



Cheetah Chat

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

November 2014 - December 2014

Malaika



Malaika lost another cub since the last update - we are not sure how this happened. The remaining four cubs are doing very well and growing fast. Malaika is slowly starting to teach them how to hunt but they still have a lot to learn!

We are sad to announce that Nabiki has lost her litter of cubs. Nabiki is still young and females tend to lose their first few litters due to inexperience. The good news is that Nabiki was seen flirting with Sirwua so fingers-crossed that there is another litter on the way.

Nabiki



Oloololo boys



The Oloololo males have moved away from Mara North Conservancy and have conquered Olare Motorogi Conservancy and the Northern part of the Maasai Mara National Reserve. In doing so they have displaced two singletons - the Hammerkop male has moved deeper into the Reserve whereas Sirwua has moved into Naboisho Conservancy.

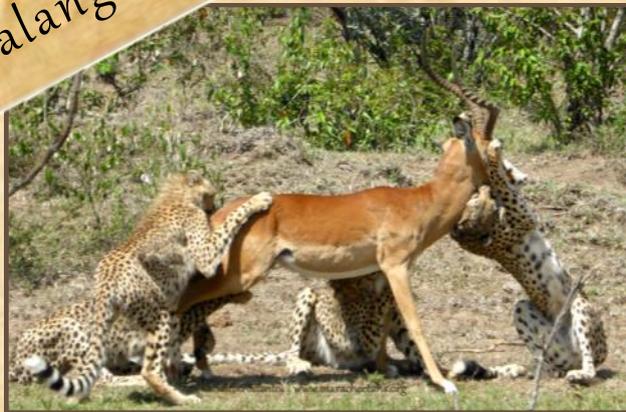
Early December we got a report that a leopard in the Maasai Mara National Reserve had dragged a cheetah up a tree. Upon arriving at the scene we witnessed a big male leopard feeding on a female cheetah we called 'Rongai'. That leopards kill cheetahs is not uncommon but it is rare to see a leopard feeding on one.

From historic photos given to the project we know that Rongai was born around August 2003 which means she was over 11 years old when she died. Not a bad age for a cheetah but not a great way to go. At least the leopard did not let her go to waste.



Rongai female

Nalang'u



Nalang'u and her three cubs are doing well and are often seen in Naboisho Conservancy and Ol Kinyei. Unlike Malaika's cubs, who are quite a bit younger, these cubs are quickly developing their hunting skills and were recently seen helping their mum take down a big male impala.

Happy New Year!!

We would like to wish all our colleagues, supporters, partners and friends a Happy New Year. Thank you all for your support and enthusiasm in 2014 and we look forward to another great year!!



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