

PREDATOR POST

CHEETAH CHAT

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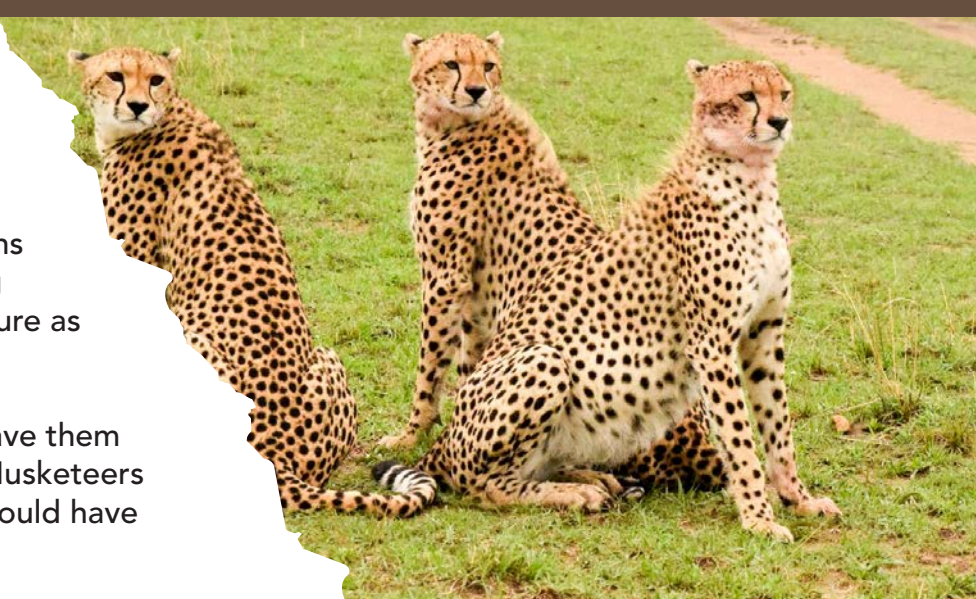
Updates by the Mara Predator Conservation Programme on Cheetahs in Maasai Mara

MALAIKA

The famous Malaika was last seen on 3rd March with her two sons.

The following morning her sons were seen alone, calling along Olare-ork river. We are not sure as to what transpired.

She could have decided to leave them as she encountered the five Musketeers a week earlier or worse; she could have drowned in the flooded river.



She hasn't been sighted since then, and we can only wait as time will tell what actually happened.

Her sons Kigumba and Mdogo, who are 21 months old, are doing very well.

They have been seen bringing down big male impalas, implying they have well been trained. They have been hanging around in the northern part of the game reserve.

5 MUSKETEERS



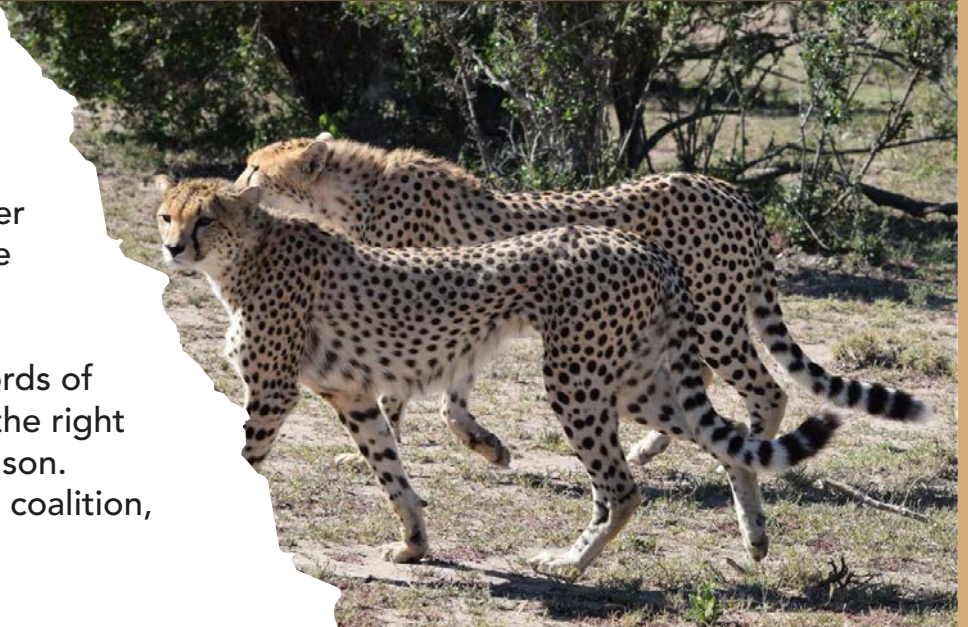
For six months in a row, the five Musketeers have been sighted in the Hammerkop area of the Reserve, after they pushed out the last of the Oloololo males.

The five males are also seen at times in Olare-Motorogi Conservancy. This area is probably the ideal place for them as food is abundant and seems to be frequently visited by different females.

MIYALE'S SON & OLCHORE

One of the most interesting things we have seen was in February, was when the young dispersing male Olchore, joined Miyale and her son who had encountered the five Musketeers.

This is a male we had no records of before and just appeared at the right time to partner with Miyale's son. They dispersed together as a coalition, leaving Miyale behind.



AMANI DAUGHTERS



Since Amani daughters dispersed in July 2017, they enjoyed each other's company until early February when they decided to part ways.

Busara is always seen in Olare-Motorogi Conservancy, while her sister Kisaru is mostly seen in Mara north.females.

SIRIWUA

Siriwua is one of the oldest male cheetahs of the Mara, who mostly spends his time in the conservancies. He was a Naboisho resident for a long time before he was pushed out by Forester.

He then moved to Mara North where he stayed for almost a year before the Oloololo male made his way to Mara North as well. Since then, Siriwua has been on the move and is now seen in both Mara North and Olare Motorogi conservancies.

In February he was sighted together with Kiraposhe's sub adults, trying to pursue the female but her brothers refused him access.



NEW MALE



One male is frequently sighted between double cross and paradise plains.

This male is very shy and instantly runs if a car approaches.

This could indicate that he likely comes from the Serengeti, as many other cheetahs seen along the border portray this kind of behaviour.

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