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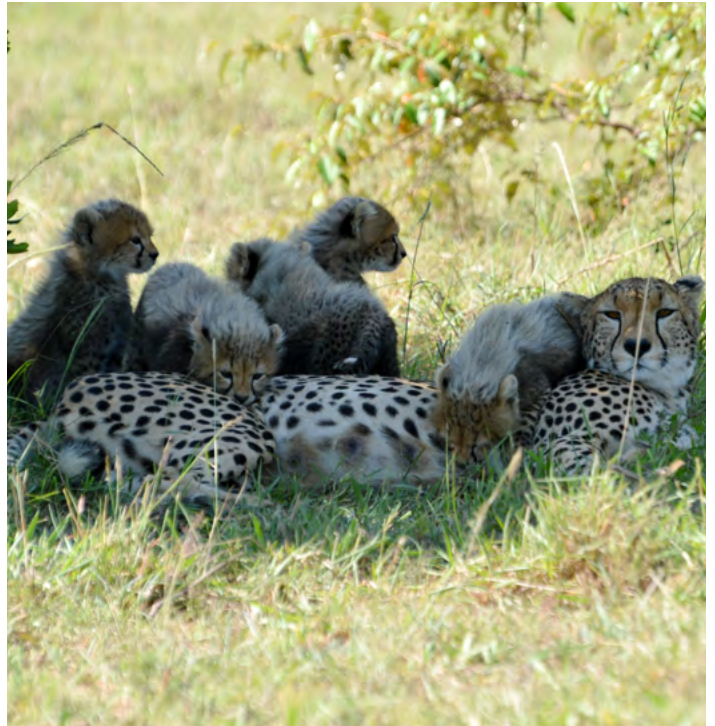
CHEETAH CHAT - SEVENTH EDITION



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

Siligi

Siligi brought an astonishing seven cubs out of the lair in November last year in the southern part of the Reserve. She relocated them shortly after to the closed area around Mara Simba where she stayed for quite some time. She lost her first cub towards the end of December and in January, four cubs were killed, (two in the first half and two in the second half of the month). Down to two cubs, she moved to the Sopa area of the Reserve and we hope that she will manage to raise the remaining cubs successfully.



Rosetta

Rosetta has been doing a great job in raising her three offspring, two males and a female, now 15 months old. Their mother has been taking the youngsters exploring other parts of the Reserve away from their usual favourite area, and are more commonly seen around the central areas and even towards Fig tree and Talek. The sub-adults look grown now and they might disperse in the next few months.



New Males

In October last year, we encountered three young males in the National Reserve whose behaviour showed that they had recently dispersed. They were shy and almost unapproachable by our vehicle and you could tell that they were new to this area. Since then, they have been sighted in Olare Motorogi, Naboisho and Olkinyei conservancies. We have named them the Chai males from the area where we first sighted them.



Selenkei

After Selenkei moved from Naboisho Conservancy into Olare Motorogi Conservancy in early October, she mostly utilised the areas around the Motorogi side of the conservancy, choosing the same areas she used with her previous litter. Sadly though, she lost one cub in November in OMC and in December, she moved to the National Reserve and crossed the Talek River into the Fig Tree area and close to Talek gate. She lost another cub there, where after she decided to return to the conservancies. Selenkei is currently in Olkinyei Conservancy with her last remaining cub and we hope that this cub makes it.

Kisaru

Kisaru's six cubs continue to do well. After a longer spell in Mara North Conservancy, they ventured back to Enonkishu Conservancy, where the cubs were born. They enjoy spending most of their time around the main public road and strangely enough, they don't seem bothered by the traffic. The Enonkishu management are doing a great job in making sure all passing vehicles are cautious of the cheetahs. The six cubs are now seven months old and it would be amazing if they all survive to independence.



Amani subs

After Amani left her three sub-adults, two females (Kulete & Kweli) a male (Jasiri) in October, they have been doing a lot of exploring in Mara North and Olare Motorogi conservancies. Recently, we found only two of them in an area called Ngila, close to human settlements and not far from our Predator Hub. They were desperately searching and calling for their missing littermate, and two days later, we found all of them together again. They are staying in close proximity of the villages and in one instance, they managed to penetrate a fenced plot. Working with OMC rangers, we succeeded in pushing them out of the fence and back to the conservancy. We hope they will manage to stay out of trouble.

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