

Cheetah Chat

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

November - December 2013

Narasha



Narasha's cubs have finally left their mum! They left their mum in early December, soon after Narasha was seen with two males in Mara North. Despite the fact they are not the most efficient hunters, they are both doing well and seemed to have fully recovered from the mange infection. Since their departure they have been sighted in the Mara National Reserve and Olare Motorogi Conservancy.

Amani

Early October Amani gave birth to a litter of four cubs. In November she was seen trying defend her cubs from hyaenas but since that incident 1 cub disappeared. Later another two cubs died of unknown causes. The good news is that Amani and the remaining cub are doing well, have crossed the border and have recently been seen in the Serengeti, Tanzania.



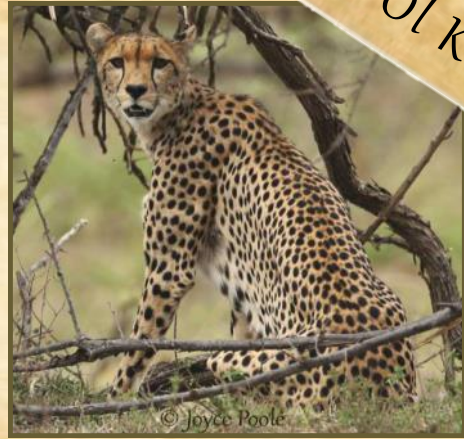
Amani's sub-adults



Amani's sub-adults are still together and are turning into extremely efficient hunters. Late November they were seen on an fully grown Topi near Rhino Ridge! They were eventually chased off the kill by some lions but fortunately they had already consumed most of the Topi when the lions came in.

Ol Kinyei

A female frequently seen on Ol Kinyei and Naboisho managed to raise three cubs to independence - two females and a male. They left their mum late July and subsequently the adult female has been seen in Siana and the sub-adults, who are still together, were recently seen along the Talek River.



Cheetah count



As we slowly expand our study area we are getting a better idea of the number of cheetahs in the Greater Mara Ecosystem. Since the last update we have come across several new cheetahs including a female with a young cub and an adult male in the Mara National Reserve and 2 females, both with young male cubs and a single female in the Mara Triangle. Our current count is 48 individuals, of which 41 are over 1 year of age. We are expecting this number to increase as we continue our work into 2014.

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 2013 and we look forward to another great year!!



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