

# Cheetah Chat

Updates by the Mara Cheetah Project on Cheetahs in the Mara

June - August 2013

Amani



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Amani's cubs left their mum at the end of July - the three cubs (2 males and a female) are now roaming the Mara Reserve as a trio. While still inexperienced hunters, shown by their eagerness to chase adult Zebras, they have successfully taken down smaller, more manageable prey.

More news on Amani is that both Amani's mother and Amani's brother from another litter have recently been sighted in Naboisho and Olare Orok.

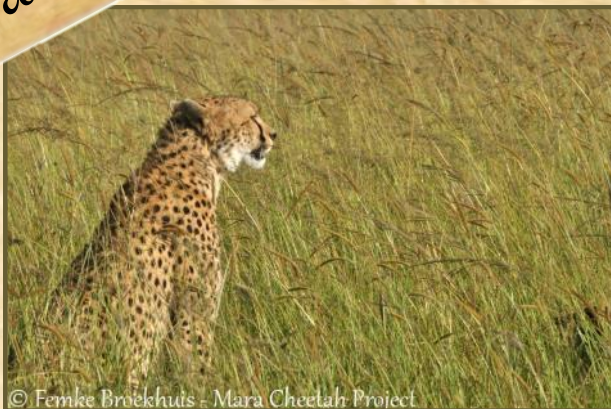
Nalepo

Nalepo gave birth to 6 healthy cubs in Olare Orok Conservancy at the end of June. On the 7<sup>th</sup> August they emerged from their lair and followed mother Nalepo down the hill, spending some time in Olare Orok before heading to Naboisho where they were last sighted. The cubs are still young and are extremely vulnerable and any stress or disturbance can be detrimental. We would therefore like to take this opportunity to remind everyone that we can all play our role in cheetah conservation by respecting Nalepo and her cubs.



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Malaika

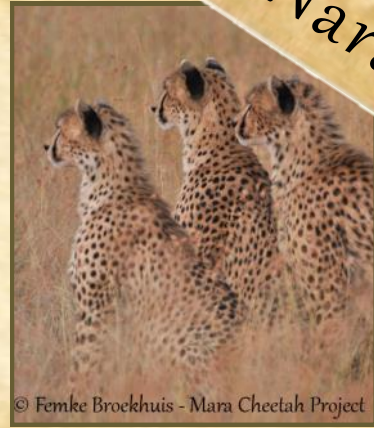


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Bawa (Malaika's male cub) has spread his wings and left his mum. Well known for their car climbing behaviour, we are curious to see how this young male will do and where he will go.

## Narasha

Narasha and her cubs (1 male and 1 female) are still together and frequently seen in the Mara Reserve and Olare Orok. Unfortunately at the beginning of August Narasha and her male cub were seen with a bad case of mange (a skin disease caused by mites). The Mara Cheetah Project called out the KWS vets and together with Dr. Limo and Dr. Gakuya treated them both. We are now closely monitoring their recovery.



## Ololoolo boys



The Ololoolo boys are two males frequently sighted in Mara North Conservancy and occasionally venture into the Mara Reserve and Olare Orok Conservancy. On one such trips to Olare Orok in mid-June they had an interesting encounter with Amani and her cubs. Amani was clearly not interested in these two boys and stood her ground. Soon the boys themselves lost interest and the two groups went their separate ways.

## New male

Last month there was a sighting of a new, unknown male near Lookout hill. It is possible that he followed the migration from the Serengeti into the Mara. If you see any cheetahs, especially new ones, please let us know.



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