

In October 1995, a survey letter was sent out by the Cheetah Conservation Fund (Otjiwarango, Namibia) to approximately 125 researchers soliciting information updates on cheetah and lion throughout their known ranges. From these the following information was obtained.

Addendum to Cheetah Data January 1996

Algeria

Population. In southern Algeria, the range and density of cheetahs have increased, perhaps as a result of the ban on hunting during the civil war (Koen de Smet, 1995, pers. comm.); in 1976, one cheetah was legally captured in western Sahara and brought to the zoo in Algiers; cheetah have been strictly protected since 1983 (Selami, 1995 pers. comm.).

National Parks. Koen de Smet (1995, pers. comm.) reports an abundance of cheetah, and gazelle, at Hoggar National Park in the central mountains due to heavy rainfalls during 1993/94 and 1994/95. Selami (1995 pers. comm.) reports cheetahs in Tassili N'ajjer Park in the southeast.

Threats. Tuareg people are currently demanding money from Hoggar National Park, claiming that cheetah are killing too many young camels (Koen de Smet, 1995 pers. comm.).

Central African Republic

Population. Cheetah are supposed to exist in northern savanna parks and hunting domains (Blom, 1995 pers comm).

Congo

Population. No cheetah live in the Congo (Fay, 1995 pers. comm.)

Gambia

Population. W.F.H. Ansell (1995, pers.com.) reports from his forthcoming book (Grubb et al, in press) that the cheetah was a possible wanderer from Senegal.

Somalia

Population. Between 1988-1990, only proof of existing cheetahs from a cub sold by locals in area of Kismajo (Heckel, 1996 pers. comm.).

South Africa

Population. D.T. Rowe-Rowe (1992) reports on the number of re-introductions of cheetah to protected areas in Natal since 1966: Hluhluwe-Umfolozi (64), Eastern Shores (18), Itala (13), Mzuzi (33) and Ndumu (14), and that 8 cheetahs were recently released at Phinda Holdings. He further recounts current populations in protected areas as follows: Eastern Shores (rare), Hluhluwe (ca 3), Itala (<10), Mzuzi (<10), and Umfolozi (ca 10).

Sudan

Population. Hashim (1995, pers. comm.) reports that cheetah are mainly distributed in Southern Sudan.

Tanzania

National Parks. Individual sightings of 1-5 cheetah reported by Simon Mduma (1996, pers. comm.) from Grumeti, Nyasirori Plains and Ruwana Plains in the Western Corridor of the Serengeti; game scouts in Selous Game Reserve have seen cheetah in Ruvuma District (Baldus, 1995 pers. comm.).

Addendum to Lion Data January 1996

Algeria

Populations. The last lion was killed in the north about 30 years ago (Selhami, 1995 pers. comm.).

Central African Republic

Population. Lion are reportedly common in some northern savanna parks and hunting domains, but poaching is very intense (Blom, 1995 pers. comm.).

Kenya

National Parks. From individual identification, lion population in Maasi Mara estimated as 457; density 0.30 lions/km² (H. Dublin, 1996 pers. comm.).

Somalia

Population. Report of young male lion recently killed is only proof of existing numbers in the south of the country (Heckel, 1996 pers. comm.).

Tanzania

National Parks. Simon Mduma sighted 162 lions of various age groups in the Western Corridor of the Serengeti between 1992-1995 (1996, pers. comm.).

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