Status of the lion Red list assessment

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Lion (Panthera leo) - distribution, abundance, trend

Area of occupancy 1,654,375 km²

Historic range loss **85-92%**

Mature individuals **23,000**

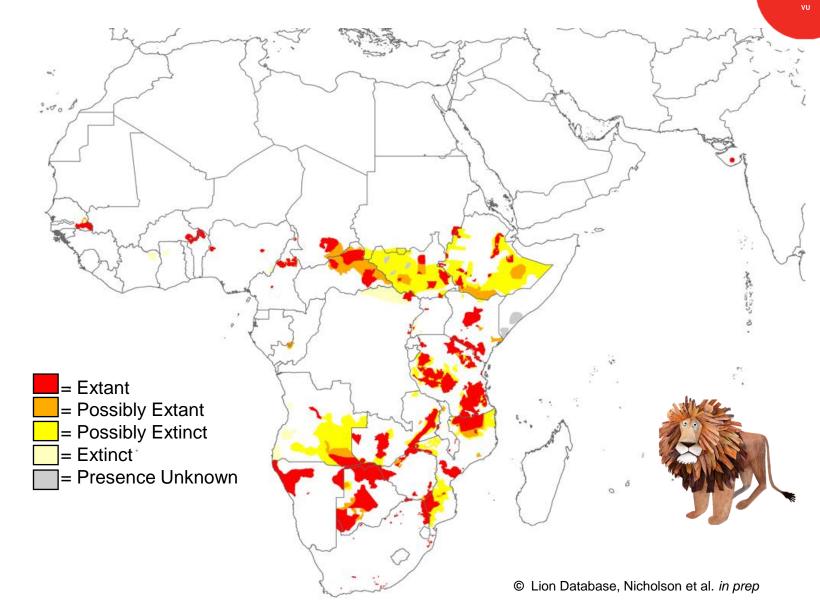
Trend

Decreasing

Year last assessed **2014**

Re-assessment

Nicholson et al., in press



VULNERABLE >

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Lion (*Panthera leo*) – status and threats



Panthera leo

P. I. persica

P. leo (West Africa)

Vulnerable

Endangered (2008)

Critically Endangered (2014)



Habitat loss and conversion

Resulting in small and isolated populations

Human-lion conflicts

Indiscriminate killings, particularly vulnerable to poisoned carcasses





Illegal trade

Trade in bones, body parts and derivatives for traditional medicine

(Poorly regulated trophy hunting)



Prey depletion

Due to commercialized bushmeat trade can result in the collapse of lion populations

Thank you



