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Though we had some sad moments when some of our lions were shot, we gained some valuable information from their collars and from interacting with farmers who had experienced losses to them. In particular, the home range of the male lion was very interesting. These movements and home ranges had a direct influence on our decision to develop an integrated educational program for the farmers this year. We have already used the home range of the male lion to explain the situation to a few farmers.

They are not aware of the fact that when a male is killed, his replacement will kill all of the cubs. When they learned this and saw how much of the park this male included in his travels, they understood better why we and the Department of Wildlife are making such a big deal about killing lions indiscriminately near the park. The data from the females will be equally useful.