



Cheetah Chat

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

September 2014 – October 2014

Nalang'u



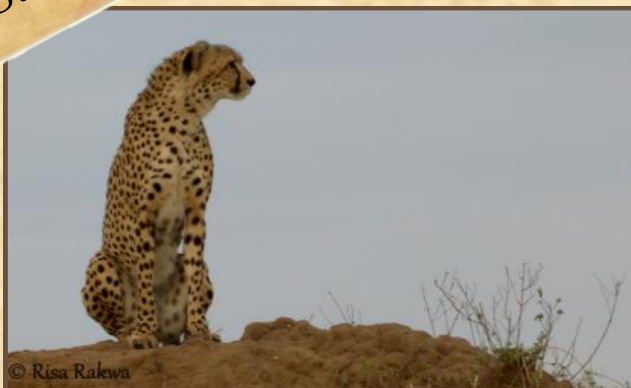
In the last two months we have encountered several new cheetahs in the study area. One of these is a female with three cubs that are just over a year old. She has been named Nalang'u which in Maa means 'the one who comes from across' as we believe she might have come from Olarro Conservancy or Maji Moto area

We are excited to announce that Nabiki has had another litter! She has hidden them well on a rocky area in Naboisho Conservancy. So far we have counted 2 little ones but it is possible that there might be more. Let us hope she has more luck this time.



Nabiki

Bawa



Bawa (son of Malaika) left Malaika in July 2013, soon after which Malaika gave birth to another litter. Male cheetahs tend to leave their natal areas whereas female cheetahs tend to stay in a similar area to their mothers. Bawa disappeared for several months, possibly to try and establish his own territory, but recently we have sighted him in the Maasai Mara National Reserve.

Kakenya

Kakenya (sometimes also known as Tisa) is one of the female cheetahs that moves between the Mara Triangle and the Serengeti. A few months she gave birth to a litter of 5 cubs. So far one cub has died but all the others seem to be doing well.



Imani



Imani (daughter of Amani) gave birth to a litter on Rhino Ridge in July but unfortunately she lost all her cubs late September. There have been several rumours about the cause of death of the cubs incl. that a tourist vehicle ran over them, however we have not seen any proof of this. This was Imani's first litter and it is rare that first time mums manage to raise their cubs.

Malaika

Malaika and her cubs are frequently seen south of the Rongai river in the Maasai Mara National Reserve. This is also prime lion country and on several occasions she has been seen chasing lions and spotted hyaenas. So far she has lost one of her cubs: while it might have been killed by another predator we are not sure of the cause.



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