



Mitsuaki Iwago. Why Are They Hurrying?

A herd of elephants stirs up the dust in Kenya's Amboseli National Park, which lies at the foot of Mount Kilimanjaro. *Amboseli* is sometimes said to mean "place of water" in the local Masai language, but today it more closely resembles its other meaning, "salty dust." As a result of unusual weather said to be caused by global warming, the availability of water has decreased in recent years. When photographer Mitsuaki Iwago visited the park during the dry season in July, the sun-baked land stretched in all directions,

right up to the edge of the watering hole where animals crowded around, desperate to quench their thirst. To Iwago, it seemed that there were more animals here than in the past, which may mean that there were fewer watering holes available to support the local wildlife.

Shot in Amboseli National Park in Kenya, on July 29, 2007, at 12:13 p.m., with the Olympus E-3 (B version), Zuiko Digital ED 300mm, f5.6, 1/1250sec.

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Mitsuaki Iwago, born in Tokyo in 1950, is an internationally renowned wildlife photographer whose work has won many awards and has appeared in and on the cover of *National Geographic*.



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