

## MALAMALA GAME RESERVE GAME REPORT – JUNE 2015

AREAS COVERED: MARTHLY / EYREFIELD / MALAMALA / FLOCKFIELD / CHARLESTON

### WEATHER SUMMARY – JUNE

	Celsius (°C)	Fahrenheit (°F)
Maximum temperature	35	95
Minimum temperature	6	43
Mean maximum	27.3	81.1
Mean minimum	10.4	50.7
Rainfall (mm)	0	
Days of rain	0	

\*AGES ARE APPROXIMATIONS AS AT END OF JUNE 2015

### LIONS

#### STYX PRIDE = 11

<b>1 ADULT FEMALE</b>	<b>12 YEARS 5 MONTHS</b>
<b>1 ADULT FEMALE</b>	<b>7 YEARS 5 MONTHS</b>
<b>2 ADULT FEMALES</b>	<b>4 YEARS 5 MONTHS</b>
<b>2 ADULT MALES</b>	<b>4 YEARS 5 MONTH</b>
<b>2 SUB ADULT FEMALES</b>	<b>1 YEAR 7 MONTHS</b>
<b>1 SUB ADULT MALE</b>	<b>1 YEAR 7 MONTHS</b>
<b>3 CUBS</b>	<b>2 MONTHS</b>

MALA MALA, EYREFIELD  
(14 sightings)

For the first third of June, there were six sightings of representatives of the Styx pride throughout the northern half of Eyrefield. The first of which was of the adult lionesses with the two sub-adult females in tow, around Clarendon open area. The following sighting was much further west, towards the upper reaches of the Mlowathi River, where one adult lioness and the two younger lionesses were seen with three cubs of the same age (one more than we viewed last month) and the Clarendon males. The other adult lioness was seen on the same day, around the central parts of the Mlowathi River.

Buffalo was on the menu for two groupings of individuals from the Styx pride during the second week of the month. The two younger lionesses were seen, with their three cubs, on a young buffalo on the Gowrie boundary, east of the Mwana Nonantshemeni donga first. The following day, the two young males captured a juvenile buffalo around West Street bridge, which they fed off for two days.

The Clarendon males really have made their presence well known around the northern parts of the property - traversing, scent marking and roaring freely. Over and above this, they are busy incorporating the Styx pride into their territory, already having successfully sired a litter of three, killed the sub-adult male during April 2015, and chased and recently attacked the young males from the pride. Reports from our neighbours to the north of the Clarendon males and the four and half year old males having an altercation in the last week of June. These reports were confirmed when we saw the young male, with the larger/darker mane, quite badly injured around Clarendon dam not too long afterwards.

There was most definitely something which caused the core members of the Styx pride to scatter in all different directions on the evening of the 27<sup>th</sup> of June. The four members were all seen on the fire break of Gowrie Trust road, north of it's junction with Western Side Mlowathi, however the following day one female was found in a similar area to the evening before, the other female was someways to the west atop a koppie called Poliwe and the sub-adult females were no where to be seen. By the end of June, three of the four had reunited - the adult lioness and her two daughters, while the second lioness was seen about two kilometres away.

**EYREFIELD PRIDE = 7**

**2 ADULT FEMALES**

**8 YEARS 0 MONTHS**

**1 ADULT FEMALE**

**7 YEARS 11 MONTHS**

**1 SUB-ADULT MALE**

**3 YEARS 4 MONTHS**

**1 SUB-ADULT FEMALE**

**3 YEARS 4 MONTHS**

**1 SUB-ADULT MALE**

**3 YEARS 1 MONTH**

**1 SUB-ADULT MALE**

**2 YEARS 10 MONTHS**

MALA MALA, FLOCKFIELD

(11 sightings)

Last month we saw the Eyrefield pride nine times, which was so far one of the best months of viewing of the pride during 2015. June's sightings of this pride equalled and improved on May's sightings with 11 encounters of this pride this month. The first two of which were of one lioness from the pride, initially she was seen with the two lions from the Matshapiri pride on the second day of June - during which she was seen mating with one of the males. This lioness was seen again the following day, with one of the males from the Matshapiri pride, as well as the young lioness from the same pride. The latter was very cautious not to come too close to the Eyrefield lioness.

Almost two weeks passed before another viewing of this pride, and when they were seen around West Street pans - all seven individuals were together. Three days later, six members of the Eyrefield pride were seen again around Matshapiri dam, which is very close to the most north eastern parts of the property. Five days later they were seen on the southern bank of the Sand River, north of MalaMala main camp, with the remains of a buffalo bull. Throughout the course of the day, as well as the following - these lions moved between the river and the carcass, until the very little remains were left for the vultures.

As if the move from the north eastern parts of the property, to almost the north western parts of the property in the space of a week, wasn't surprising enough. The day after the Eyrefield pride were done with the buffalo carcass, a heavy bought of roaring in the river near their position from the night before from a number of , the pride were found much later around the southern parts of Dudley lookout that evening. The pride's southward journey continued over the next 24 hours, with six members being seen on the northern parts of Sibuye drive, directly east of Beaumont's camp. It was not until four days later when this pride was seen again, their migration had not ended as they were found quite far north, around West Street bridge - well, three of the females were found. The males are reportedly west of our property. The females were soon moved westwards over the Sand River and were watched as they stalked, captured and killed a wildebeest south of the Airstrip.

Why all the movement around the property for the Eyrefield pride during June? This could possibly be attributed to pressure from the males from the Matshapiri pride earlier on in the month, causing them to move north and east. The pride was then drawn back to the river, where they killed and finished a buffalo around Bicycle crossing. Soon after this they were then chased south by the Clarendon males, upon reaching Sibuye drive it is possible they came into contact with the Charleston males, as the lioness from the pride and her cubs were not too far from their position, meeting these males would have been enough reason for them to move northwards. It could also be the beginning of the separation of the young males from the pride - although they are still quite young, a male coalition of three members has a lot of potential in an area where a majority of the 'up and coming' males are in pairs.

**FOURWAYS PRIDE = 2**

<b>1 ADULT FEMALE</b>	<b>UNKNOWN AGE</b>
<b>1 SUB ADULT FEMALE</b>	<b>5 YEARS 0 MONTHS</b>
EASTERN MALA MALA, EASTERN EYREFIELD, EASTERN FLOCKFIELD	
(0 sightings)	

There were no confirmed sightings of this pride.

**MARTHLY PRIDE = 7**

<b>2 ADULT FEMALES</b>	<b>12 YEARS 10 MONTHS</b>
<b>1 SUB-ADULT FEMALE</b>	<b>4 YEARS 2 MONTHS</b>
<b>3 MALE CUBS</b>	<b>2 YEARS 0 MONTHS</b>
<b>1 FEMALE CUB</b>	<b>2 YEARS 0 MONTHS</b>
MARHTLY	
(1 sighting)	

In a similar fashion to May, all seven members of the Marthly pride were seen within the last ten days of the month during one confirmed sighting. They were seen on Euphorbia drive, about mid-way along. The pride was not seen again for the rest of the month, officially. There was one sighting of four lions, on the northern bank of the Sand River around Matumi Rocks - these animals had captured and killed a bushbuck in some very thick riverine vegetation. Now while no official identification was made of the lions present at this sighting, there were four or more and they were well within the Marthly pride's usual stomping ground.

**CHARLESTON PRIDE = 3**

**1 ADULT FEMALE**

**10 YEARS 5 MONTHS**

**2 SUB ADULT MALES**

**4 YEARS 1 MONTH**

**2 MALE CUBS**

**± 3 MONTHS**

**CHARLESTON**

(17 sightings of the female; 15 of the two male cubs; 7 of the two males)

June was an excellent month for sightings of the Charleston pride, during the month we were fortunate to spend some good quality time with these five members during the 20 days we viewed them. To kick off the month, we had all five members in the Sand River between Beaumont's camp and Calabash crossing, a few days later this pride had all regrouped and were found sunning themselves on a beach opposite Trollip's camp. A very relaxed start to the month of June for the members of the Charleston pride.

During the following two weeks, the lioness and her two cubs spent a vast majority of their time in and around the Sand River, north of Calabash crossing. During this time, the two males were seen involved in two sets of feeding activity. The first of which was much further to the west compared to where they were last seen, on our boundary with the Kruger National Park. It was here that they were seen sharing the remains of a buffalo carcass with four young males and a single female from the Tjellahanga pride. The second was when these two males were found trailing a herd of buffalo around Charleston River rocks, the buffalo left the area minus an individual who fell victim to these two captors. That was not all in terms of feeding activity seen with this pride during June, the day after the males were found, the female was located in the Sand River, adjacent the central parts of Sibuye drive. calabash crossing with a bull kudu. She and her two cubs spent three full days on this carcass - a very good reward for the effort spent capturing such a challenging quarry.

A week later and the lioness was seen again, this time she was on her own - headed north towards Charleston River rocks. She was lost shortly afterwards, heading into some thick bush along the eastern bank of the Sand River. The following day, we had reports of some vulture activity around Flat rocks. Upon further inspection, all of the signs pointed to the five members of the Charleston pride, on the northern bank of the Sand River west of Flat rocks. Judging by the tracks the young ones were left around the entrance of Calabash drive, while the female assisted in making the kill at Flat rocks and returned to collect the cubs and lead them to the carcass. The five members remained at this position for the full duration, of the last two days in June.

**TJELLAHANGA PRIDE=9**

**2 ADULT FEMALES**

**UNKNOWN AGES**

**1 SUB-ADULT FEMALE**

**± 3 YEARS 5 MONTHS**

**6 SUB-ADULT MALES**

**± 3 YEARS 5 MONTHS**

**EASTERN CHARLESTON, EASTERN FLOCKFIELD, EASTERN MALAMALA**

**(2 sightings)**

It has been a long time since we have had a sighting of the Tjellahanga pride; seeing four of the sub-adult males and a single sub-adult lioness was a nice surprise during June. Seeing these individuals sharing the carcass of a young female buffalo with the two males from the Charleston pride was very unexpected treat. The following day very little remained of the carcass, and one young male lion was seen salvaging what he could.

The second, and last, sighting of any of the individuals from this pride was less than a week from the month's end. They were seen heading south on Charleston drive, south of Pumphouse pans. Perhaps they have been spending more time on Charleston than we are aware of.

**JAKKALSDRAAI MALES = 2**

**2 SUB ADULT MALES**

**5 YEARS 0 MONTHS**

**WESTERN FLOCKFIELD, WESTERN CHARLESTON**

**(0 sightings)**

There were no confirmed sightings of this pride.

**CLARENDON MALES = 2**

**2 ADULT MALES**

**±10 YEARS 6 MONTHS**

**NORTHERN EYREFIELD, EASTERN MARTHLY**

**(6 sightings)**

Twice as many sightings of these males, predominantly in the latter half of the month. They seem to be spending a majority of their time around the Mlowathi River and west into Marthly. Three of these six sightings, included the two young females from the Styx pride.

The most out the ordinary sighting involving these two males, the two lionesses 13 cape hunting dogs and a land rover. A vehicle was parked at the cape hunting dog densite, when the peace was broken by a dog bark. Soon afterwards the two young Styx lionesses followed by the two Clarendon males sauntered past the den site, with an inquisitive sniff around the termite mound being used. These actions upset the cape hunting dogs and resulted in much commotion, and running as the canids lead the lions away from their puppies.

**MANYELETHI MALES = 4**

**± 10 YEARS 9 MONTHS**

MARTHLY, EYREFIELD, MALA MALA, NORTHERN FLOCKFIELD  
DOMINANT OVER THE STYX, EYREFIELD, FOURWAYS, MARTHLY AND  
BREAKAWAY MARTHLY PRIDES  
(0 sightings)

There were no confirmed sightings of the Manyalethi males.

**MATSHAPIRI PRIDE = 3**

**2 ADULT MALES**

**±5 YEARS 2 MONTHS**

**1 ADULT LIONESS**

**±3 YEARS 2 MONTHS**

(11 sightings)

Three months ago we hadn't so much as even thought of another pride coming onto the property, next thing an unknown pride of five was seen trailing a heard of buffalo in eastern flockfield. This sighting was limited to a one vehicle sighting, due the fact that this lions were very conscious of the presence of the cars - a clear indicator that they had come from Kruger National Park. The next month two lions and a single lioness were seen four times, up to West Street bridge. During May and June alike, there were 11 sightings of this pride, the Matshapiri pride. A second lioness was seen with the members during June, perhaps the pride of three we have been seeing has more members - exciting times lie ahead.

The first sightings of this pride involved a lioness from he Eyrefield pride, and mating. Not only has this pride moved into a new area very successfully in less than two months, they have mated with a lioness from within this fairly 'vacant' territory. In addition to this mating, this pride was successful in capturing a young buffalo one the old MalaMala-Flockfield boundary.

**Other lions encountered**

Two unidentified lions were seen in June, at the junction of zebra skull south and the Charleston-Flockfield boundary. They have been seen previously, and were yet again trailing a heard of buffalo coming onto the property from the Kruger National Park.

**NUMBER OF DIFFERENT LIONS ENCOUNTERED (approximate)**

<b>June</b>	<b>36</b>
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## **LEOPARDS:**

### **BICYCLE CROSSING MALE**

**13 YEARS 4 MONTHS**

WESTERN MALAMALA, WESTERN FLOCKFIELD, WESTERN CHARLESTON  
(5 sightings)

Approaching 13 and a half years of age, the Bicycle crossing male leopard is looking in great condition. Seen five times during June, a touch above the average for the year - this male was seen on three occasions around the treehouse. On one such occasion he had captured a bushbuck and was seen feeding on the carcass for two days. This was not the only time he was seen on a kill, and was found on the last day of the month with about 80% of a warthog kill, on the southern parts of Flockfield lookout.

### **AIRSTRIPE MALE**

**9 YEARS 0 MONTHS**

WESTERN MALAMALA, WESTERN FLOCKFIELD  
(8 sightings)

With about half the number of sightings of the Airstrip male leopard during his birth month, than in the month leading up to it - this male did not seem to venture too far from the Sand River over the course of the month. Five of the sightings of this leopard during the first three weeks of the month were within one kilometre from the watercourse of the Sand River. On the 14<sup>th</sup> of the month he was seen in the Ngoboswan donga with the two female cubs of the Kikilezi female, with the remains of an impala kill.

The last two sightings of the Airstrip male were around Marthly, it was very clear that he had been in a fight of some description as he was limping rather badly, with a selection of lacerations on his body.

### **CHARLESTON MALE**

**9 YEARS 0 MONTHS**

EASTERN CHARLESTON, NORTHERN TOULON  
(0 sightings)

There were no confirmed sightings during the reported period.

### **WEST STREET MALE**

**6 YEARS 2 MONTHS**

WESTERN MALAMALA, WESTERN FLOCKFIELD  
(2 sightings)

Seeing the West Street male is not a usual sighting, so seeing him twice in one month is always enjoyed. Our first encounter with this male was along 2<sup>nd</sup> turning jakkalsdraai, and the junction with the shortcut which goes northwards. The second sighting of this good looking specimen was two weeks later when he was seen around Charleston river rocks.

**TREEHOUSE MALE****± 5 YEARS 6 MONTHS**WESTERN MALAMALA  
(11 sightings)

June was off to a flying start in terms of sightings of the Treehouse male leopard. The first of which was off the deck of Sable camp, where he was seen adjacent the pool. By the end of the first week he had moved south along the edge of the watercourse on the western bank, before crossing to the eastern side. He was seen here briefly, around the Ngoboswan donga, in close proximity to a three leopard sighting of the Airstrip male and the two cubs of the Kikilezi female.

The eastern bank is obviously not to the liking of the Treehouse male leopard, as the remaining sightings of him were between Confluence crossing and the track which leads from the booms to the causeway. A few highlights for the month were seeing him mate with the Tamboti female around Maxim's lookout as well as with a male bushbuck kill he had made and hoisted. Clear indicators that he is very comfortable in an area he has claimed to be his own.

**TSLEBE ROCKS MALE****± 9 YEARS 0 MONTHS**NORTHERN EYREFIELD  
(2 sightings)

The Tslebe rocks male was seen twice during June, twice as often as the months leading up to it. He was seen on both occasions around Mlowathi dam, yet again. A real favourite of his.

**PRINCESS ALICE PANS MALE****14 YEARS 6 MONTHS**WESTERN MALAMALA  
(1 sighting)

The sentiments of May are echoed here - it is always good to see the Princess Alice Pans male, however seeing him walking around is definitely not what it was a year or two ago. This male has served his time, and is definitely no threat to anyone in terms of protecting his once, much favoured - western bank.

**GOWRIE MALE****± 7 YEARS 10 MONTHS**NORTHWESTERN EYREFIELD  
(1 sighting)

There was one confirmed sighting of the Gowrie male in June, where he was seen in the western parts of the Manyalethi river - close to Paraffin drift. An unknown female was seen a few days prior in a similar area, and there were fresh female leopard tracks in the area too. Reports from the west of the Gowrie male having already been seen mating with this female previously. Lets hope this carries on into July.

**RIVER ROCKS MALE****5 YEARS 11 MONTHS**

(0 sightings)

There were no confirmed sightings during the reported period.

**KIKILEZI FEMALE**  
**2 FEMALE CUBS**

**13 YEARS 8 MONTHS**  
**1 YEAR 6 MONTHS**

WESTERN MALA-MALA, WESTERN EYREFIELD, MARTHLI  
(12 sightings of female, 2 sightings of female and cub(s), 16 sightings of cub(s) without female)

22 days of June either the Kikilezi and/or her cub(s) were seen, over these 22 days there were 31 sightings of some combination of this trio. Of all of these sightings, only two involved all three of the leopards together. The Kikilezi is definitely moving around a lot more, having been seen closer to the bridge more frequently over the last while.

During the month, the Kikilezi female was seen with one kill - a young bushbuck around Sandpit crossing. Her cubs, who are very clearly in the seriously investigating going independent, were seen on two kills. Both of these were impala - one of which was in the Ngoboswan donga, the second was on the first break of Gowrie Trust road. These young leopardesses had some bad luck with their prey as on both counts they were stolen from them - once by hyena, and once by lion.

**TAMBOTI FEMALE**

**7 YEARS 9 MONTHS**

WESTERN FLOCKFIELD, WESTERN MALA MALA  
(2 sightings)

Two sightings of this female during June, one of which was of her mating with the Treehouse male leopard on the 16<sup>th</sup> of the month. Clearly she is ready for her third litter of cubs, lets see what spring has in store for us when it comes around.

**ISLAND FEMALE**

**2 YEARS 4 MONTHS**

WESTERN FLOCKFIELD, WESTERN MALA MALA  
(4 sightings)

The Island female was seen during four occasions in June. She is undoubtedly still in search of an area to call her own, as she was seen all over the western bank. The furthest north the Island female was spotted was around Matumi rocks, and as far south as West Street bridge. Now with her mother having been seen mating with the Treehouse male, if she does give birth, the Tamboti female will be even more determined about defending her territory - especially already having lost a little this year.

**MLOWATHI FEMALE**

**8 YEARS 5 MONTHS**

**DAUGHTER OF THE MLOWATHI FEMALE**

**±1 YEAR 7 MONTHS**

NORTHWESTERN EYREFIELD  
(1 sighting of the Mlowathi female, 0 sighting of the daughter of the Mlowathi female)

A creature of habit, the Mlowathi female was seen once during the month of June, around Mlowathi dam on the 19<sup>th</sup> of the month. That was the only sighting of this female, with no signs of her daughter.

**OSTRICH KOPPIES FEMALE**  
**MALE CUB**  
EYREFIELD

**10 YEARS 6 MONTHS**  
**1 YEAR 0 MONTHS**

(4 sightings of female, 0 sightings of female and cub, 0 sightings of cub without female)

There was definitely a preference for the western parts of her territory during June as she was seen four times between the Mwana Nonantshemeni donga and its junction with eastern side Mlowathi, towards the Tslebe rocks donga and Old Borehole road. She was seen in this donga over two days as she had cached the carcass of a young male impala in an acacia on the northern bank.

There was no sign of her young male cub during June, we will keep a look out during July.

**MATSHAPIRI FEMALE**  
**CUBS OF THE MATSHAPIRI FEMALE**  
EASTERN MALA MALA, EASTERN EYREFIELD

**14 YEARS 8 MONTHS**  
**±6 MONTHS**

(3 sightings of the Matshapiri female; 0 sighting of the female and cub/s, 0 sightings of her cub/s)

The Matshapiri female was seen on three different occasions, towards the north eastern parts of the property. All three of these sightings, which were on the 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> were spread between Matshapiri dam and the northern parts of Matshapiri dam road.

No evidence of either of the cubs of the Matshapiri female over the period of June.

**DUDLEY FEMALE**  
WESTERN FLOCKFIELD  
(1 sighting)

**16 YEARS 9 MONTHS**

One sighting of the Dudley female during June, found her in close proximity to Confluence crossing.

**DAUGHTER OF THE DUDLEY FEMALE**  
WESTERN FLOCKFIELD  
(0 sightings)

**2 YEARS 3 MONTHS**

There were no confirmed sightings during the reported period.

**EMSAGWENI FEMALE**  
MALA-MALA  
(1 sighting)

**5 YEARS 6 MONTHS**

There was one sighting of the Emsagweni female during June, and it did not involve her cubs. This female was seen around Emsagwen crossing, where Emsagwen crosses the Matshapiri River. In her usual style she allowed us to watch her for a while, before moving off into thick vegetation.

**FLOCKFIELD FEMALE**

**11 YEARS 2 MONTH**

CENTRAL & EASTERN FLOCKFIELD, NORTHERN CHARLESTON  
(1 sighting)

It is not a common sight to see the Flockfield female, we were fortunate enough in June when she was seen around the Treehouse, on the northern parts of the main track in the tamboti thickets.

**Other leopards encountered:**

- **Toulon female:** (1 sighting)
- **No ID males:** (3 sightings)
  - There were three sightings of unidentified male leopards in June:
    - One was at Emsagwen waterhole, he has been seen for three consecutive months in and around this area. He is very conscious of the presence of vehicles, and also possibly the father of the Emsagweni female's cubs.
    - One young male seen around Mlowathi dam - we have learnt this individual was born in November 2012, who is the son of the Tsebe rocks male.
    - One male was seen KK crossing
- **No ID females:** (5 sightings)
  - Five unidentified female leopards were seen in June, one of these females were seen capturing a duiker around the southern parts of Flockfield lookout, which she stored in a large leadwood. She spent the next two days with the kill, feeding off the carcass intermittently.

**NUMBER OF DIFFERENT LEOPARDS ENCOUNTERED (approximate)**

<b>June</b>	<b>24</b>
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## **CHEETAH**

June was a rather varied month, in terms of cheetah sightings. Along with seeing the two males in the north eastern parts of the property, which hold a territory around the Clarendon open area, two other cheetah were seen during the month. A single female was seen twice around the middle of June, the first of which was on Campbell road and the second in the quarry, east of the MalaMala airstrip.

The fourth individual we saw provided much entertainment for a number of people during June. A young male was located around the white stones, from here and for the duration of his stay of the next two days, this cheetah moved all over the western bank. From the white stones he moved towards the river south of West Street bridge, where he was seen chasing after bushbuck through the reeds. The following day the male cheetah was found on the northern parts of Bushbuck drive, continuing on his western bank expedition he eventually ended up capturing a killing a small bushbuck. One set of guests and their ranger patiently sat with this male for the duration of the morning and were eventually witnessed him making the kill.

### **NUMBER OF DIFFERENT CHEETAH ENCOUNTERED**

<b>June</b>	<b>4</b>
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## **CAPE HUNTING DOGS**

The number of sightings of cape hunting dogs around MalaMala has been on the rise over the last few months from: six in April, to 16 in May and 28 in June. In some very exciting news for the month: the suspected densite was confirmed as there were a few puppies seen early on in the month. As the days progressed the number of puppies was established as five - taking the total number in the pack up to 18.

A few weeks after these puppies were seen, one more smaller individual was seen - taking the new total to 19. The latest addition was presumably birthed by the beta female. The sighting of this puppy was brief, but we look forward to July, where hopefully there will be more additions to the pack.

### **NUMBER OF DIFFERENT CAPE HUNTING DOGS ENCOUNTERED (approximate)**

<b>June</b>	<b>19</b>
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### **CAPE BUFFALO AND ELEPHANTS**

As we head deeper into winter, the dryness around MalaMala continues. As this is so, many animals are drawn to the fresh, flowing water of the Sand River which flows through the property. During June buffalo and elephant, were regular sightings around the river - especially on hot afternoons.

Of the 82 sightings of buffalo during June; 203 individual males were seen as well as 32 different herds. These herds varied in number, eight of which ranged between 200 and 500 members.

In terms of elephant sightings during June, we were fortunate enough to have 145 encounters. Over 100 of these were of herds, and on the 24th of the month one such herd was made up of over 60 members. In addition to the numerous herds seen during the 30 days of June, there were also 74 bulls seen - either alone, or in small groups.

### **OTHER INTERESTING SIGHTINGS**

June was an interesting month, with a number of fascinating sightings - the first of which was a Meller's mongoose midway through the month, not a very common sighting at all. In addition to this mongoose we saw a serval as well as a honey badger. Always enjoyable to see the more uncommon animals on MalaMala.

### **TOTAL SIGHTINGS FOR JUNE 2015**

<b>Lion</b>	<b>69</b>
<b>Leopard</b>	<b>88</b>
<b>Elephant</b>	<b>145</b>
<b>Buffalo</b>	<b>82</b>
<b>Cheetah</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Cape Hunting Dog</b>	<b>28</b>

**MalaMala Kill Analysis****June 2015**

	<b>Lions</b>	<b>Leopards</b>	<b>Cape hunting dog</b>	<b>Cheetah</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Impala</b>	1	3	1		5
<b>Duiker</b>		1			1
<b>Klipspringer</b>					
<b>Buffalo</b>	7				7
<b>Bushbuck</b>	1	3		1	5
<b>Warthog</b>		1			1
<b>Nyala</b>					
<b>Waterbuck</b>					
<b>Wildebeest</b>	1				1
<b>Kudu</b>	1				1
<b>Giraffe</b>					
<b>Other</b>					
<b>Total</b>	11	8	1	1	21

	LION		LEOPARD		ELEPHANT		BUFFALO	
	Animals	Sightings	Animals	Sightings	Animals	Sightings	Animals	Sightings
1	3	1	3	3	LH+1	2	2	1
2	7	2	1	1	5H+1	6	H+15	4
3	3	1	4	4	2LH+2H+4	8	LH+H+9	5
4	5	1	4	2	5H+7	8	2LH+16	7
5	11	3	2	2	LH+2H+2	4	13	3
6	13	4	2	2	LH+5H	6	7	2
7	8	2	5	4	3H	3	LH+H	2
8	7	3	4	4	4H+7	6	LH+H+4	3
9	7	3	3	3	LH+3H+9	7	LH+H+11	4
10	6	2	1	1	3H	3	2	1
11	5	2	4	4	H+4	3	LH+5	2
12	0	0	4	4	LH+3H+1	5	2LH+H+10	4
13	7	1	3	3	LH+3H+4	6	LH+14	5
14	1	1	6	4	2LH	2	5	1
15	4	2	3	3	H+3	4	LH	1
16	8	2	3	2	3H+3	6	LH+8	3
17	2	1	1	1	LH+3H+5	6	14	5
18	6	2	2	2	LH+4H+2	7	LH+20	4
19	7	2	3	3	LH+2H+7	6	LH	1
20	6	3	1	1	LH+4H	5	LH+13	3
21	7	2	3	3	5H+4	7	H	1
22	13	2	4	4	2H	2	LH+5	2
23	11	3	2	1	3H+5	6	LH+10	3
24	11	3	6	2	LH	1	LH	1
25	5	2	2	2	1	1	LH+1	2
26	11	3	3	3	3H	3	LH+1	2
27	13	4	3	3	3H+1	4	LH+6	2
28	6	4	3	3	4H+1	5	LH+3	2
29	11	4	6	6	LH+4H+1	6	LH+3	3
30	10	4	8	8	LH+5H+1	7	LH+H+6	3
	<b>214</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>17LH+85H+74</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>24LH+8H+203</b>	<b>82</b>
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