

# Monthly Report

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# Introduction

## What we've been up to...

### Lilongwe

A very happy New Year to everyone! 2021 has been exciting so far as our little hyaena cub has been growing and looks very healthy (Figure 1). The CRM team have been continuing with regular camera checks within Lilongwe city. It has been a busy month planning for our upcoming collaring program.



Figure 1. Hyaena cub

This month we had an opportunity to install a temporary camera at Kumbali farm. This was due to a cow being put down due to injury and perfect for the hyenas to feed on (Figure 2).



Figure 2. Carcass of a cow at Kumbali Farm

We have been keeping a close eye on our side striped jackal in Lilongwe. She was radio collared in 2017 and we are in process of baiting and preparing capture sites with plans to capture her to remove the collar after providing us with valuable data and insights into urban carnivore ecology.



Figure 3. Collared Side Striped Jackal in Lilongwe

### New Urban Camp

We are excited to begin a partnership with Barefoot Lodge and Safaris. Our urban team now resides in a lovely thatched safari style house (Figure 4) and volunteers and students will stay in their dorm rooms and enjoy the lush grounds, birds, bats and hyaenas that frequent the area.



Figure 4. CRA staff accommodation at Barefoot Lodge and Safaris

# Introduction Cont.

## Collaring preparations begin

We have exciting times ahead of us as we make preparations to capture and satellite collar members of the urban hyaena clan. We are currently baiting and preparing capture sites and working with the relevant authorities to facilitate our capture efforts.

In November of 2019 we captured and satellite collared one female hyaena, URBHY21 (Figure 5). Following her movements within Lilongwe and surrounding rural areas was intriguing and highly useful to informing conservation management of hyaena within Lilongwe. With local COVID restrictions now easing, we are looking forward to continuing our capture efforts to add to the data collected from URBHY21.

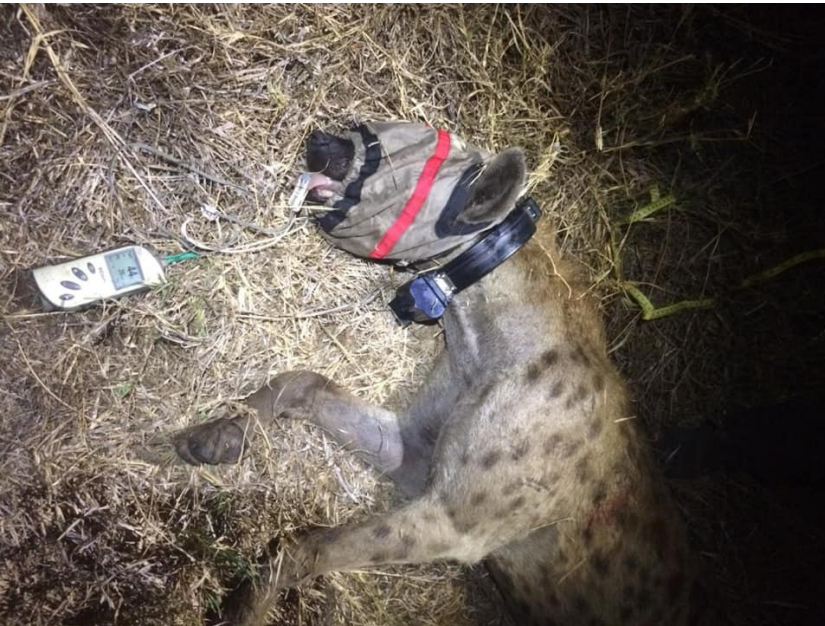


Figure 5. URBHY21 under sedation with satellite collar fitted

# January 2021 Results

## Camera Traps

During our weekly camera trap checks, we found evidence of activity at each hyaena den located around Lilongwe. These included hyaena scats, prey carcasses, and an array of diverse species that frequent the den sites.

| Date Set                | Location           | Species Seen   | Active Y/N |
|-------------------------|--------------------|--|------------|
| 01/01/2021 - 31/01/2021 | Sanctuary (Den 1)  | Spotted Hyaena, South African Porcupine, Side Striped Jackal                         | Y          |
| 01/01/2021 - 31/01/2021 | Sanctuary (Den 2)  | Spotted Hyaena, South African Porcupine, African Civet                               | Y          |
| 01/01/2021 - 31/01/2021 | Sanctuary (Den 3B) | Spotted Hyaena, South African Porcupine, Helmeted Guinea Fowl, Bushy-tailed Mongoose | Y          |
| 01/01/2021 - 31/01/2021 | Sanctuary (Den 3C) | Spotted Hyaena, South African Porcupine, Bushy-tailed Mongoose , common duiker       | Y          |
| 01/01/2021 - 31/01/2021 | Kumbali            | Spotted Hyaena, Side Striped Jackal, African Civet                                   | Y          |



# January In Pictures



Figure 6. Unknown adult hyaena at Kumbali farm.



Figure 9. URBHY01 & cub in nature sanctuary



Figure 7. African Civet captured in Kumbali



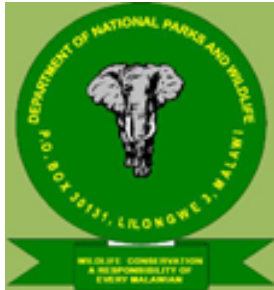
Figure 10. Healthy hyaena cub in the sanctuary



Figure 8. URBHY16 & unknown hyaena in Kumbali

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