



# Cheetah Chat

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

March - April 2014

## Malaika



Malaika is not having much luck raising a new litter. Since Bawa left her we know of two litters being born. The first litter was killed by lions. A few months ago she gave birth to another litter north of Paradise Plains but unfortunately she seems to have lost this litter as well - the cause however is unknown. Lets hope she has more luck with the next litter.

## Kisiri

Kisiri's two sons left their mum in February 2014. Kisiri is often sighted around Keekorok, but in early March the two boys were sighted all the way in the Mara Triangle. It is likely they are roaming around trying to establish a territory of their own.



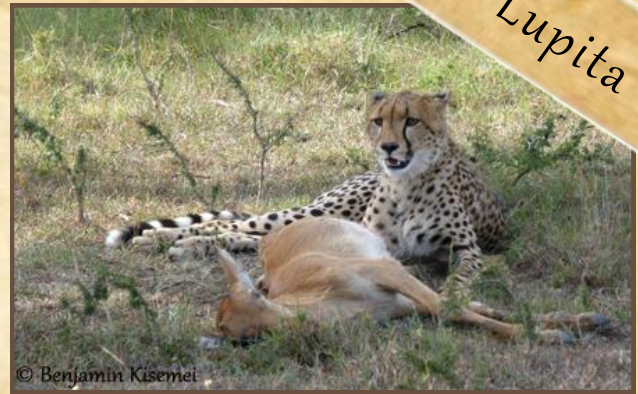
## Amani's sub-adults



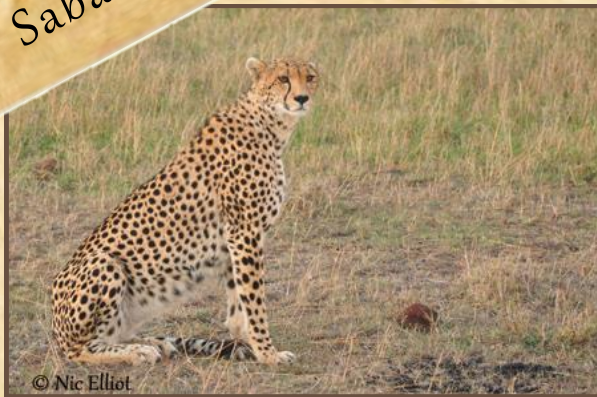
Amani's three sub-adults (2 males and a female) have now split. The female, who was recently named Imani, meaning "Faith" in KiSwahili, is being sighted on a regular basis. Unfortunately we have no idea where the two males are, but like Kisiri's sons they too are probably roaming far and wide in search of a territory. Seems like there is a bit of competition over space!

Lupita

The Ol Kinyei female raised three cubs to independence - two females and a male. They left their mum in July 2013. In the last update we reported that we had seen the male - we have now also seen one of his sisters in Naboisho and Ol Kinyei. She has been named "Lupita" after Kenya's recent Oscar winner. We are still keeping an eye out for the second female.



Saba



We are sad to announce that Saba (Amani's mother) has passed away. She was one of the oldest cheetahs in the Mara and at the age of about 10.5 years we think she might have died of old age. The good news is that Amani and her cub are doing well and are frequently seen around the Double Crossing area.

New male

We recently sighted a 'new' male near Rhino Ridge. According to guides this male was often seen in this area but no one has sighted him in over a year. When we found him he was amazingly feeding on a buffalo calf! After that sighting this male was seen again in Olare-Motorogi Conservancy.



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