



Cheetah Chat

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

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Narasha



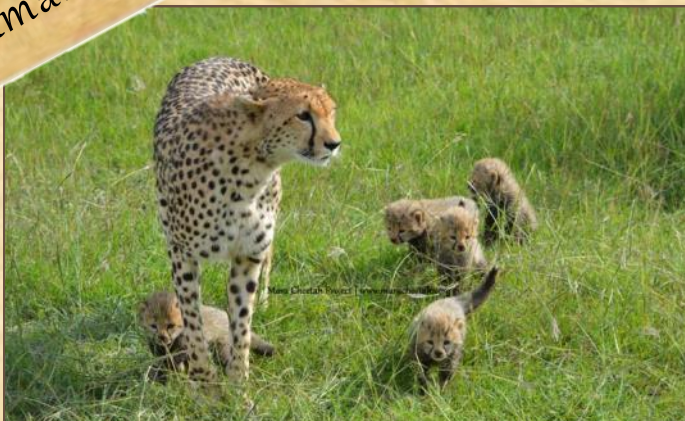
Sadly Narasha was killed by sub-adult lions from the Marsh Pride near Musiara in the Maasai Mara National Reserve. Reports suggest that she was on a kill when the lions attacked. While it is sad, Narasha did live to 11 years and approximately 5 months, which is not a bad age for a wild cheetah. This photo of Narasha was taken by the team a few days before she died—looking as regal and beautiful as ever.

Despite Narasha having passed away, her genetic line continues. Nolari, Narasha's daughter from her last litter, was recently seen looking heavily pregnant. We believe that this will be Nolari's first litter. Usually cheetahs tend to lose their first couple of litters. We are hoping that this will not be the case with Nolari.

Nolari



Amani



After her daughter dispersed, Amani 'disappeared' for a while but reappeared several weeks later in Mara North Conservancy with a new litter. Unfortunately none of the cubs made it and we suspect that they might have been killed by hyaenas. When sitting at a sighting of a mother with small cubs please remember to keep a respectful distance and to keep noise levels to a minimum so to minimise stress on the cheetahs.

Shingo males

The Shingo males are a coalition of two males who are often seen in the southern part of the Mara Triangle crossing into the Serengeti. They were recently seen marking their territory on the border posts. Soon after that they made a kill which was subsequently stolen by a big, old male lion. Full of confidence the two cheetahs lay down about 200m away watching the lion finish off their dinner. Lions and hyenas are notorious for stealing kills from cheetahs, but it seemed these two males were not fazed by the incident.



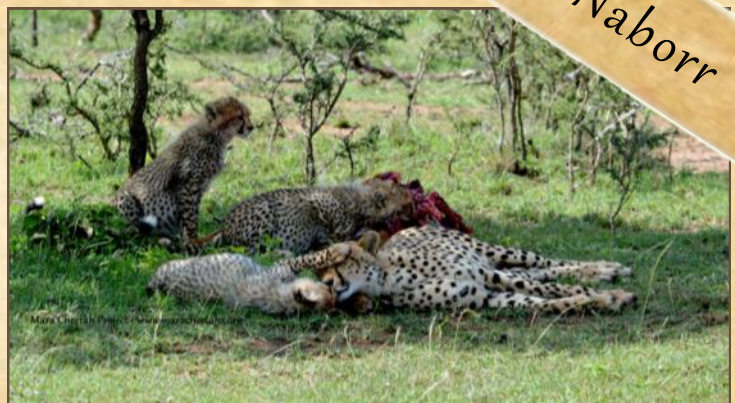
Karemba



Amani's cub (also known as Karemba which means "young and pretty" in KiSwahili) left her mother earlier this year. She left when she was about 14 months, old which is quite young. We were worried that she might struggle being on her own - how wrong we were! She is looking so healthy and strong that people think she is male. She is frequently sighted around the Tony Lapham Predator Hub and is now expanding her home-range into Olare-Motorogi and Naboisho Conservancies.

Naborr

Naborr (which means "the most accommodating" in Maa") is a female cheetah frequently seen in Naboisho and Ol Kinyei Conservancies. The Mara Cheetah Project has known her since she was a cub and it is exciting to see her raise her first litter.



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