

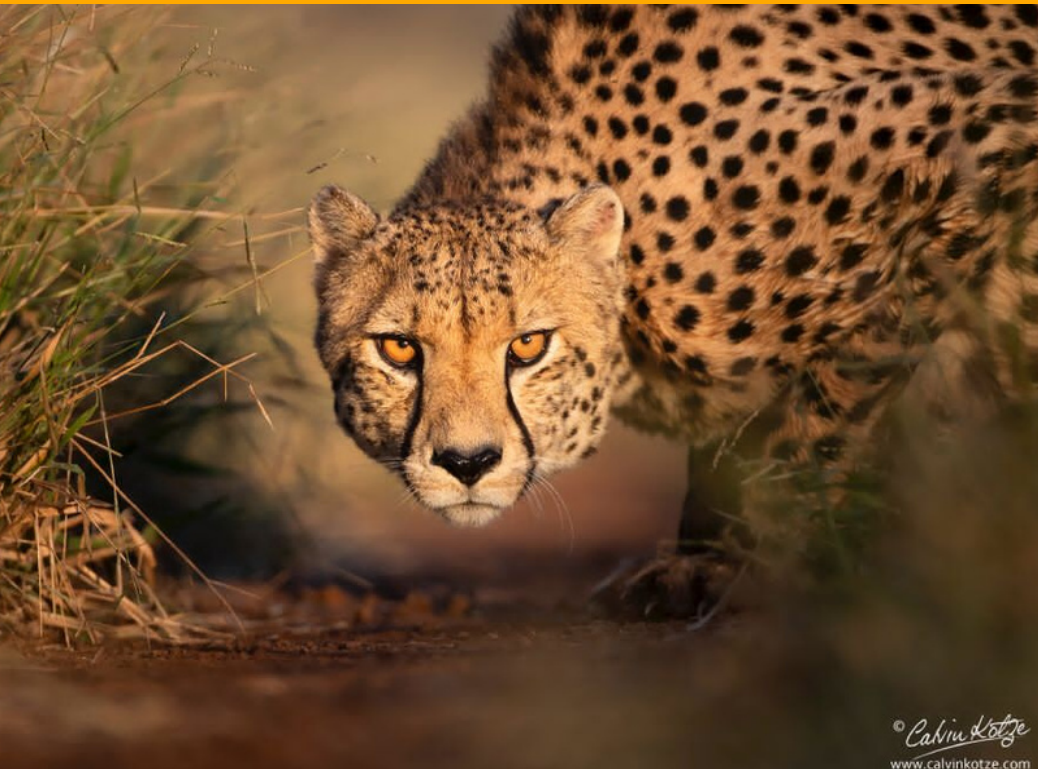
The Cheetah Metapopulation Project

The Metapopulation Initiative



In the last century, wild cheetahs have undergone a drastic reduction in global geographic range and population size. Complementary to state-owned protected areas, many private land conservation areas have been set aside in Southern Africa to conserve biodiversity. Barriers (fences) protect cheetahs and other wild animals from the increasing threats of humanity and agriculture but restrict wildlife movement. By coordinating translocations between participating reserves, The Metapopulation Initiative helps private and state wildlife custodians manage inbreeding, overpopulation, and local extinction on their lands while identifying new areas of suitable cheetah habitat for reintroduction. Metapopulation management of cheetahs has enabled the reestablishment of a viable population comprising several interconnected subpopulations. Since 2011, the metapopulation has expanded from 217 wild cheetahs on 41 South African reserves to >537 on 75 reserves distributed across South Africa, Mozambique, Zimbabwe, Zambia, Malawi, and India.

Translocations Coordinated	659
Reintroductions Coordinated	34
Number of Wild Cheetahs	537
Number of Participating Reserves	75
Number of Participating Countries	5
Safe Space Created (sq. km)	33,108



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