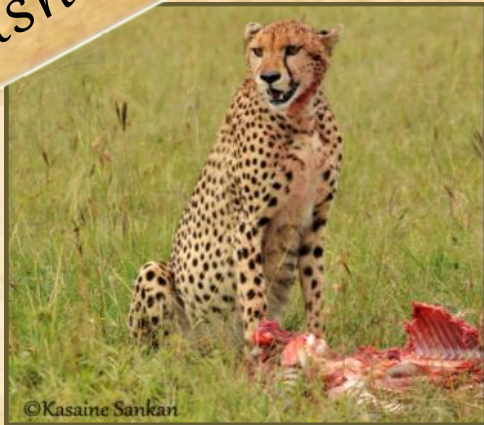


# Cheetah Chat

Updates by the **Mara Cheetah Project** on Cheetahs in the Mara

January - February 2014

Narasha



At the beginning of December 2013 Narasha's cubs (1 male and 1 female) left their mum. The two sub-adults stayed together until mid-February after which her female cub (named Nolari by the guides) was seen by herself. Whilst female cheetahs usually stay in a similar area to their mothers, males tend to disperse much further afield. We are curious to see where her brother will show up!

Amani

Amani and her cub have returned to the Mara after spending several weeks in the Serengeti, Tanzania. The young cub is doing well and becoming more and more adventurous as it grows up.

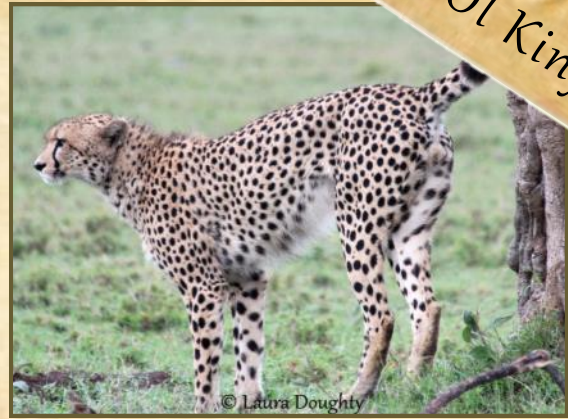


Amani's sub-adults



Amani's three sub-adults (2 males and a female) have been together now for almost 6 months. Sibling groups tend to separate after 3-6 months so it is likely that the female will soon leave her brothers. The 2 males will most likely stay together to form a coalition. They are already trying to establish their territory by marking prominent features in the landscape such as fallen trees and termite mounds.

The Ol Kinyei female, sighted in Ol Kinyei, Naboisho and Siana, has raised her three cubs to independence - two females and a male. They left their mum in July 2013 and the male has now separated from his sisters. He was recently seen by himself happily marking trees in Ol Kinyei and Olare Motorogi Conservancy . We have not yet sighted the two females but we will keep looking.



Ol Kinyei

Hammerkop male



As we are waiting for the rains, there is more and more competition for resources. As a result we have seen a rise in conflict cases. Since the last update we have received two reports of cheetahs killing sheep. In this case the Hammerkop male was caught red-handed!

Exciting news! Thanks to Laura Doughty who works in Ol Kinyei, we have now got a new female cheetah in our database. She was seen in February with 4 cubs. If anyone sees this cheetah, please can you let us know.



New female

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