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Kazuhiko Hosaka, on behalf of the PAN Editorial Team



A 6-year-old male, Omali (left), and a 7-year-old female, Upepo (right), playing with each other. Photo taken by Kazuhiko Hosaka on 17 August 2017 at Mahale Mountains National Park, Tanzania.