



Cheetah Chat

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

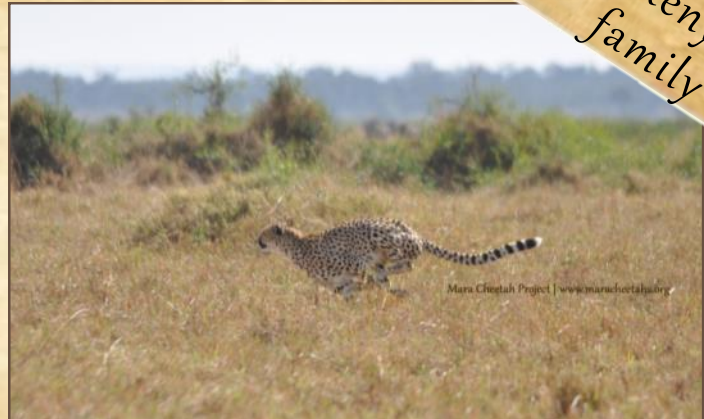
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Naborr



Naborr's three sub-adults left her a few months ago and have been seen wandering around Naboisho Conservancy. They were still quite young when they left their mother but the reason was probably that Naborr was pregnant as she has recently appeared with a new litter of three cubs. We hope that this litter will be as successful as the last. Thanks Naboisho camp for sharing this information with us.

Kakenya, a female often seen in the Mara Triangle, managed to raise four cubs to independence earlier this year (3 females and a male). We recently saw two of her daughters in different areas of the Mara Triangle and both seem to be doing well. The photo on the right is one of Kakenya's daughters going full speed after some Thomson's gazelle. We also suspect that Kakenya might be pregnant so we are hoping to see a new litter soon.



Kakenya's family

Leomom



Leomom is the young male who we first spotted on the Tanzanian border in the Mara Triangle. After spending some time in the Mara Triangle he crossed the Mara River and has since been seen in the Maasai Mara National Reserve, Olare-Motorogi Conservancy and Naboisho Conservancy, possibly in the hope of being able to establish a territory somewhere.

Oloololo male

It has been a year since the Oloololo male lost his coalition mate to an unknown illness. In some cases, if a male loses his coalition mate he struggles to defend his territory from intruding males and will often become more nomadic or a 'floaters'. In this case, the Oloololo male is still going strong and, while he doesn't venture as far north as he used to when it was the two of them, he is often seen in similar areas in the Maasai Mara National Reserve and Olare-Motorogi Conservancy.



Malaika's new litter



Soon after Malaika's two older cubs dispersed (see story below) she was spotted with a new litter of cubs. She was first seen with three little cubs but she is currently down to two. Whilst it is uncertain how she lost the third cub, reports suggest that it might have been killed by a stampede of buffalo whilst Malaika was trying to move the cubs to a new place. As always we ask people to be respectful of mothers with cubs by not getting too close.

Malaika's two older cubs (1 male and 1 female) left their mother a few months ago. Once dispersed, female cubs will stay in similar areas to that of their mother whereas males will go further afield to avoid inbreeding with their mother or sisters. We have seen the female cub in the Maasai Mara National Reserve and the male cub was recently seen in Mara North Conservancy. The male was seen with a bit of a limp but we are hoping he will recover soon. Thanks to Offbeat Mara for this report.



Malaika's old litter



KENYA WILDLIFE TRUST

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