



# Cheetah Chat

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

November 2015 - December 2015

Malaika



Sadly, Malaika lost one of her cubs to a crocodile as they were crossing the Talek river. A report from a guide suggests that she was crossing from the Southern part to the Northern part of the Maasai Mara National Reserve when the cub was attacked and killed. She is now down to two cubs, one male and one female. The cubs are now approximately 17 months old and we suspect that they will soon leave their mother.

Imani is now back in the Maasai Mara National Reserve after spending some time in Northern Serengeti, Tanzania. December was a difficult month for Imani - mid-December she was seen nursing some wounds suspected to be sustained while she was hunting. Several days later she lost a cub, possibly due to a predator attack. The good news is that Imani is doing well and her wounds are healing nicely.



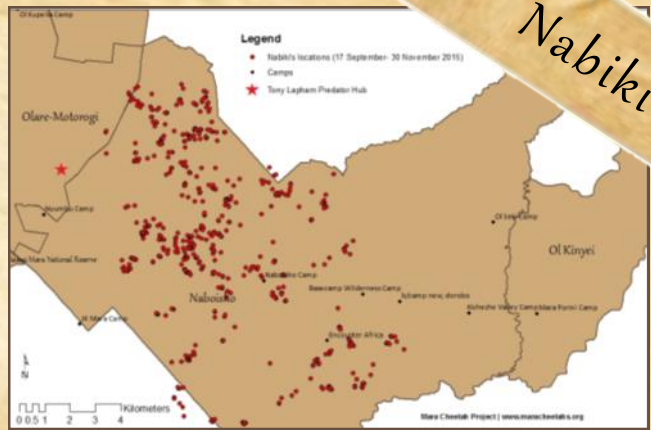
Imani

Nolari



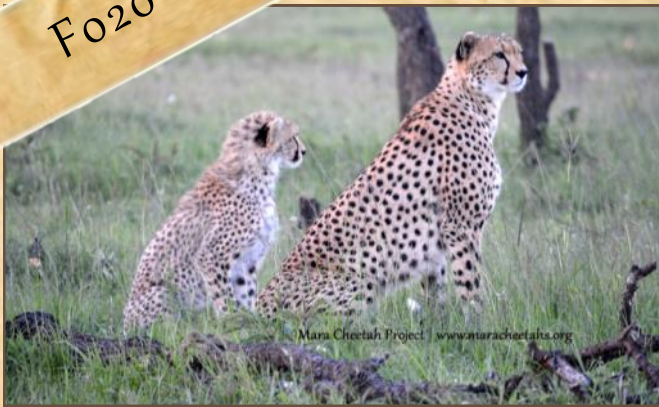
In August 2015 we found Nolari, one of Narasha's offspring, in the Maasai Mara National Reserve with a litter of four cubs. Early December she lost another cub which means she is now down to one cub. Most females will lose their first few litters so considering that this is likely to be Nolari's first litter she is doing pretty well.

In September 2015 the Mara Cheetah Project, with the help of the Kenya Wildlife Services veterinary team, deployed a satellite collar on Nabiki, a female cheetah often seen in Naboisho and Olare-Motorogi Conservancies. The collar allows the team to closely monitor Nabiki's movements - the red dots on the map on the left are her locations over the last 3 months. The collar does not affect Nabiki's behaviour and since she has had the collar she has been seen taking down some big prey such as fully grown Grant's gazelle.



Nabiki

F020



We are excited to announce that the female who we have so far been referring to as F020 has been given a name! The guides in Naboisho Conservancy have decided to call her 'Napikidongoi' which mean 'a tail with a sharp tip' in Maasai. Napikidongoi and her cub are still frequently seen in Naboisho and Ol Kinyei conservancies.

Happy New Year!!

We would like to wish all our friends, colleagues, supporters, partners and donors a Happy New Year. Thank you all for your support and enthusiasm in 2015 and we look forward to another great year!!



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