



Cheetah Cubs Birth in Kuno National Park

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A cheetah at Madhya Pradesh's [Kuno National Park \(NP\)](#) gave birth to **two cubs**, bringing the total to **26 cheetahs**, including **14 cubs**.

- **About Kuno NP:** Kuno NP (Sheopur, Madhya Pradesh) was established as a [wildlife sanctuary in 1981](#) and upgraded to a [national park in 2018](#).
 - **Geography:** It primarily consists of **dry deciduous forest** and the **Kuno River**, a major [Chambal tributary](#), flows through the park.
 - It is located in the [Vindhyan Hills](#).
 - **Fauna:** **Leopard**, Striped hyena, Indian wolf, [Blackbuck](#), Sambar deer, [Gharial](#) (Kuno river).
 - It was selected under the [Action Plan for Introduction of Cheetah in India](#).
 - **Vegetation:** The **primary tree species** are **Kardhai, Khair, and Salai**.

Cheetah

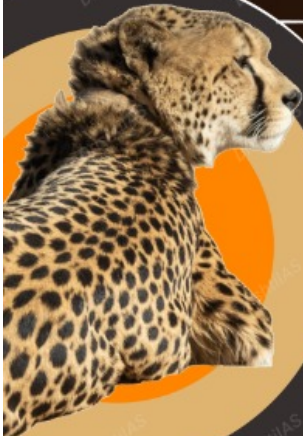
Common Name - Cheetah

Scientific Name - *Acinonyx jubatus*

- *Acinonyx jubatus jubatus* (African Cheetah)
- *Acinonyx jubatus venaticus* (Asiatic Cheetah)

Reintroduction of Cheetah to India:

- The "Action Plan for Introduction of Cheetah in India" was released by MoEF&CC at the 19th meeting of the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) (January 2022).
 - Such a plan was first proposed in 2009.
- In September 2022, eight cheetahs landed in India from Namibia.
 - The 8 cheetahs have been relocated to the Kuno-Palpur National Park, Madhya Pradesh.
- The relocation of cheetahs to India from Namibia is the world's first inter-continental large wild carnivore translocation project.

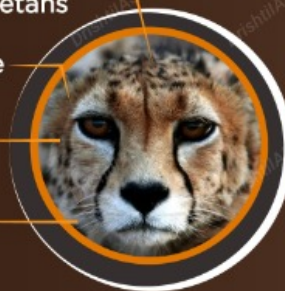


Slightly brownish and golden skin; thicker than the Asiatic Cheetahs

More prominent spots and lines on the face

Found all over the African continent

IUCN Red List Status - Vulnerable



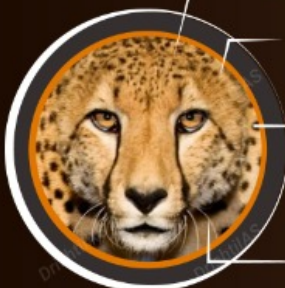
African Cheetah

Slightly smaller than the African ones.

Pale yellowish fawn coloured skin - more fur under body, belly specifically.

Found only in Iran; the country claims there are only 12 of them left. Year 1952 - Asiatic Cheetah officially declared extinct from India.

IUCN Red List Status - Critically Endangered



Asiatic Cheetah



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