



Cheetah Chat

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

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Karemba



Karemba, one of Amani's daughters who dispersed in January 2015, has recently been seen with what we believe is her very first litter. We first found her along the Sand River in the Maasai Mara National Reserve with 4 tiny cubs. Since then she has lost two cubs and the most recent sighting of Karemba and her cubs was on the border between the reserve and Olare-Motorogi Conservancy.

Amani and her two daughters are doing incredibly well. Since her cubs were born she has mostly been in Mara North Conservancy but now that the cubs are bigger they have been traveling a fair bit. They have been seen as far south as Lookout hill in the Maasai Mara National Reserve and more recently they were seen in Olare-Motorogi Conservancy. The cubs are almost fourteen months old so they could disperse at any time.



Amani

Sopa males



The Sopa males, a coalition of two, have made the eastern part of the Maasai Mara National Reserve their territory. Often a coalition of two males will be brothers, however, in this case we suspect that these two males come from two different mothers as they are slightly different ages. They are also very different in colour - one is very light whereas the other is extremely dark.

Miyale

Miyale, who ranges from the Sand River to Sekenani in the Maasai Mara National Reserve, was seen with five small cubs in August 2016. She lost most of her litter but remained with one male. Her son is doing well and now that he is almost a year old he is starting to 'help' his mother during hunts. Learning good hunting skills is essential if he is to survive on his own.



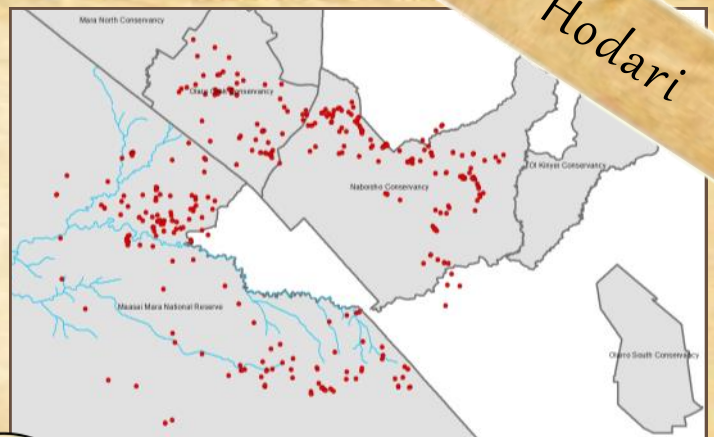
5 Musketeers



The coalition of 5 males, also known as the '5 Musketeers', were first seen at the end of 2016. They are still together and are spending most of their time in Naboisho and Olare-Motorogi Conservancies. A few weeks ago they were seen with Selenkei (Imani's daughter), the same female they were with in December last year. When they are on the move they are often seen advertising their presence by scent-marking trees and logs.

Hodari

In February, we deployed a collar on Hodari (son of Amani and sister to Imani). The collar records his location every three hours and the red dots in the map on the right are the locations where he has been since the collar was deployed. In the last 70 days he has covered a large area, traveling more than 550km and moving between the Maasai Mara National Reserve, Olare-Motorogi Conservancy and Naboisho Conservancy.



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