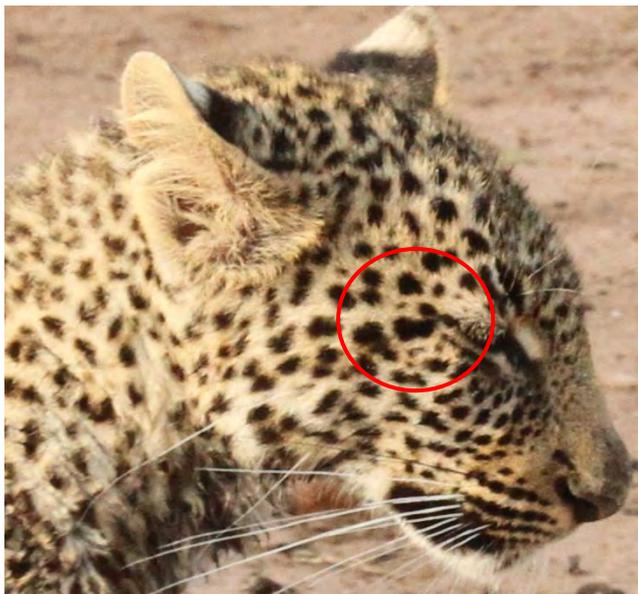


Top 3 photos from same sighting: 09-03-2014 T: 17: 22 – 17: 23

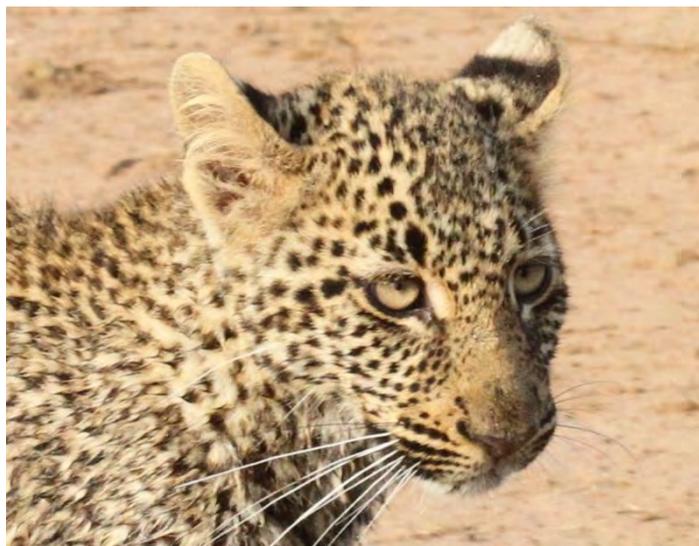
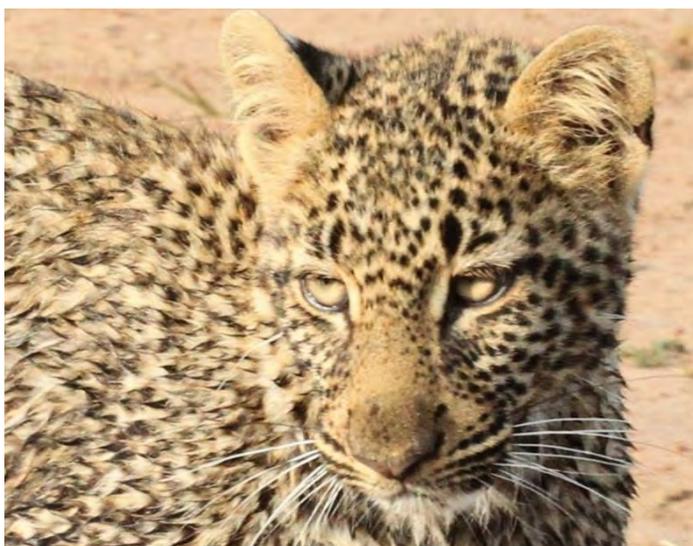


09-03-2014 T: 07: 21

ID: F006 R /Name:



The spot pattern appears similar around the eye although there are not enough photographs taken from other angles for a positive identification. The cub was pictured without the mother.



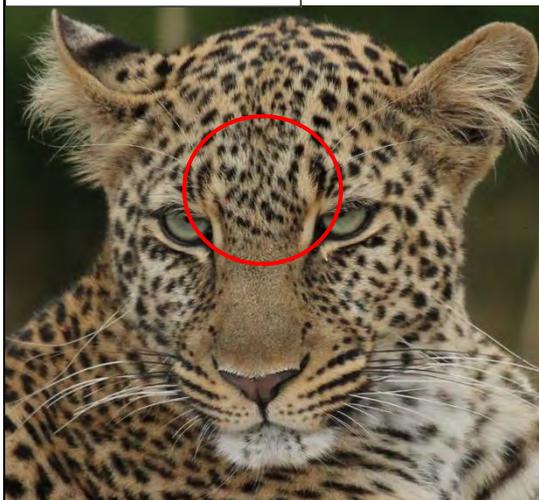
Cub photos: 09-08-2012 T: 07: 59

Born:
Estimated age: 6 yrs
Mother: Unknown
Area: Unknown
Comments:

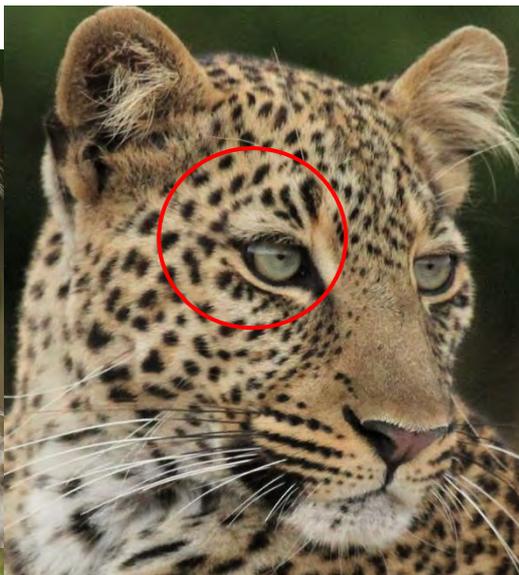
ID: F007 R / Name: Saba

Most recent sighting: July 2014

19-06-2012 T: 17:48



19-06-2012 T: 17: 52



25-10-2012 T: 17: 14



21-10-2012 T: 11: 56

Born:

Estimated age: 8 yrs

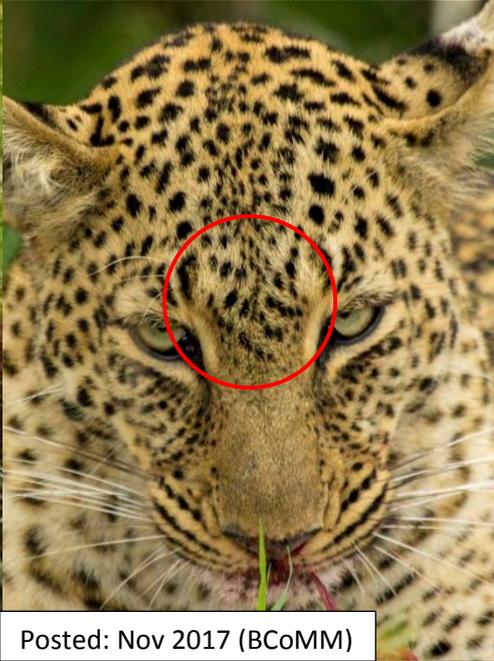
Mother: Olive. Sister to Bahati

Area: Unknown

Comments: Last sighting in dataset 24-07-2014

ID: F008 R/Name: Bahati

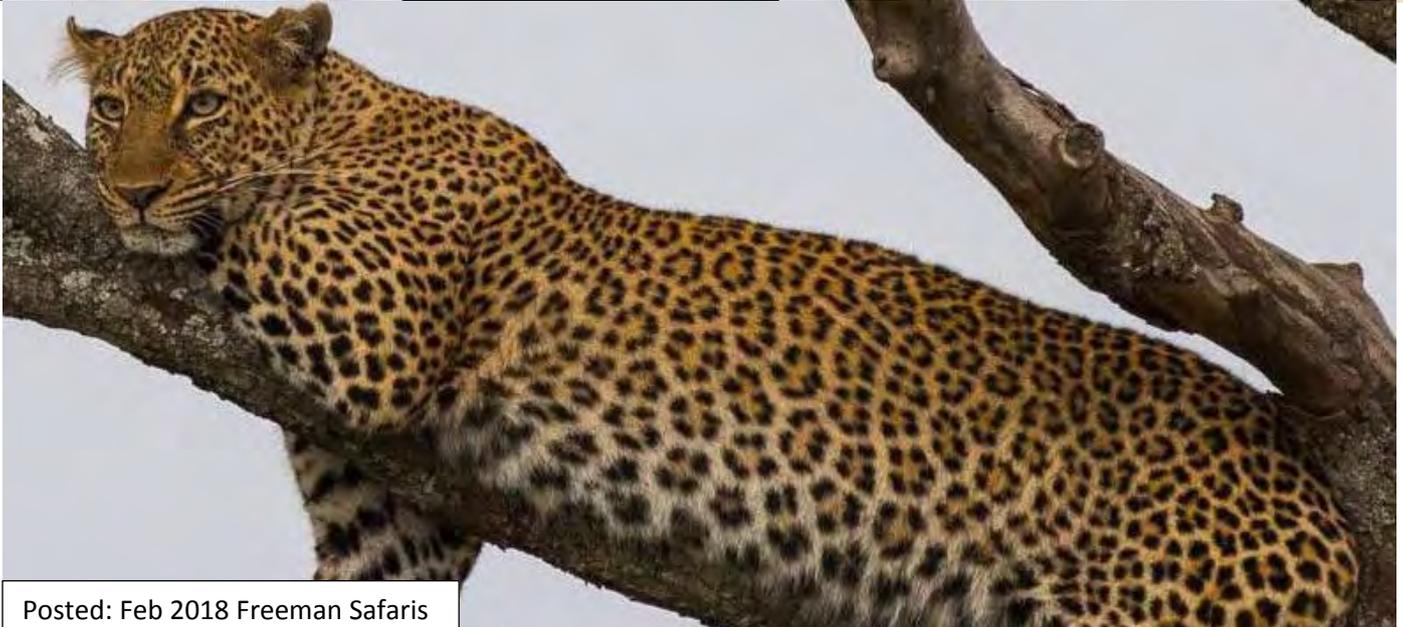
Most recent sighting: April 2018



Posted: March 2017 Freeman

Posted: Nov 2017 (BCoMM)

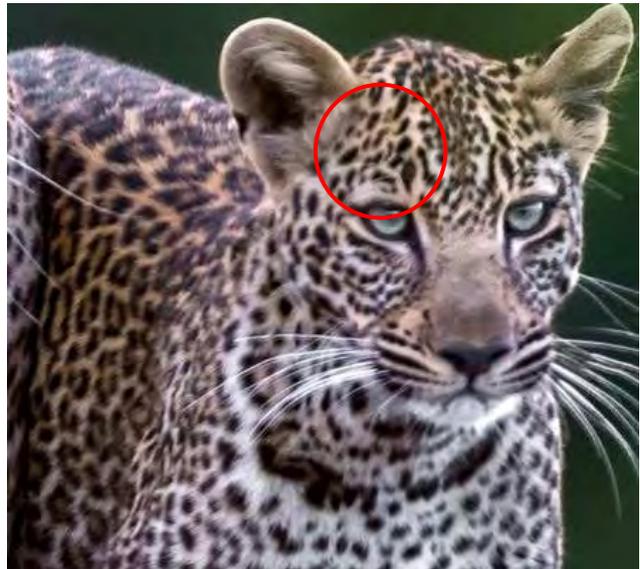
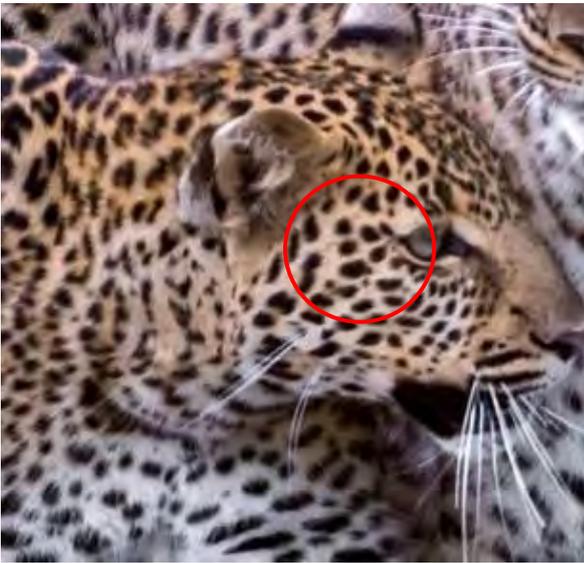
26-04-2018 T: 11:46 Intrepids



Posted: Feb 2018 Freeman Safaris



Posted: Nov 2017 Freeman Safaris

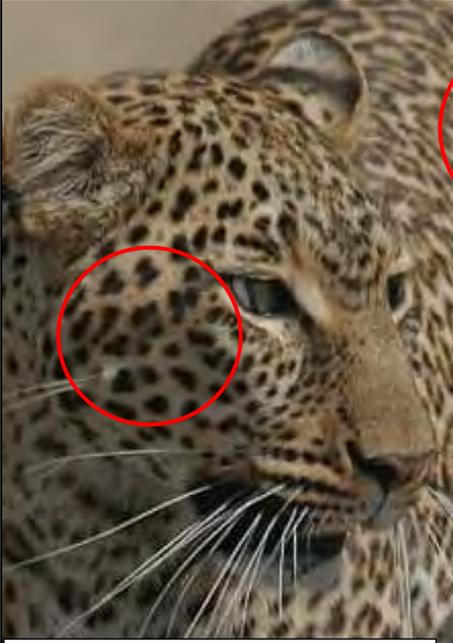


Posted: March 2018 (Leopards of the Mara Triangle)

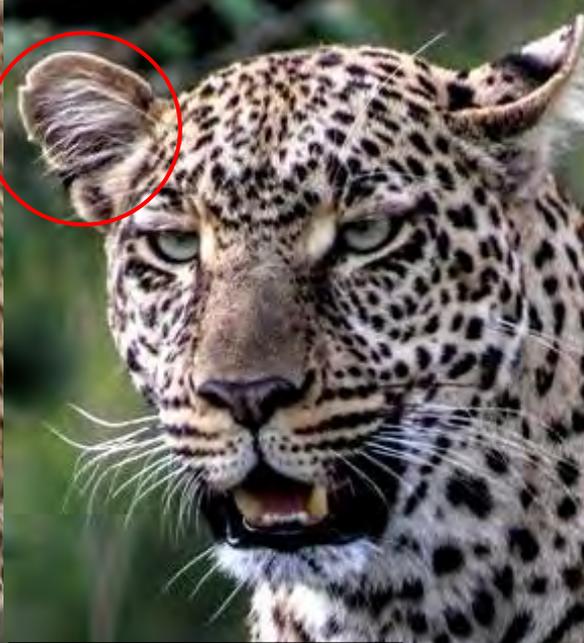
Born:
Estimated age: 8 yrs
Mother: Olive
Siblings: Saba
Area: Talek river, Rekeru crossing,
Comments: seen with 2 cubs in 2015, pictured with 3 small cubs March 2017, and 1 year later with two juveniles (pictured). Shares distinctive pattern above right eye with sibling Saba.

ID: F009R/Name: Kaboso/Double Cross female

Most recent sighting: September 2018



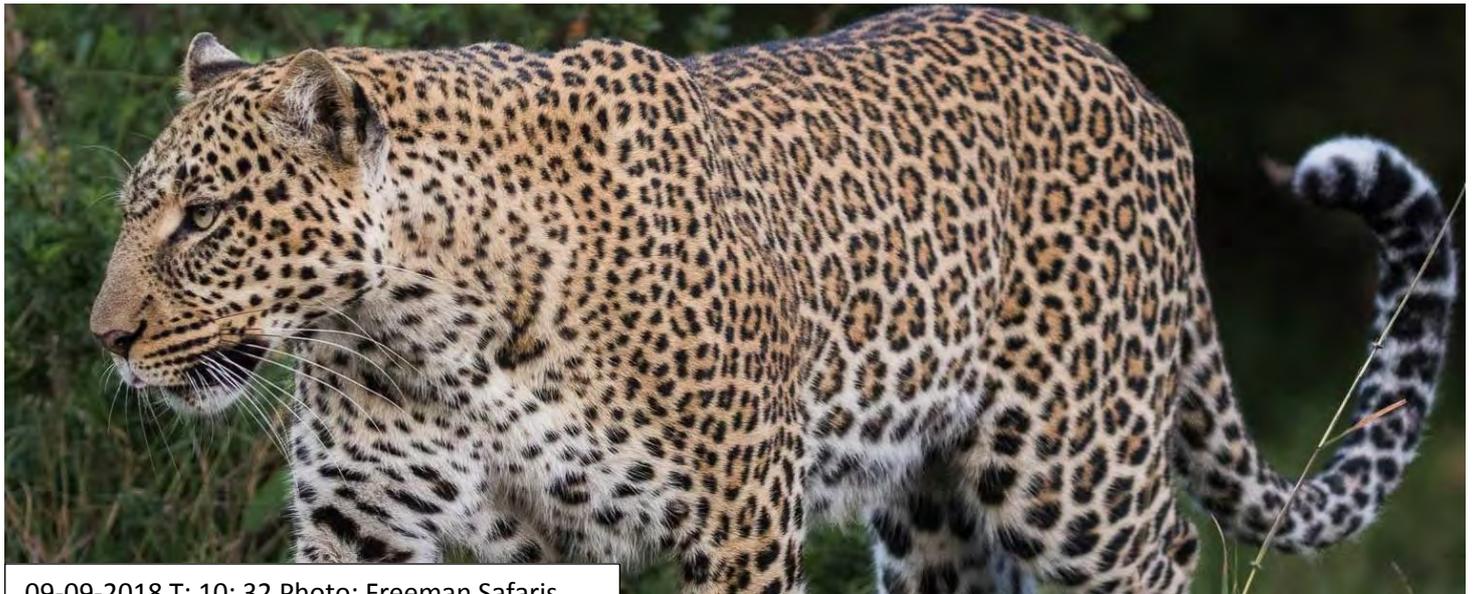
23-07-2018 T: 17: 42 Freeman



07-09-2018 T: 16: 01 BCoMM



09-09-2018 T: 10:32 Freeman



09-09-2018 T: 10: 32 Photo: Freeman Safaris



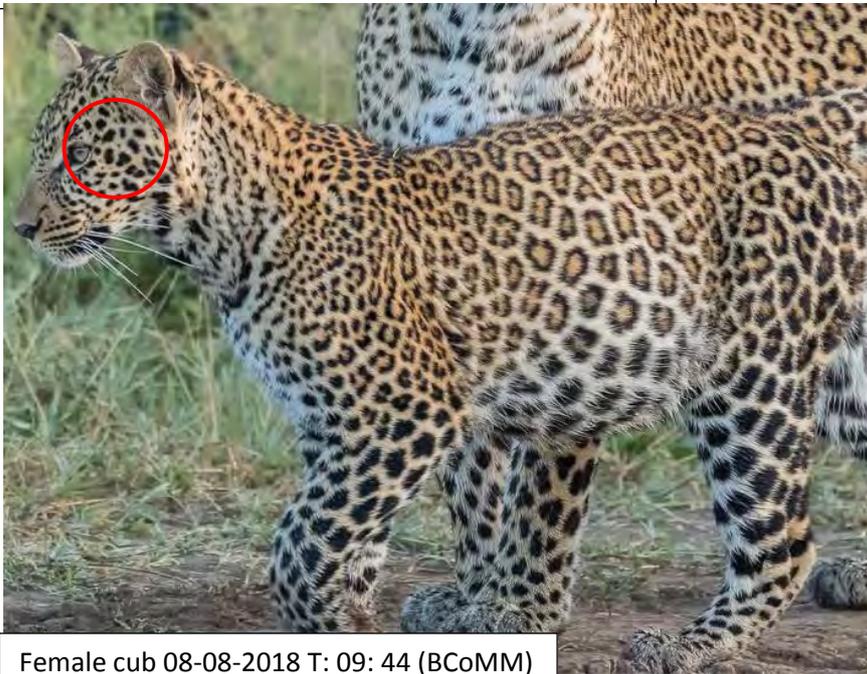
07-08-2018 T: 19: 12 Photo: Peter Chebon

ID: **F009 R/Name: Kaboso**

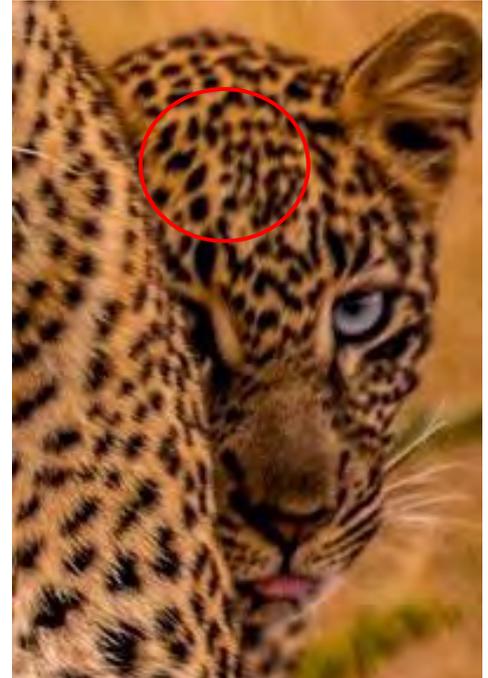


07-09-2018 T: 15: 18 photo: BCoMM

'Current litter' Posted Jan 2017 photo: Freeman



Female cub 08-08-2018 T: 09: 44 (BCoMM)

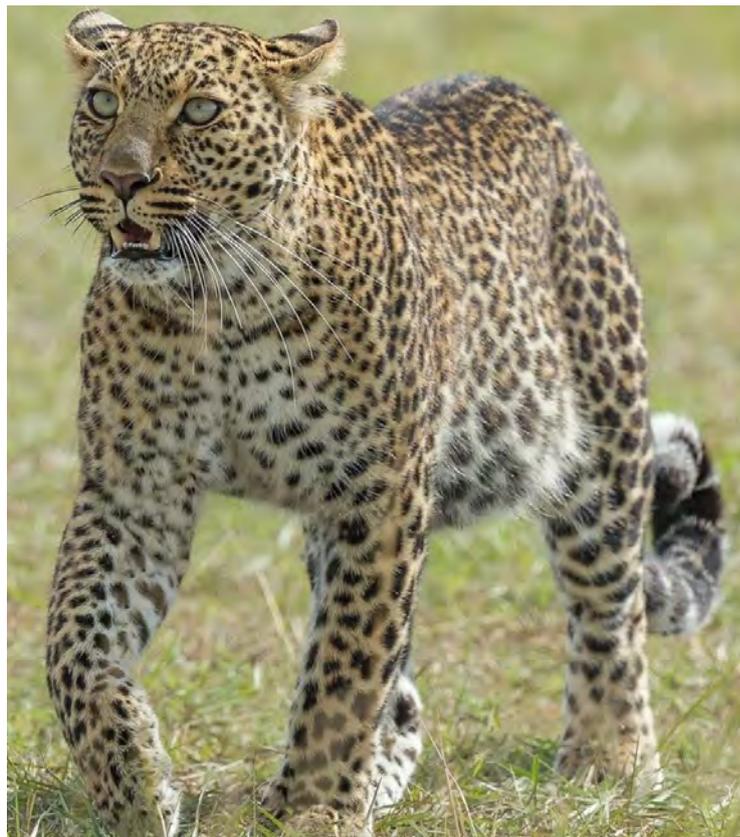


Male? 07-08-2018 photo: Martino Uschmann

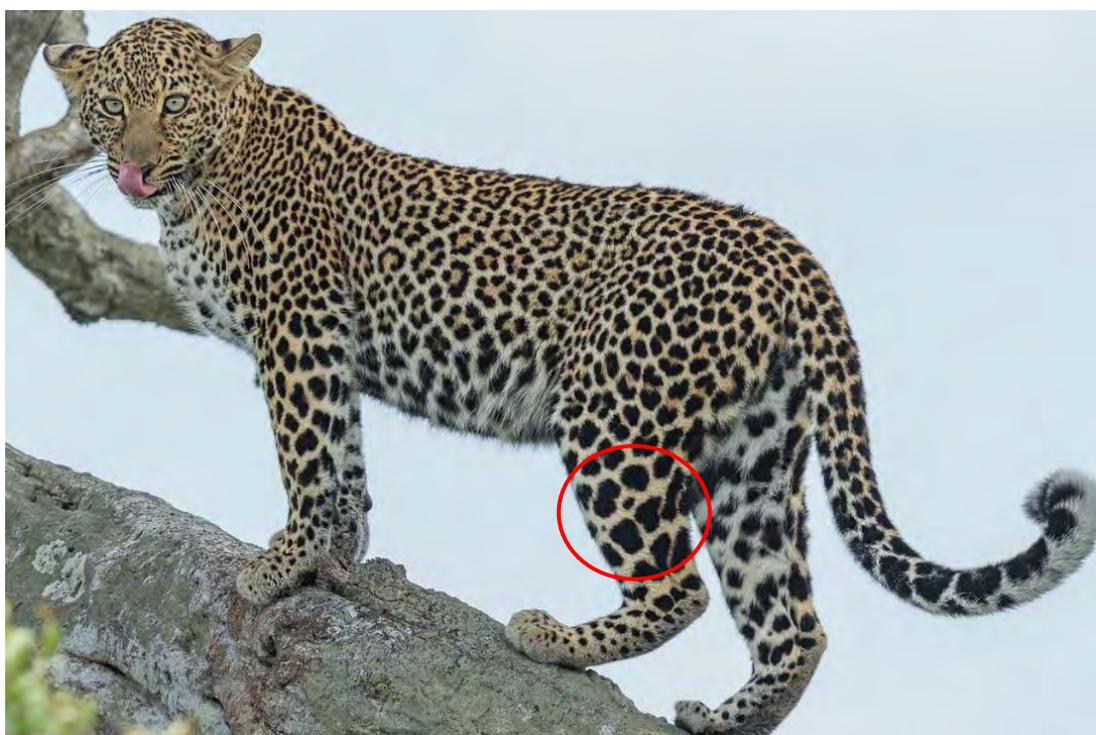
Born:
Estimated age: 5-7 yrs
Mother: Unknown
Area: Double Cross, seen across lugga south of Hammerkop and The Dam
Comments: Also known as Pretty girl? Pictured with 2 cubs in 2015 & with 1 cub December 2016.
Current litter pictured above.

ID: **F010 R/Name: Bella**

Most recent sighting: **August 2018**



Posted Aug 2018 Big Cats of the Maasai Mara.
Photo credit: Rosemary Locock.



Born: August 2015 (approx.)

Estimated age: 3 yrs

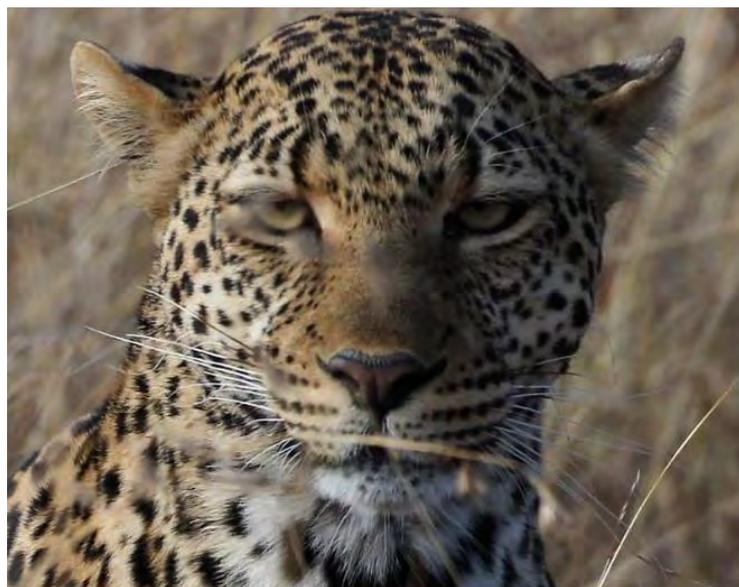
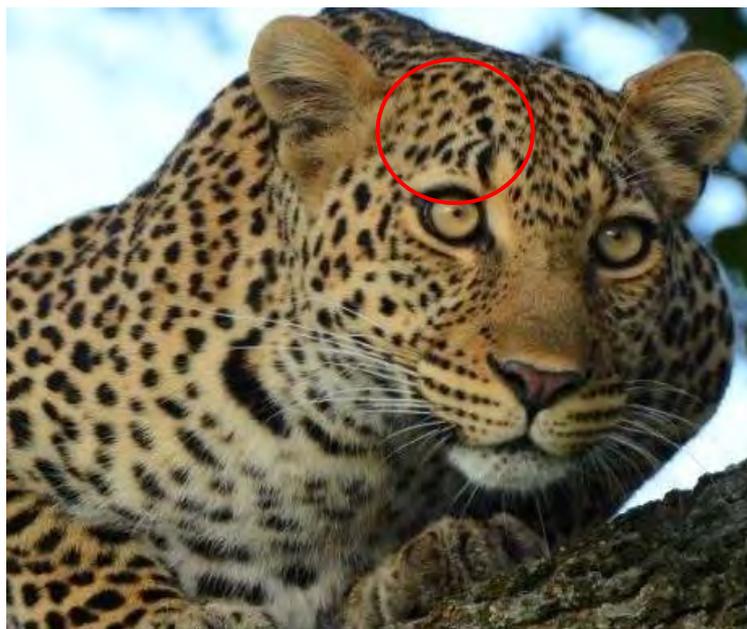
Mother: Bahati

Area: Unknown but possibly close to her Bahati's home range along the Talek river.

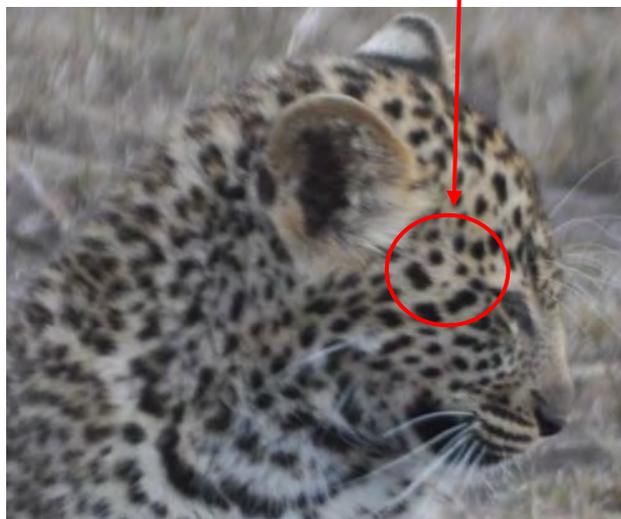
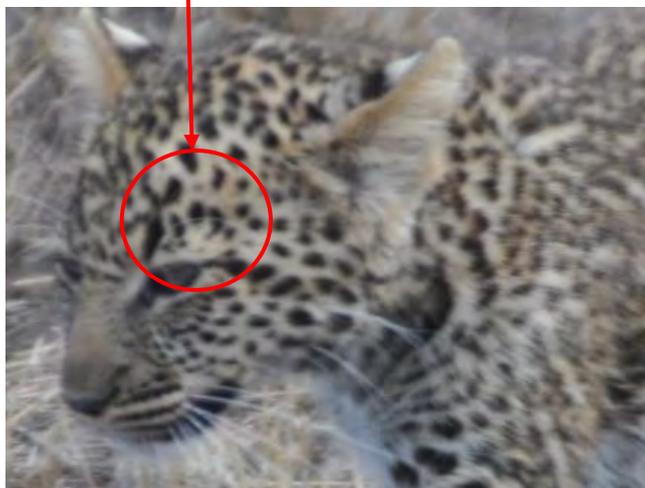
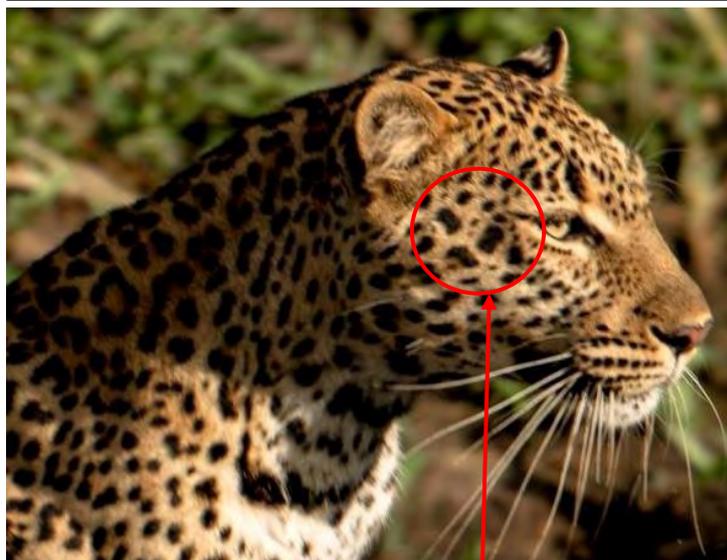
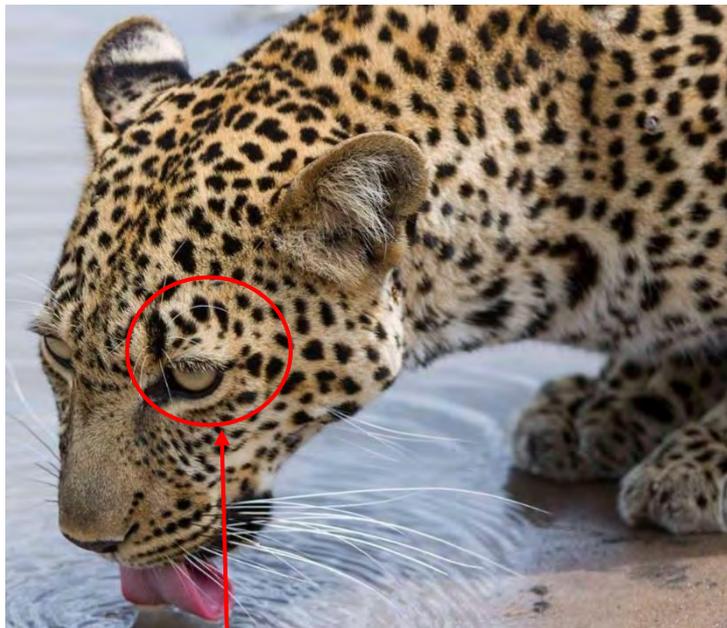
Comments:

ID: **F011 R/Name: Luluka**

Most recent sighting: **August 2018**



Photo's posted August 2018 'Big Cats of the Masai Mara' & Leopards of the Mara Triangle.

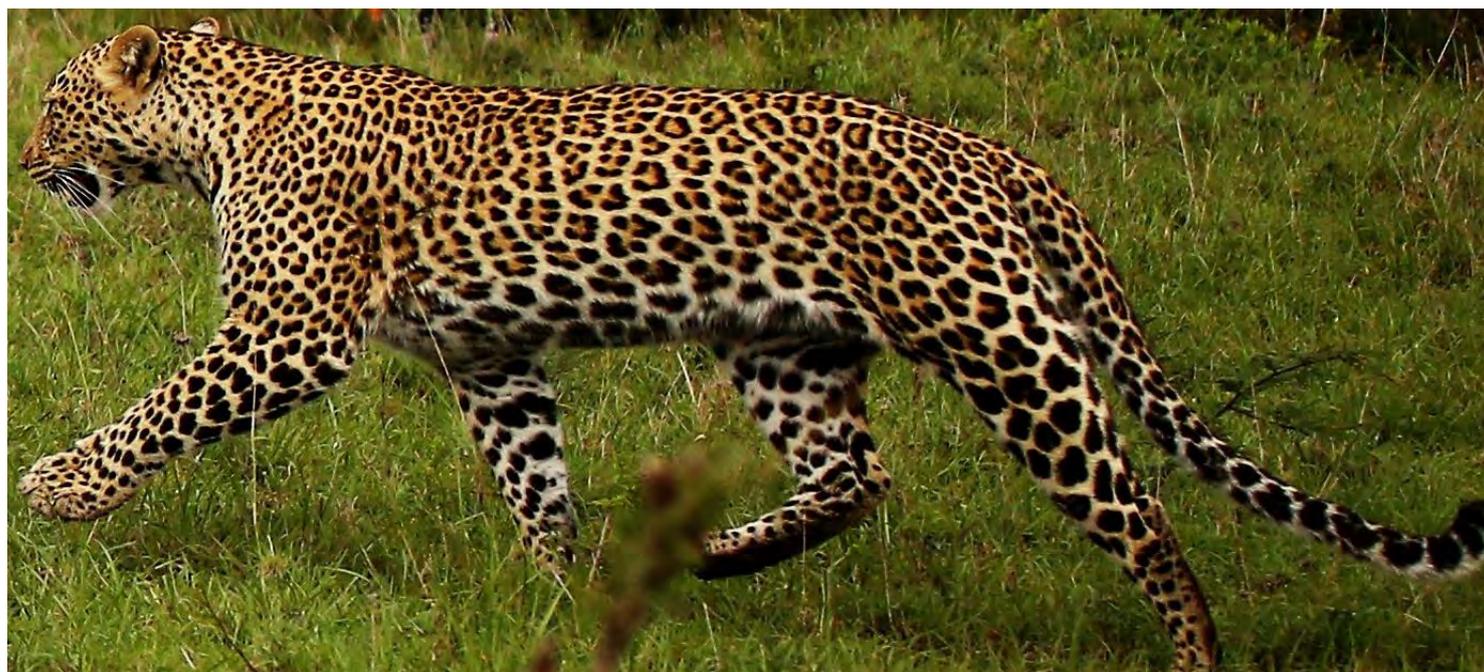


Cub photos: 12-10-2015 T: 14: 15

ID: F011 R/Name: Luluka



06-09-2018 T: 09: 35



15-01-2018 T: 10: 54

Born: July 2015

Estimated age: 3 yrs

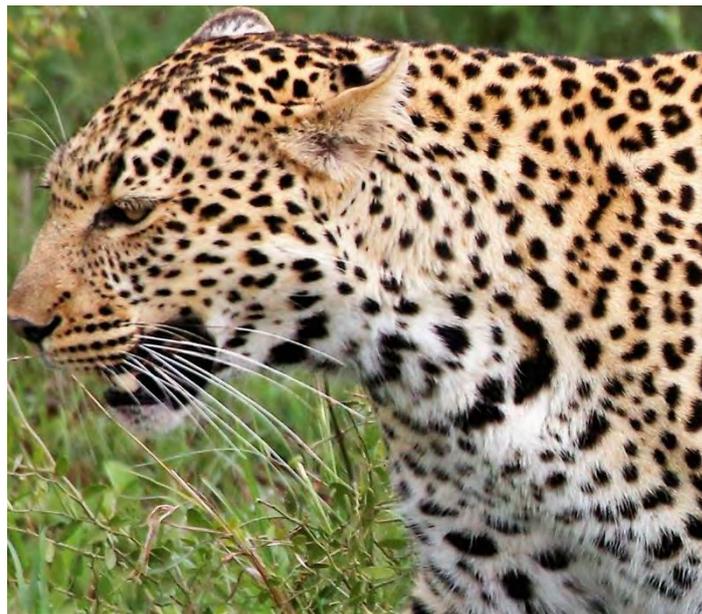
Mother: Lorian

Area: Seen with Lorian across lugga south of Hammerkop and the dam, and Enkewa area.

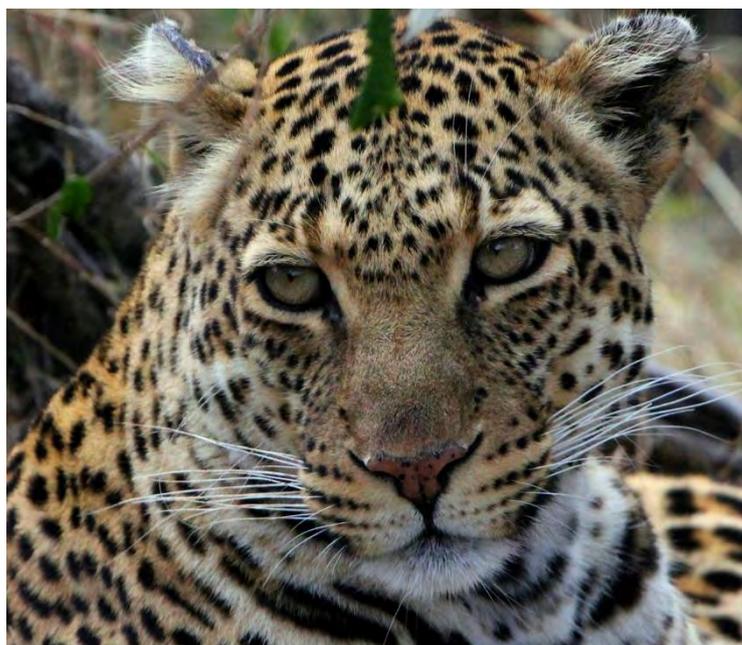
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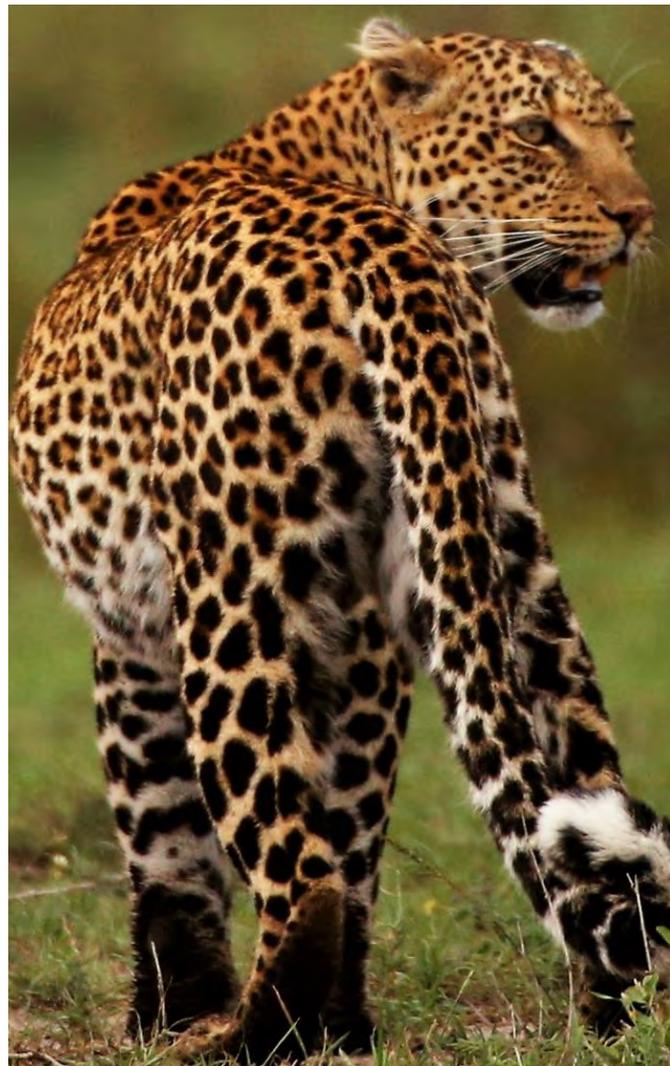
16-01-2017 T: 18: 58



15-01-2018 T: 10: 43



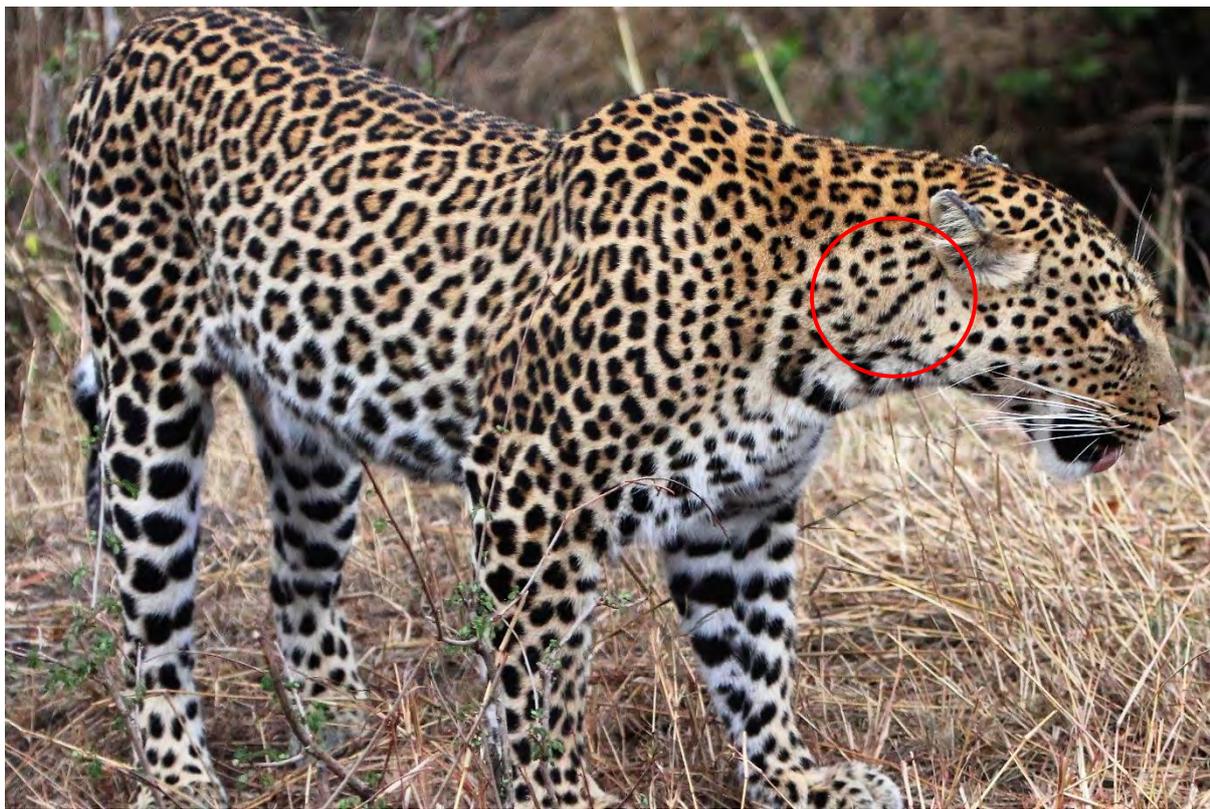
Above: 17-12-2-16 T: 15: 32 Photo: Willets. Right: 15-01-2018 T: 10: 43



ID: F012 R/Name: Lorian

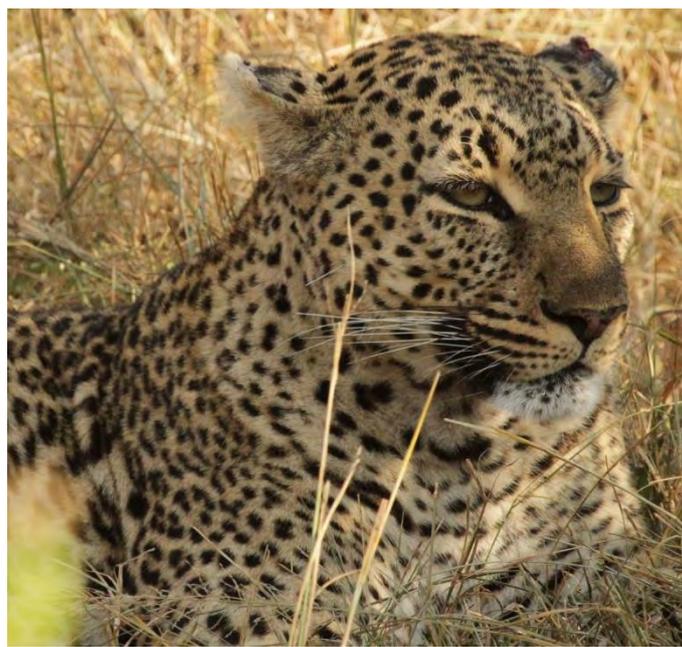
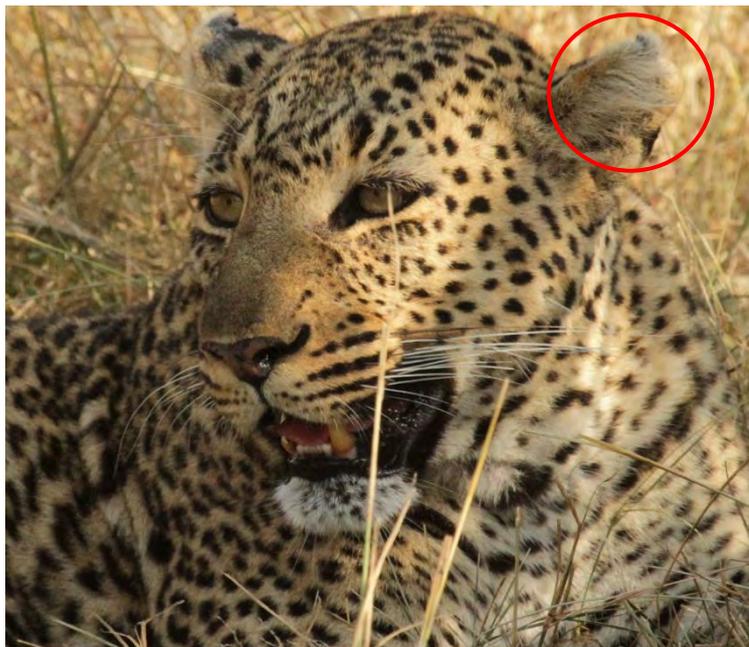
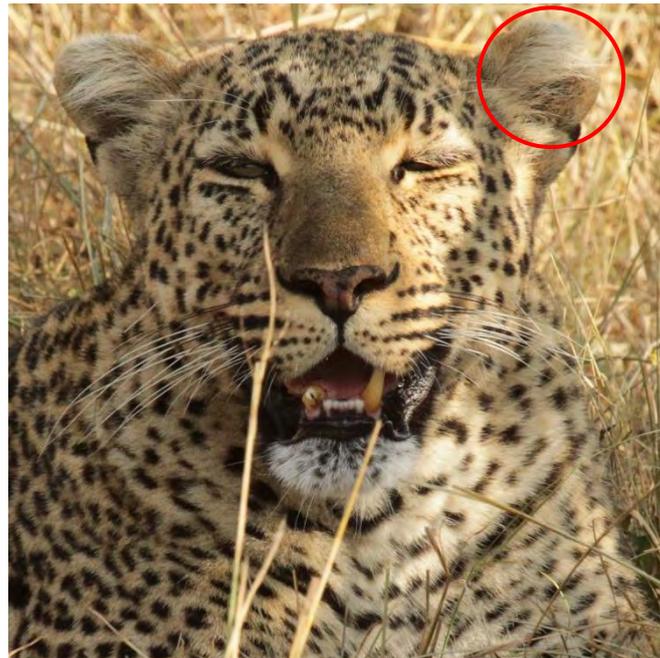
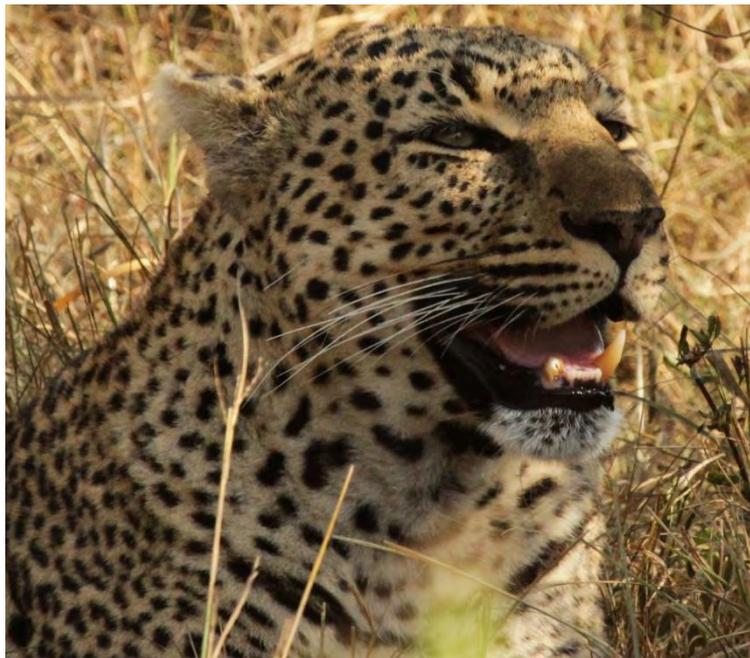


15-01-2018 T: 10: 43



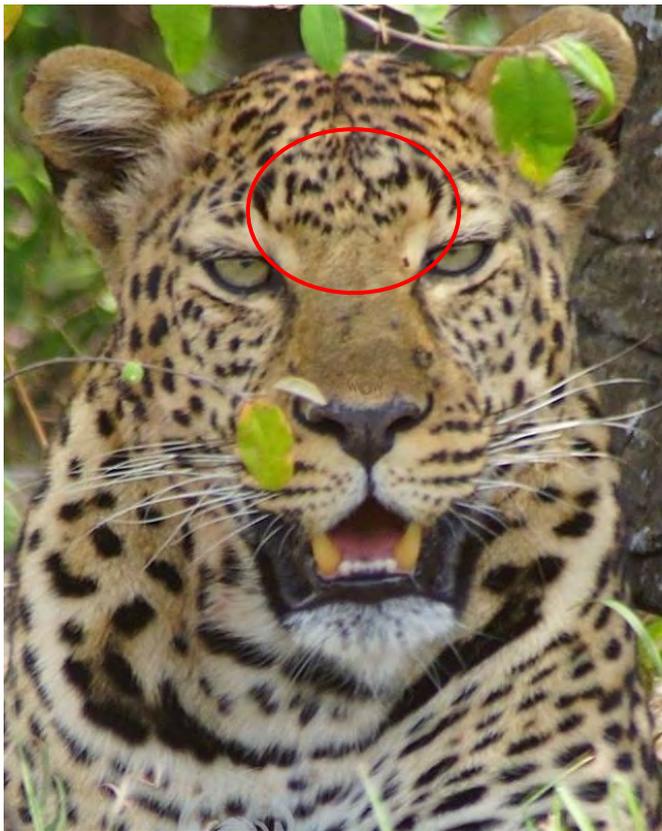
11-10-2015 T: 15: 16

Born:
Estimated age: 6- 9 yrs
Mother: Unknown
Area: Seen across lugga south of Hamerkop and The Dam
Comments:



27-07-2013 T: 09:22 – 09: 38

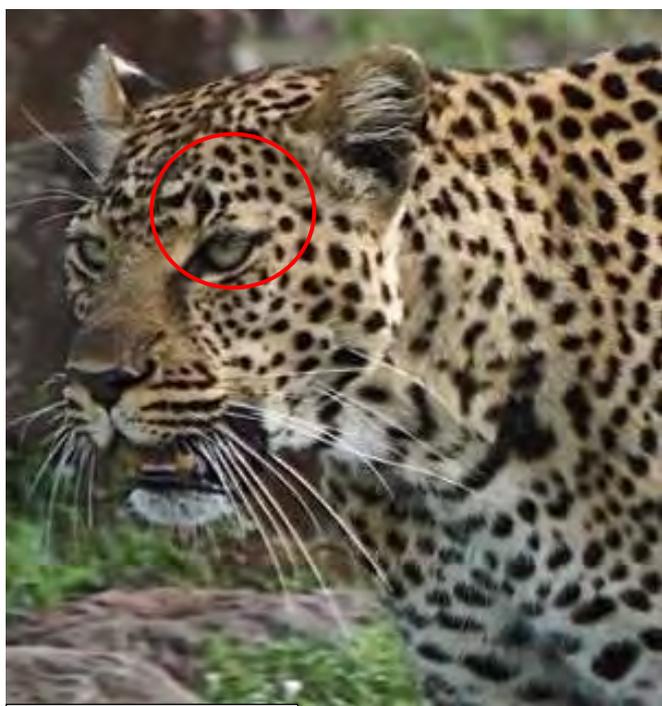
Born:
Estimated age: 6-8 yrs
Mother: Daughter of Bella, mother of Bahati, and Saba.
Area: Unknown.
Comments: Distinctive scarring to her ears is genetic. Olive was killed by lions 2014.



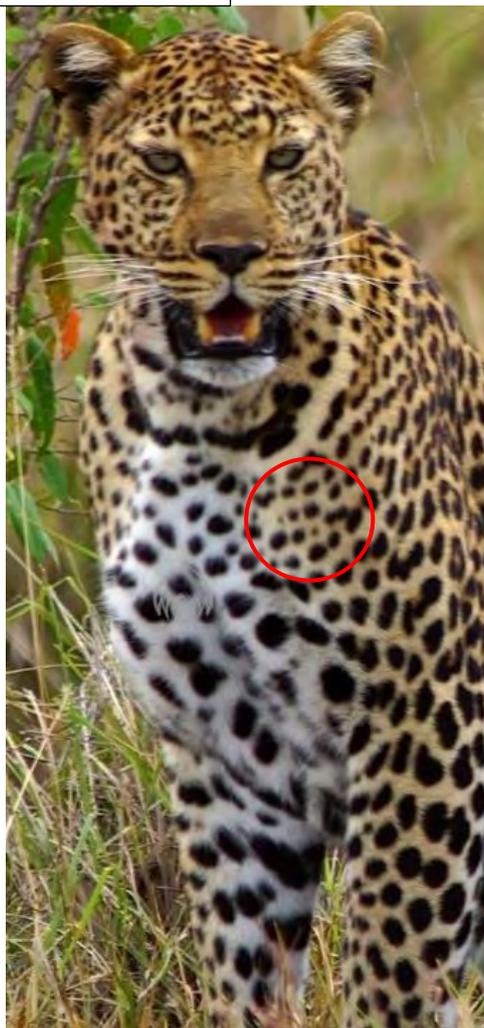
22-08-2016 T: 18: 06



22-08-2016 T: 17: 51

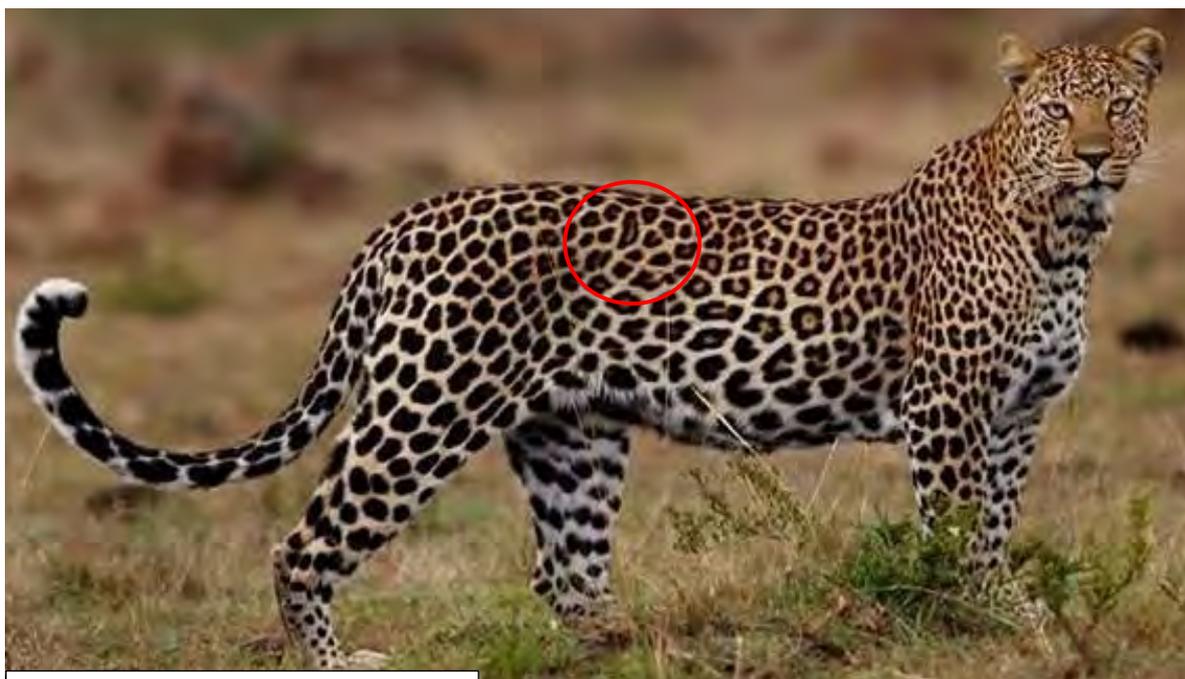


22-08-2016 T: 17: 49

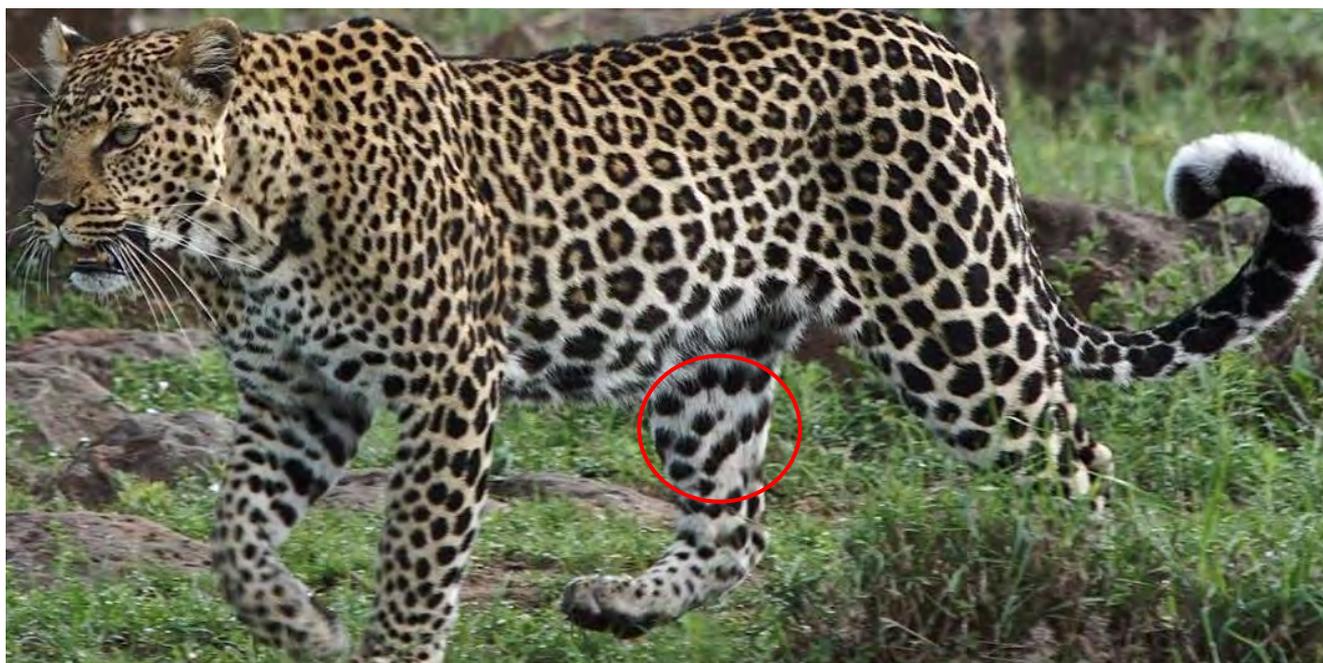


03-08-2014

ID: F014 R/Name:



03-08-2014 Photo: Paras Chandaria



22-08-2016 T: 17: 51 Photo: Paras Chandaria

Born:
Estimated age: 5-7 yrs
Mother: Unknown
Area: Seen Entim area, Mara Serena north of the river?
Comments: Mother of Jasiri born 2014

ID: F015 R/Name: Romi

Most recent sighting: August 2018



07-08-2018 T: 19: 11 Peter Chebon



22-08-2016 T: 15: 27



22-08-2016 T: 15: 26



07-08-2019 T: 19: 11 Photo: Peter Chebon.

Born:

Estimated age: 6-8 yrs

Mother: Unknown

Area: Governors - along Mara river.

Comments: seen with one cub 2015. I need more clear photographs of Romi before I can match her successfully with other females in the dataset. As it is difficult to find distinctive areas of coat pattern from distant photos.



No date/time recorded



21-01-2016 T: 12: 35

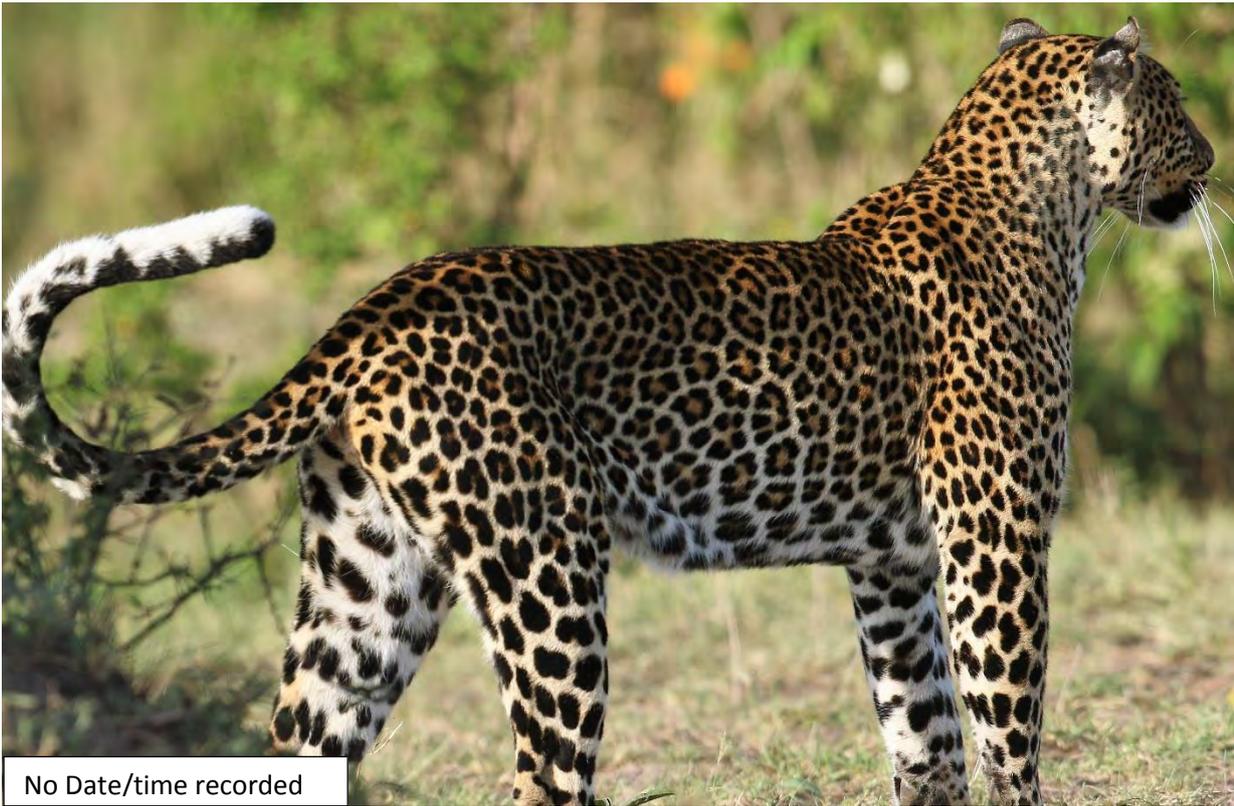


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21-01-2016 T: 12: 25

ID: **F016** R/Name:



No Date/time recorded

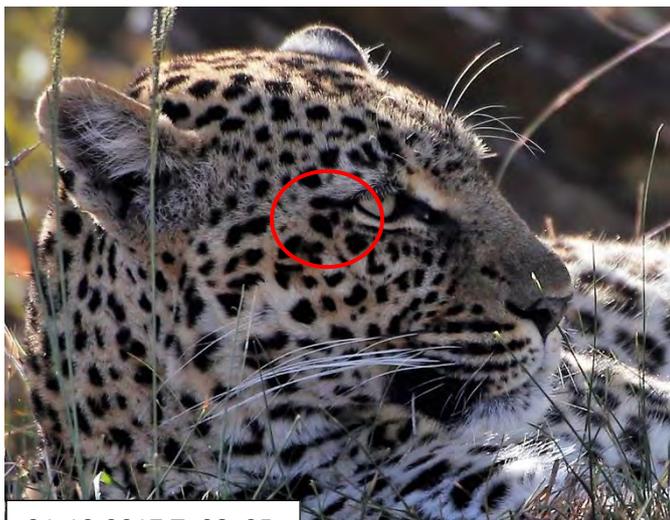


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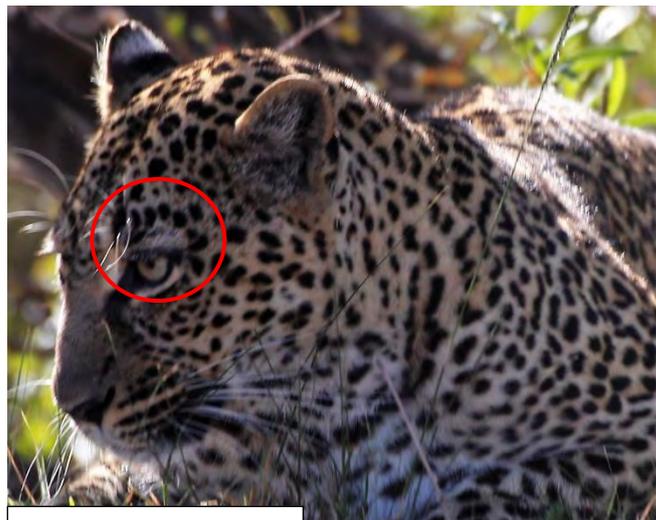
Born:
Estimated age: 5-7 yrs
Mother: Unknown
Area: Unknown
Comments:

ID: **F017** R/Name:

Most recent sighting: **October 2017**



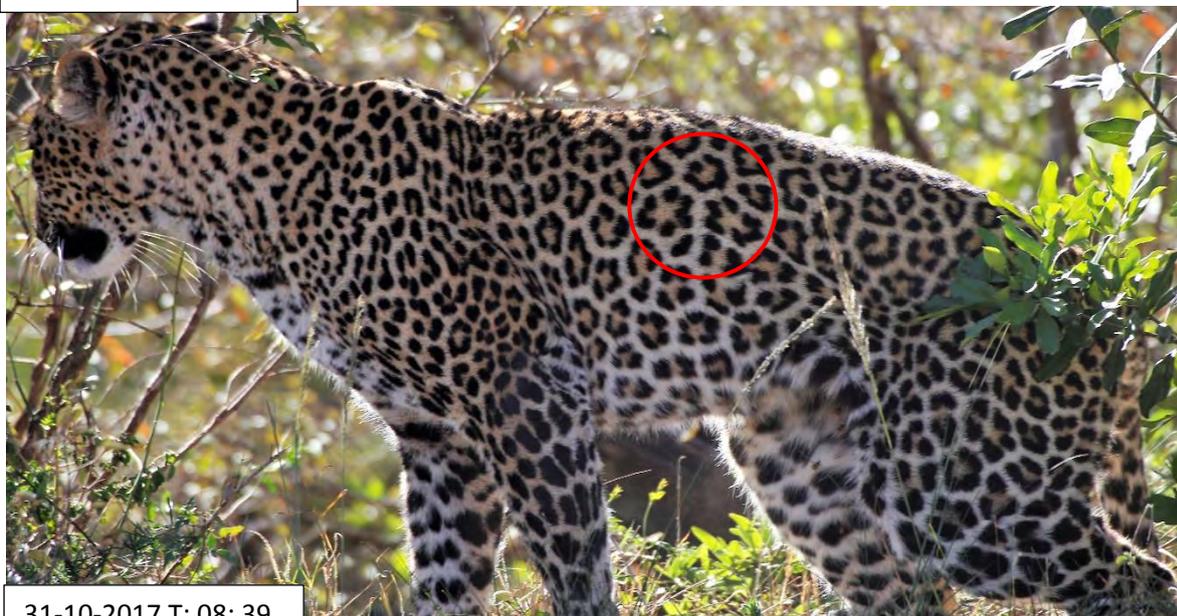
31-10-2017 T: 08: 25



31-10-2017 T: 08: 32



31-10-2017 T: 08: 32



31-10-2017 T: 08: 39

Born:

Estimated age: 6-8 yrs

Mother: Unknown

Area: Mara North Conservancy – Ol Chorro

Comments:

ID: **F018** R/Name:

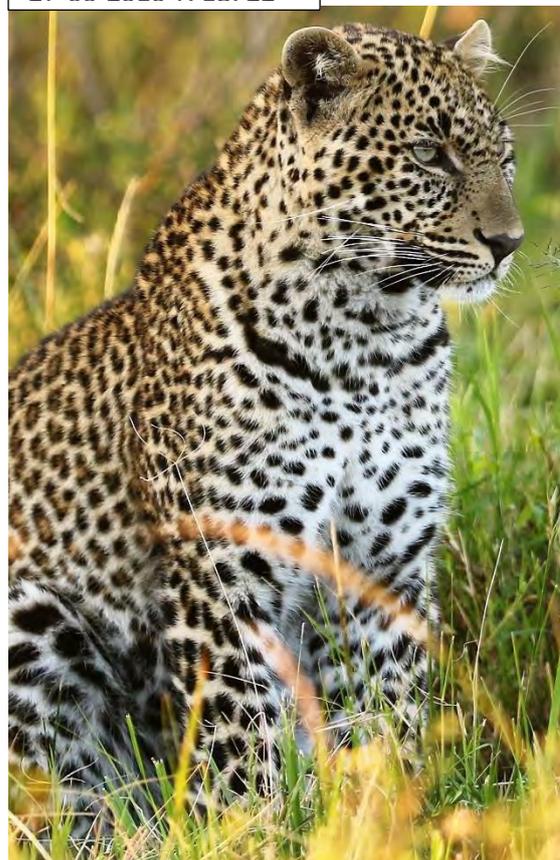
Most recent sighting: **June 2016**



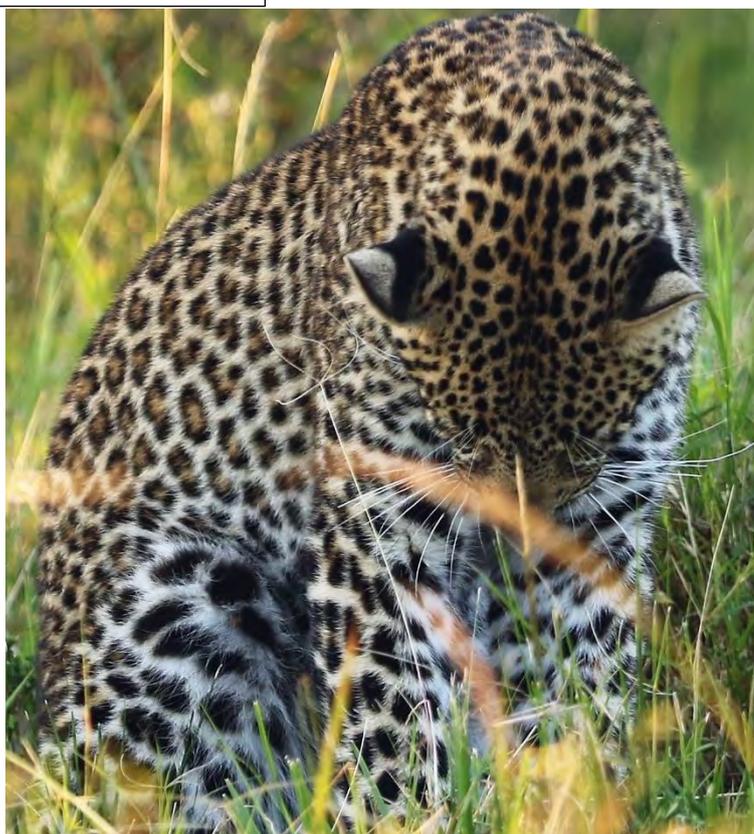
27-06-2016 T: 18: 22



27-06-2016 T: 18: 19



27-06-2016 T: 18: 22



27-06-2016 T: 18: 24

Born:

Estimated age: 3-4 yrs

Mother: Unknown

Area: Unknown

Comments:

ID: **F019** R/Name:

Most recent sighting: **May 2014**



20-05-2014 T: 06: 18

20-05-2014 T: 06: 18

25-10-2013 T: 09: 42



20-05-2014 T: 06: 18 Photo: Blisset camp

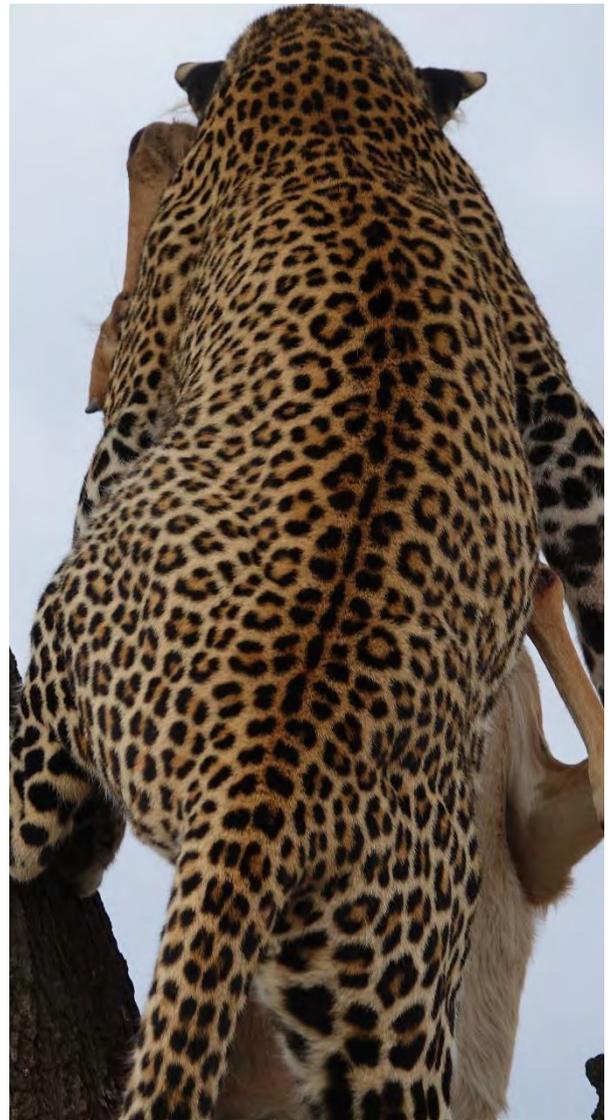
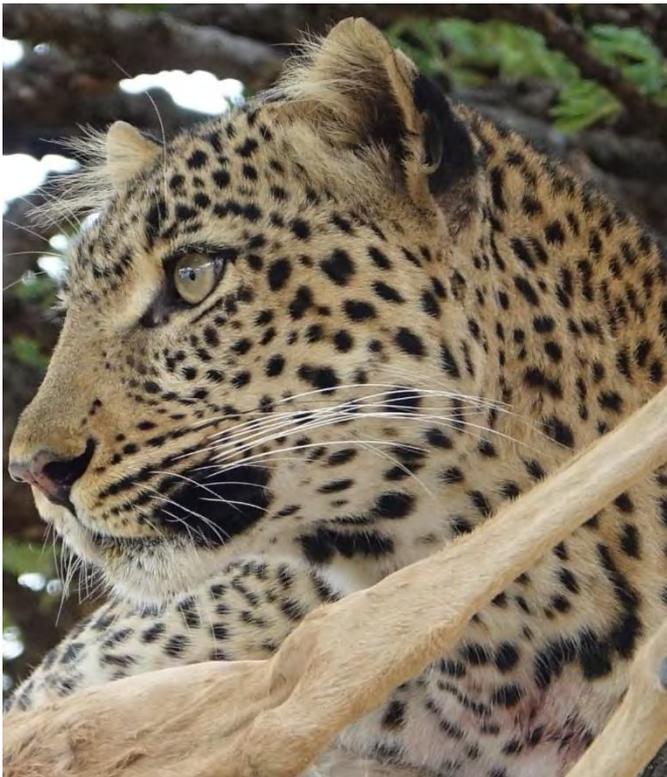
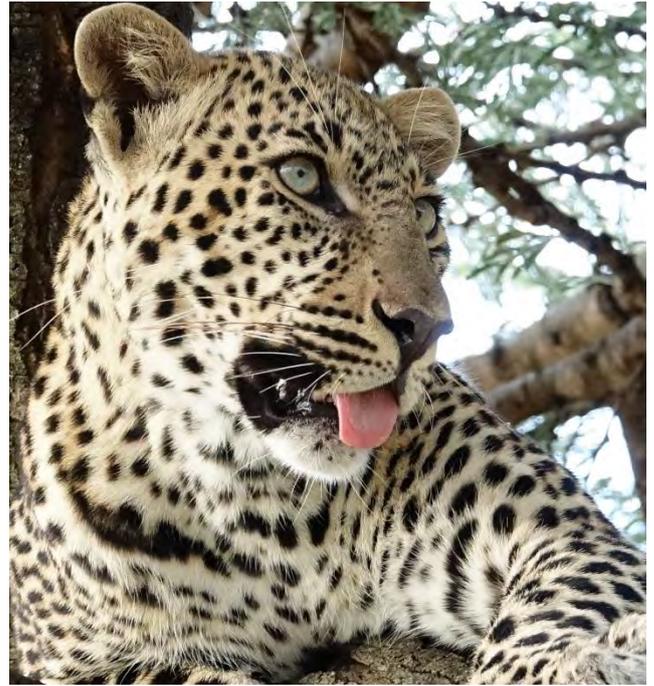
Born:

Estimated age: 3-4 yrs

Mother: Unknown

Area: Blissett camp area?

Comments:



08-11-2016 T: 11: 46 – 12: 49

Photo credit: Jackson

ID: F020 R/Name: Fig



27-10-2016 T: 12: 54 Photo: Jackson



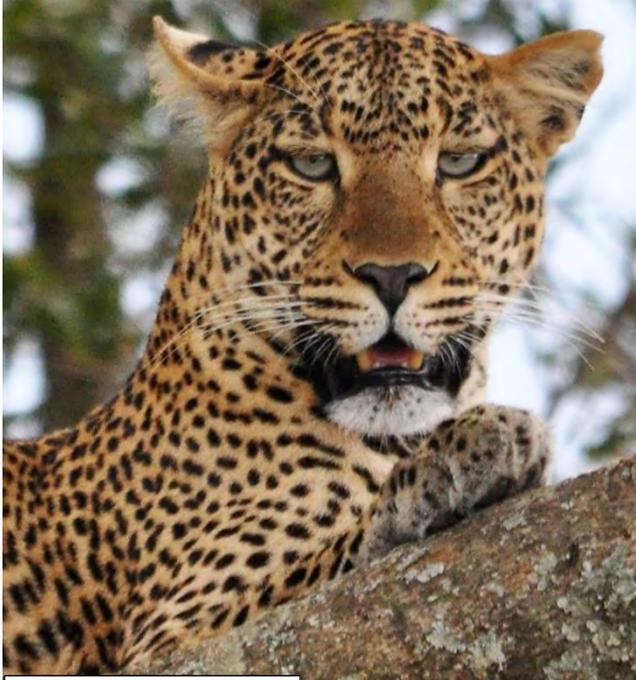
28-09-2015 Photo: Grant Atkinson

Born:
Estimated age: 6-8 yrs
Mother: Unknown
Area: Fig Tree area?
Comments:

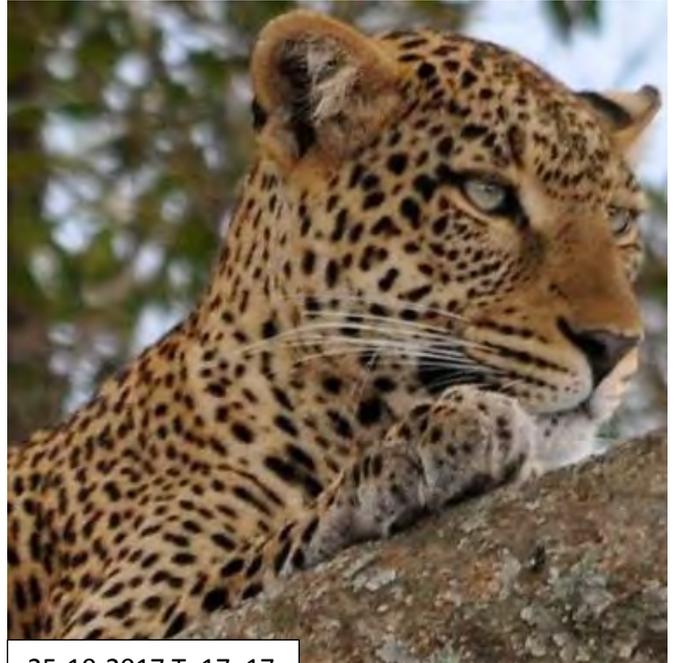
SEX UNKNOWN

ID:UNK01 R

Most recent sighting: **October 2017**



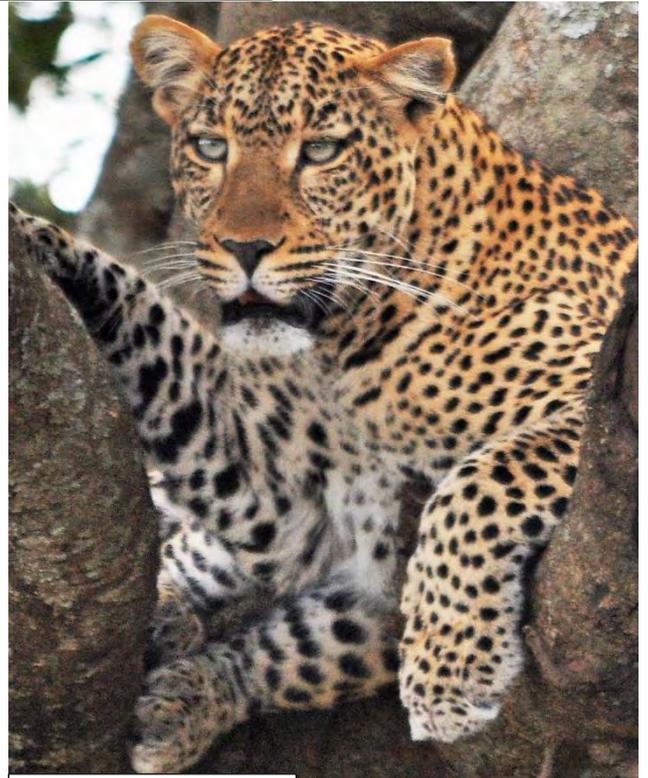
25-10-2017 T: 17: 53



25-10-2017 T: 17: 17



25-10-2017 T: 17: 13



25-10-2017 T: 17: 23

Photo credit: Sally Giles

Born:

Estimated age: 4-5

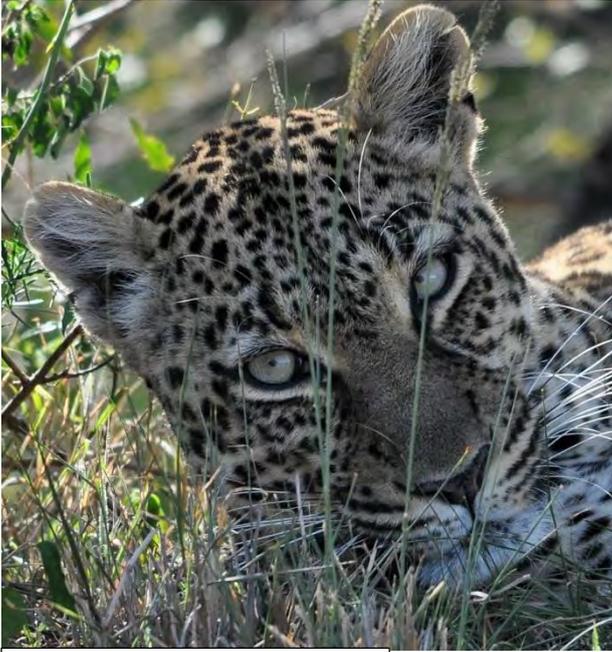
Mother: Unknown

Area: Mara North Conservancy – Ol Chorro

Comments:

ID:UNK02 R

Most recent sighting: **October 2017**



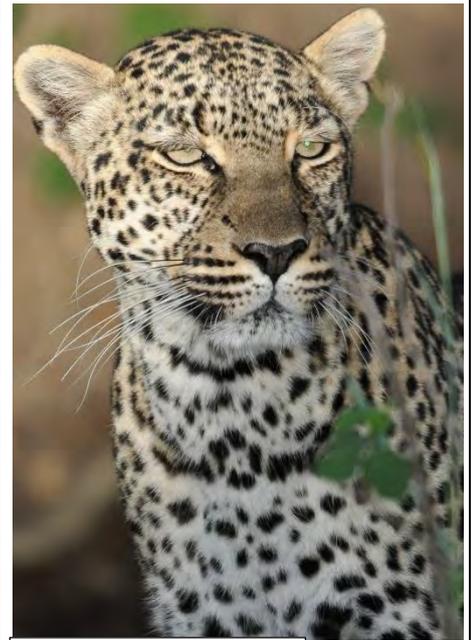
29-10-2017 T: 09: 20



29-10-2017 T: 08: 06



29-10-2017 T: 08: 06

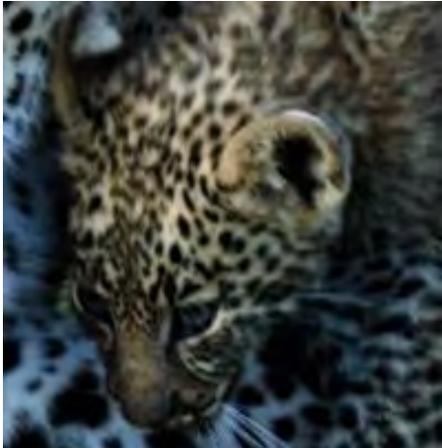


29-10-2017 T: 08: 06

Photo credits: Sally Giles

Born:
Estimated age: 4-5
Mother: Unknown
Area: Mara North Conservancy – Ol Chorro
Comments:

Cubs

Cubs of F010 R(Bahati)		Most recent sighting: 27 November 2015
		
Cub 1 = Unk	Unk	Unk
		
Cub 2 Unk	Unk	Unk
Face shot	Left profile	Right profile
<p>Estimated age: 16 weeks when photographed Sex: Unknown Earliest sighting: 27-11-2015 Area/Range: Unknown Comments: Only one sighting seen with mother Bahati.</p>		