



## Northern Mara Conservancies Code of Conduct

*Lemek, Ol Chorro, Enonkishu and Mbokishi conservancies.*

On your game drive, please maintain basic courtesy to other tourists and guided vehicles.

Respect for the environment and wildlife is paramount, therefore the following rules apply:

1. Every guide and driver is to sign this Code of Conduct on a yearly basis following refresher training.
2. All drivers are responsible for their passengers' actions, and they and their vehicles must meet all the legal requirements as prescribed by Kenyan Law.
3. Only safari vehicles (roof hatch or open-sided) in natural colours that are a 4x4 safari vehicles (e.g Landcruiser double or single cab converted or not, Landcruiser 80-100 series, Landrover Defender etc) are allowed. No small vehicles are allowed. All other vehicles need special authorisation.
4. Only accredited drivers may game drive within the conservancy. Accredited drivers and vehicles can be hired for the day. To be accredited, a driver must present one of the following to the Northern Conservancies TP manager and have signed the Code of Conduct:
  - a. Be an employee of one of the conservancies and/or the Tourism Partners, who take full liability for the drivers' actions; OR
  - b. Be a member of a professional tour/safari organisation and be licenced under the respective organisations' laws (e.g KPSGA); OR
  - c. Have completed a questionnaire and/or short test organised by the conservancy management, with the expense of the test covered by the driver;
5. Strict speed limit of maximum 40 kph.
6. Do not stand on the vehicle's roof.
7. No littering EVER. Take out what you take in.
8. Do not get out of your vehicle unless it is on an open plain, under a guided activity with conservancy rangers, or well away from thick bushes and any sightings.
9. Responsible offroad driving is permitted for sightings. This must adhere to the guidelines below for big cats, wild dogs and elephants.
10. Avoid excessive noise. No yelling, whistling, clapping, cheering, tooting horns or playing music.
11. Do not chase, follow, or harass wildlife.
12. Do not damage or remove any flora or fauna, including bones and plants.
13. No pets are allowed on game drives.
14. Show respect to wildlife without placing the animals or yourself in danger.





15. No vehicles (motorbike, quad bike, bicycle, roller blades etc.) other than automobiles are permitted in Enonkishu, Ol Chorro or Lemek unless organised by conservancy management.
16. No firearms, spears, bows and arrows of any kind are to be carried within the Conservancy unless specifically authorised.
17. Night game drives are allowed until 10:00 pm, but must use white diffuse and or red lights, and must not disturb the natural behaviour of wildlife. Extra training will be provided for drivers and/or guides. Night-game drivers should be cognisant of other tourists/guests in their lodges and/or houses and avoid disturbing their experience. Conservancy management should be informed.
18. Balloon transport to and from the balloon launch site must use the main road, especially before sunrise.
19. The usage of drones is prohibited without the permission of the management.

Regarding viewing predators within the conservancies:

1. Maximum of 5 cars around predators at any given time. If more cars are waiting for viewing, they must wait 100 meters away.
2. If cars are waiting you must leave after 15 minutes unless they are the first car to arrive, who may stay for 30 minutes.
3. Allow a minimum of 10 meters for a predator.
4. If a predator approaches your vehicle, back away slowly and do not turn off the engine. No predators under, on or in vehicles at any time.
5. Be friendly to rangers who are trying their best to ensure the conservation of predator populations.
6. Do not make a circle around the predator. ALWAYS give them a route away from vehicles.
7. If the predator is hunting, do not follow. Stay stationary with the engine off until the kill is secured.
8. If the animal is calling, turn off engines and reduce all noise to ensure the audibility of their call to others.
9. Turn radios and phones to minimal sound. Do not rev the engine, make noises, or toot your horn to get a predator's attention.
10. Be courteous to other cars' sighting experience.

If you have any questions or wish to make the arrangements mentioned above, please speak to your manager. And, above all, enjoy the experience!



