

PREDATOR POST

CHEETAH CHAT

SECOND EDITION



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

AMANI

Amani was born in 2009, making her nine years old. She has raised three litters of cubs to independence.

The first litter consisted of two males, Hodari and a brother that went missing, and the female Imani.

Imani has raised one litter to independence so far, and this litter consists of the male coalition, the Olkinyei males and their sister Selenkei.

Selenkei is currently raising her first litter and they are doing extremely well.

Amani's second successful litter consisted of the female Karemba, and the last litter Amani raised to independence was the two females Busara and Kisaru.

Amani has recently given birth to a new litter of three cubs. We are hopeful that she will also raise them successfully given the experience she has of performing the role of parenting.



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KIRAPOSHE'S BOYS

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Since coming to Olare-Motorogi Conservancy from Olarro Conservancy, Kiraposhe's boys have been doing great and are growing big.

They are often seen bringing down large prey such as sub-adult wildebeests and zebras. Looking to expand their territory, they have started extending their patrols into Mara North Conservancy.

EM

The new males that we captured on camera traps late last year in Naboisho Conservancy have finally been sighted by our field team.

EM, who is one of these males, was seen in early May this year. He was extremely shy and was constantly hiding behind bushes before literally running off. This raises the question of how many more cheetahs could potentially be roaming around and never be seen?

We have deployed many more camera traps around Naboisho Conservancy with the plan to expand into Olare-Motorogi Conservancy, and so we should have a rough estimate with time.

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ENTITO



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Entito, who was born in late June 2016 to Naborr, gave birth to four cubs in May 2018

This means that she was only 23 months old at the time she gave birth.

Raising cubs for first time cheetah mothers has never been easy.

So far, she has lost one cub. We will keep you posted on her progress with the remaining cubs, which she hopefully manages to raise to independence.

They are currently in Naboisho Conservancy.

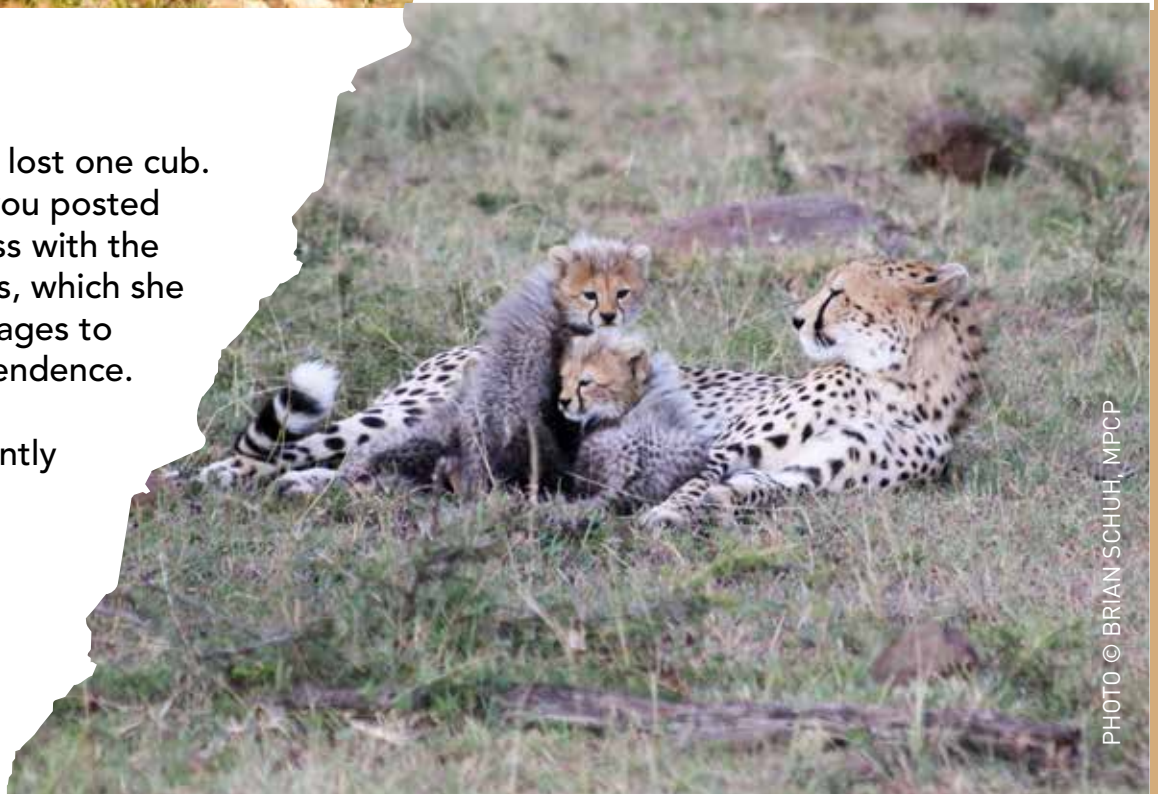


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KIRAPOSHE'S DAUGHTER

Kiraposhe's daughter dispersed all the way from Olarro Conservancy along with her two brothers, which she has separated from.

This female is currently seen in Naboisho and seems to be lactating, and so we hope that she manages to bring her cubs out safely any time now.



SELENKEI



Since becoming an independent cheetah, Selenkei has made Olare-Motorogi Conservancy her home.

She gave birth to her first litter mid last year, which she unfortunately lost before she ran to console herself in Naboisho Conservancy.

Here, she was successful in giving birth to her second litter of cubs by Encounter Mara.

After ensuring the cubs had reached a safe age for travel, she brought them back home to Olare-Motorogi Conservancy, where she has been ever since, and all are doing very well.

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