



# Cheetah Chat

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

November 2016 – December 2016

5-male coalition



Mara Cheetah Project | [www.maracheetahs.org](http://www.maracheetahs.org)

Over the last few weeks we have had some amazing sightings of a group of five young adult male cheetahs. We have seen one of the males before in the Maasai Mara National Reserve but we have not seen any of the others, either as cubs or as adults. Seeing 5 males together is very unusual as coalitions tend to be made up of 2-3 individuals. Judging by their ages we suspect that this group might be made up of 3 different groups. So far they have been sighted in Naboisho and Olare-Motorogi Conservancies.

There has been an influx of new male cheetahs over the last few months. In addition to the group of 5 males, four new males were sighted in the Mara Triangle, one 3-male coalition and one single male. We also sighted a coalition of two males in the Sopa area in the Maasai Mara National Reserve. We are unsure where these males are coming from but it is a good sign that new individuals are coming into the Mara. Let's hope some of them stick around.



More new males

Imani's cubs



© Senchura Kaleku

Imani's cubs (2 males and a female) left their mother a few months ago. The 3 spent some time together before splitting up. We recently saw Imani's daughter with the new 5-male coalition. Seeing 6 adult cheetahs all together was very special (photo on the left)! Imani's two son's have teamed up with Nolari's son to create a 3-male coalition and they are frequently being sighted in Naboisho and Ol Kinyei Conservancies.

Musiara

Musiara's cubs (one male and two females) left their mother a few weeks ago. Once cubs have left their mother, they tend to stick together for several months before splitting up. However, in this case Musiara's two daughters left together leaving their brother behind and they have since been seen in Olare-Motorogi Conservancy. We have seen Musiara a few times, but not her son. Hopefully we'll be able to catch up with him in the new year.



Malaika



Malaika and her latest litter of two are doing well, as are her son and daughter who left her in May 2016. Malaika's daughter has been named 'Malkia' which means Queen in KiSwahili and she has been seen in the Maasai Mara National Reserve and Olare-Motorogi Conservancy. Malaika's son has been named 'Malik' which means King in Arabic and he has been seen in Mara North and Olare-Motorogi Conservancies. Both Malaika's son and daughter have turned into great hunters - Malik was recently seen taking down a sub-adult wildebeest.

Naborr

Naborr and her two cubs are doing well and are frequently seen in Naboisho and Ol Kinyei Conservancies. Naborr's daughter from her previous litter has also been roaming around Naboisho Conservancy and has been seen taking down adult male Grant's gazelle! After having teamed up with a young male from Siana, Naborr's two sons from her previous litter haven't been seen for a while and have possibly left to establish a territory somewhere else.



KENYA WILDLIFE TRUST

**For more information, or to report a sighting, visit our website ([www.maracheetahs.org](http://www.maracheetahs.org)) or follow us on Facebook ([www.facebook.com/MaraCheetahProject](https://www.facebook.com/MaraCheetahProject))**

**If you have photos or a cheetah story that you would like to share in the next update, please email us at [info@maracheetahs.org](mailto:info@maracheetahs.org)**