

# PREDATOR POST

## CHEETAH CHAT - 13TH EDITION



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

### Kweli

Kulete's sister Kweli had her first litter at a young age of about 24 months last year but unfortunately, she lost the two cubs that she brought out of the lair. In June though, we were very lucky to witness her move her new litter after a herd of buffalo found her lair and killed one of the five cubs that were approximately two months old. Unfortunately, though, a couple of weeks later we found her with only one remaining cub.



### Siligi

Siligi became a superstar in late 2019 when she brought seven cubs out of the lair in the National Reserve, and this was one of the highest number of cubs we recorded in the Mara. She was however not very lucky with that litter as she lost most of those cubs except one. This lucky one was almost one year old when we last saw her with her mother, and we hope she made a successful dispersal. It's therefore good news that Siligi is back with a new litter! She was seen with five tiny cubs in June in the Reserve but sadly one of the small cubs was killed by a lioness the same day. Fingers crossed she will be lucky with her remaining litter.

## Dartonian & Kuahidi's Son

The 5 Musketeers commonly known as Tano Bora made an interesting visit to Naboisho Conservancy after an absence of almost four years since they first made an appearance there. They stayed in Naboisho for a while but then, Dartonian, also known as Olpadan, got separated from the rest and we suspected that it was due to female encounters. After staying in Naboisho for a week, the four boys went back to the National Reserve. A few days later, Dartonian also showed up in the Reserve but surprisingly he was accompanied by Kuahidi's Son, who recently had dispersed and the two seemed to have bonded and formed a new coalition. However, we found Kuhidi's son yet again alone in Naboisho Conservancy. Later, Dartonian was seen back in the Reserve trying to reunite with his former coalition mates, but they did not tolerate him and injured him quite badly. We will post more updates on this on our social media outlets.

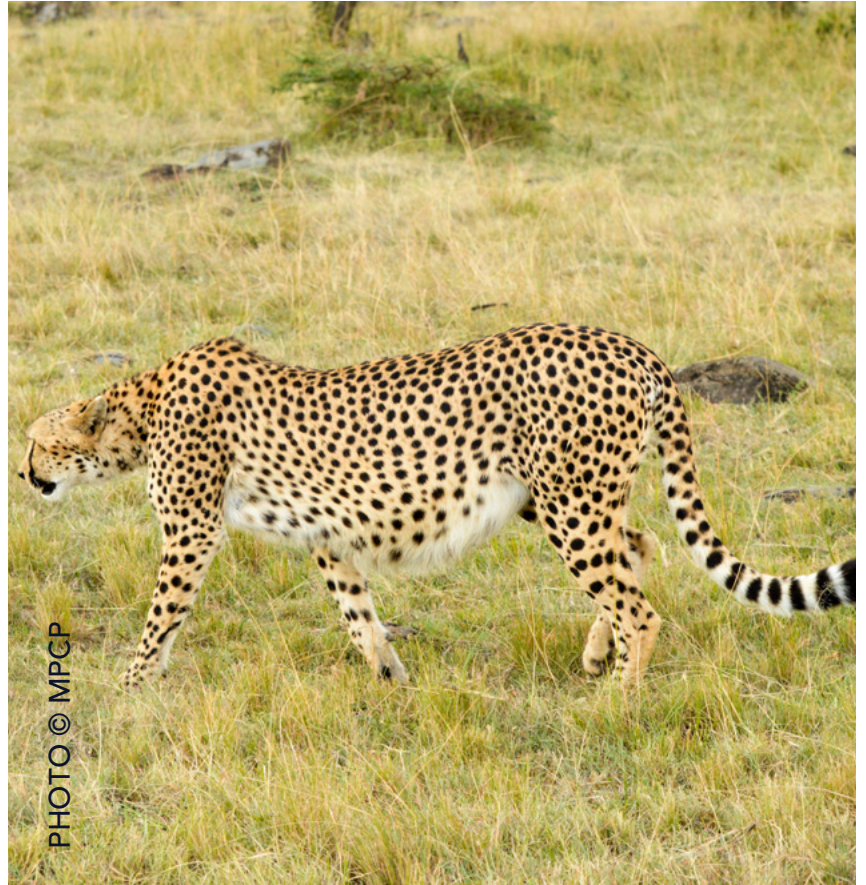


## Kulete

Amani's daughter Kulete, brought four tiny cubs out of the lair towards the end of May. We had been suspecting that she had given birth in Olare Motorogi Conservancy (OMC) as we had seen her on many occasions near our Predator Hub and we could tell that she was lactating. This is Kulete's first litter, and she has so far done a good job of being a first-time mother because as soon as she brought the cubs out of the lair, she headed straight to Naboisho Conservancy. This was a good move as the grass is shorter on that side and there is a higher abundance of prey.

## Kisaru

Kisaru is one of Amani's famous daughters having given birth to six cubs back in August 2019 and raising all of them to near adulthood, until three of her sub-adult daughters separated from the rest of the group and disappeared completely. After the three remaining sub-adults successfully dispersed in October last year, she hasn't been able to raise another litter but our recent encounter with her in Mara North conservancy indicates that she might be pregnant again and we couldn't be happier for her as we have already witnessed how great of a mother she is.



## Entito

Naborr's daughter Entito is five years now and for a female her age she has done a tremendous job in raising cubs to adulthood. She and her two sub-adults, one of each sex, had been missing in action until Entito reappeared in Naboisho Conservancy around Encounter Mara, without her offspring. But she wasn't alone! She was accompanied by four small cubs. This will be her fourth litter and we hope she will yet again be successful in raising her offspring.

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