

PREDATOR POST

CHEETAH CHAT - SIXTH EDITION



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

Selenkei

Selenkei brought out four cubs from Encounter Mara Camp in Naboisho Conservancy in late September but quickly lost one of the cubs. She started moving west towards Olare Motorogi Conservancy (OMC) straight away with the three remaining cubs. Within two weeks she was already in OMC. She is still being sighted in OMC with her three cubs and they are growing fast.



Natasha

Natasha raised three cubs, two males and a female, to independence, who she separated from in late September. One of the male cubs was sadly hit by a speeding vehicle on a public road that runs through Olarro North Conservancy. His left hind leg was completely wasted away and the vet had no choice but to euthanise him. This is the second time a cheetah is killed by speeding vehicles on this road this year.

Amani

Amani has successfully raised her fourth litter of three cubs, two females and a male, to independence and has since separated from them. She is now over ten years old but Amani still has a chance of raising yet another litter. So far, she is the most successful female cheetah we know of in the Mara Ecosystem.



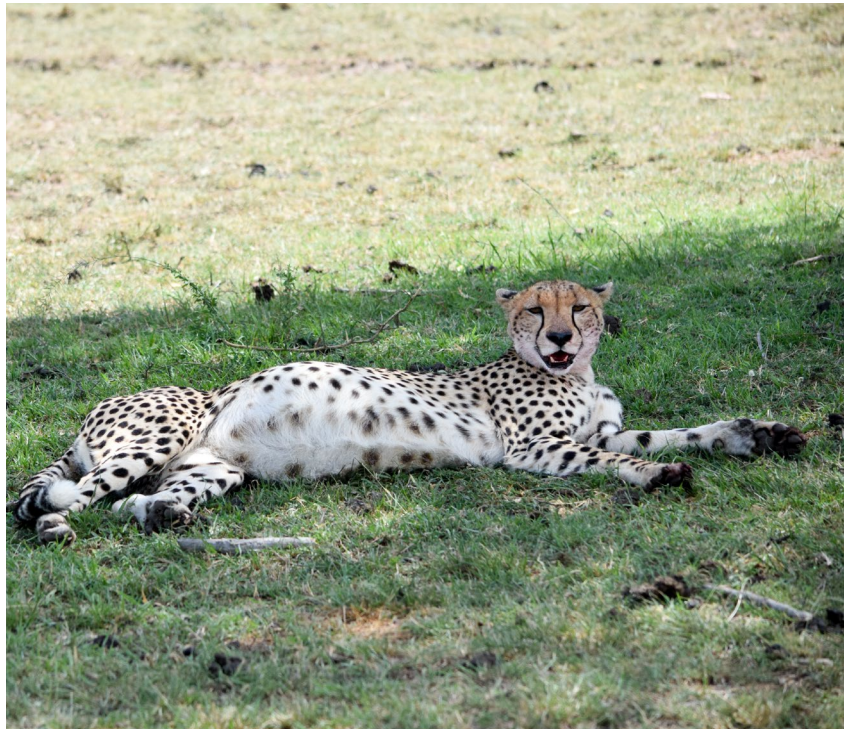
Lemai males

Two of the original three Lemai males took over the territory from the two triangle males that used to hang around the Kenyan-Tanzania border. They have been sighted along the border on a regular basis ever since they took over the area. They look strong and healthy as always.



Entito

Since separating with her three cubs, two males and one female, Entito was seen heavily pregnant and shortly thereafter she gave birth to five cubs inside Encounter Mara Camp. Sadly, she quickly lost four of her cubs due to unclear circumstances and then chose to abandon the remaining cub. A few weeks later, she was sighted mating with the two Olkinyei males and so hopefully another litter of cubs is on its way.



Kisaru

Kisaru, who is Amani's daughter from her third litter, gave birth to six cubs in Enoonkishu Conservancy the last week of July. She moved them to Olchoro and Lemek conservancies for a few months before going into MNC where she was sighted many times prior to giving birth. Kisaru took the cubs back to Lemek and Olchoro conservancies for another spell, teaching the cubs how to hunt. She is doing a great job of raising her cubs and they are growing fast. Hopefully, they will all grow to adulthood.



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