



Cheetah Chat

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

September 2015 – October 2015

Oloololo males



At the end of September both the Oloololo males were spotted in the Maasai Mara National Reserve with swollen heads and excessive discharge from their nose and mouth. Sadly, one of the males died a few days later. The Kenya Wildlife Service immobilised the remaining male to take samples for diagnostic analyses and to treat him. He seems to be recovering as we have since sighted him successfully hunting wildebeest.

After having 'disappeared' for over a year, cheetah F020 has resurfaced with one small cub. So far they have been sighted in Naboisho and Ol Kinyei Conservancies and, like some of the other cheetahs that we follow, it is possible that the female spends a significant amount of time outside the wildlife areas. The project gives all cheetahs codes, but now that F020 is being seen more frequently we are waiting for the guides and rangers to give her a name.



F020

Amani



A few months ago, Amani lost a litter in Mara North Conservancy. Since then she has been sighted in the Maasai Mara National Reserve and in Olare Motorogi Conservancy. The last time we saw her she looked heavily pregnant! Hopefully she will have better luck this time.

Miyale

Miyale and her two cubs are doing well. After having spent several weeks around Lookout hill in the Maasai Mara National Reserve they were recently seen having a playful moment in the Sand River. The next day they were sighted crossing into the Serengeti. There are several cheetahs that regularly cross the border and occasionally we still get unknown individuals coming into the Mara which is really exciting!



Nashipai



Nashipai, the mother of a young male known as 'Warren', had another litter earlier this year. The two cubs that have survived so far are doing well and mum and cubs are covering some large distances. On the Kenyan side, Nashipai is resident in the Mara Triangle but we occasionally get reports that they venture deep into the Serengeti. If you would like to report a cheetah sighting, either in the Mara or the Serengeti, please send your photos to sightings@maracheetahs.org.

Malaika

Cheetahs are well known to be victims of kleptoparasitism, or the stealing of kills, by other predators especially lions and spotted hyaenas. However, roles were recently reversed when Malaika and her three cubs were seen stealing a Topi from a spotted hyaena! Thanks Onesmus Irungu from Rekeru Camp for sharing this amazing sighting.



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