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Abstract: News from the Namibian carnivore monitoring project. In early September 1998 they started a mark-recapture project of cheetahs with the aim of calculating a cheetah population density for Namibia. Since the start of the project 20 cheetahs have been caught.

UPDATE ON NAMIBIA CARNIVORE MONITORING PROJECT

The cheetah mark-recapture project started in early September 1998 with the aim of calculating a cheetah population density for Namibia.

Since the start of the project, a total of 20 cheetah have been caught by farmers and released with numbered collars. There has only been one recapture with the cheetah walking into a different boxtrap on the same farm, on the following day. One leopard has also been collared and released.

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We would like to thank farmers for their help in setting and checking their boxtraps, especially to those farmers in the Steinhausen and Summerdown areas, where the majority of the collaring has taken place.

If you are interested in participating in the project and need help in setting traps, please don't hesitate to call us, we will gladly help. We are also interested to hear from farmers who have set boxtraps for this project, but have so far not been successful in catching any cheetahs. This information will help to assess how much effort is being expended on capturing cheetahs.

If a cheetah is caught with a NCMP collar (made from machine belting with two numbered aluminium plates), please keep a record of the collar number and pass the information on to Lise Hanssen at AfriCat (067 304563/4/6) or Ben Dilley and Delia Davies, NCMP Technicians (081 1273211) or P.O. Box 90584, Klein Windhoek. The information on cheetahs recaptured is extremely important for the project.

Thank you to the private sector for their continued support and work on the cheetah mark-recapture project, and to the sponsors of the Namibia Carnivore Monitoring Project (NCMP):

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