

PREDATOR POST

CHEETAH CHAT

THIRD EDITION



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

AMANI

Amani, the oldest known female cheetah around, has been doing tremendously well.

After spending a lot of time in Mara North Conservancy, she has also been seen around the Lookout Area in the National Reserve over the last few months.

In early December, Amani showed up in Olare-Motorogi Conservancy, where she is seen on an almost daily basis with her latest litter of three cubs (1 male and 2 females), who are now six months old. They are really growing fast, a job well done Amani!!



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LEMAI MALES

After 21 months of absence, two out of the three Lemai males have been sighted again, along the Kenya-Tanzania border on the Mara Triangle side.

It is a mystery of what could have happened to the third male. The two males who were sighted are in great shape and have become less shy than they were before. Hopefully they will stick around in the Mara for a long time.

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FIVE MUSKETEERS

The coalition of five male cheetah is doing fantastically well.

They now seem to have cemented their territory more than ever before.

Most sightings concentrate around the south of the Talek Gate area and include Maji ya Fisi, Hammerkop, Tipilikwani, and Mara Simba areas. They also wander north to Olare-Motorogi Conservancy, before heading back to the National Reserve.

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R.I.P NARETOI

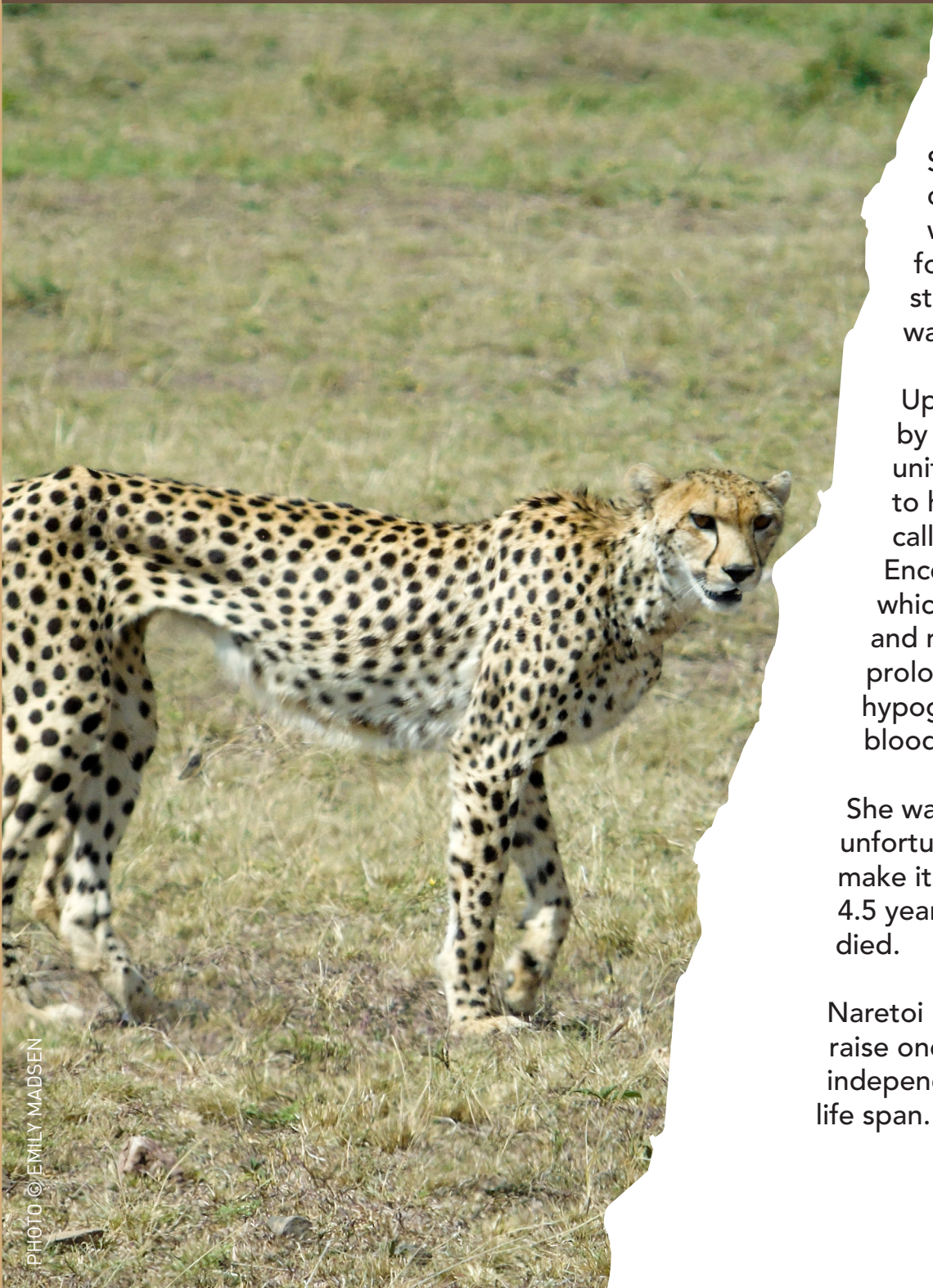


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Sadly, Kakenya's daughter Naretoi, was recently found in a bad state, struggling to walk.

Upon examination by the Mara vet unit, she was found to have a condition called Hypoglycemic Encephalopathy, which is a brain injury and results from prolonged or severe hypoglycemia (low blood sugar).

She was treated but unfortunately she didn't make it. She was only 4.5 years old when she died.

Naretoi managed to raise one male cub to independence during her life span.

NASERIAN

Naserian, also a daughter of Kakenya gave birth to three cubs in September 2017, along the Ooloolo Escarpment.

She was not sighted again until 13 months later, where she was seen in the Mugoro Area with two sub-adult males.

It was a great relief to see her again and to know that two of her three cubs have made it this far.



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OLOPE



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Olope, a young male that we believe dispersed from the Serengeti, used to spend most of his time on the northern part of the National Reserve.

He recently crossed over to the Mara Triangle and has been sighted a couple of times along the Ooloolo Escarpment.

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