



THE METAPOPOPULATION INITIATIVE


CHEETAH METAPOPOPULATION PROJECT

CHEETAH STATUS

With approximately 7,100 adult individuals remaining, cheetahs are now confined to only 9% of their historical distribution, of which 77% is outside of formally protected areas.

1975 15,000 

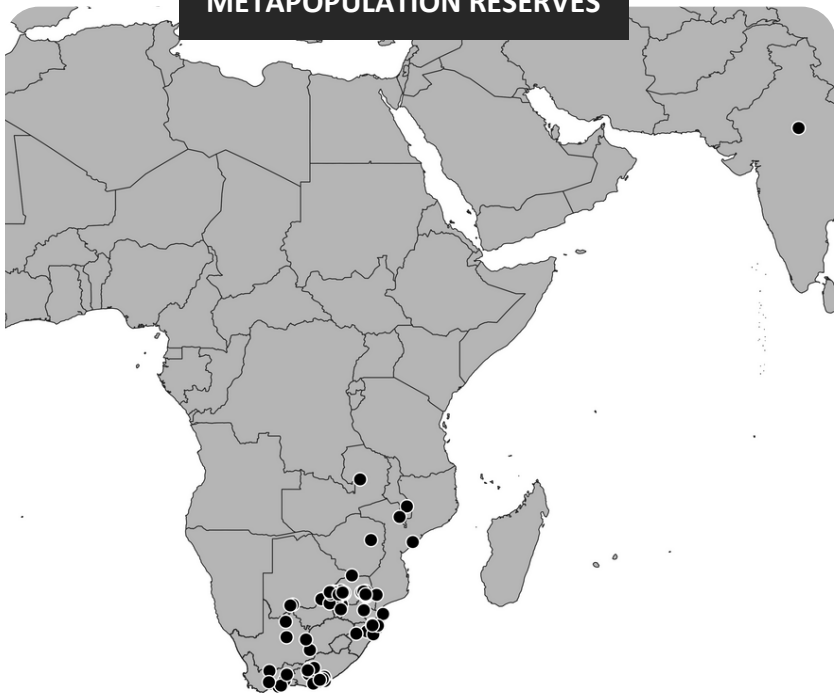
2023 7,100 

 = 3,500 cheetahs

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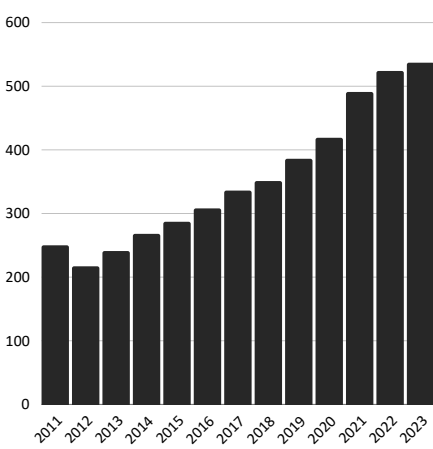
Policy and legislative changes related to wildlife ownership in Southern African nations facilitated land use transition from agriculture to ecotourism. As a result, many private land conservation areas have been established, complementing state-owned protected areas in biodiversity conservation. This has created 3,31 million hectares (33,108 sq. km) of safe space for cheetahs to be reintroduced. The Cheetah Metapopulation Project was established in 2011 to ensure the genetic and demographic integrity of the cheetah metapopulation by coordinating translocations between participating reserves and increasing resident range through reintroductions into the species' historical distribution. The current metapopulation comprises >537 cheetahs on 75 reserves distributed across five countries. Today, South Africa and Malawi are the only countries supporting growing wild cheetah populations worldwide.

METAPOPOPULATION RESERVES

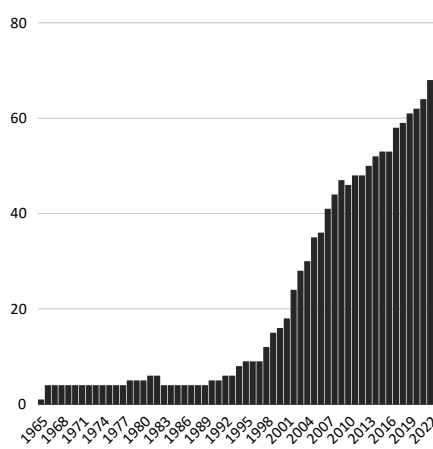


Translocations Coordinated	659
Reintroductions Coordinated	34
Number of Wild Cheetahs	537
Number of Participating Reserves	75
Number of Participating Countries	5
Safe Space Created (sq. km)	33,108

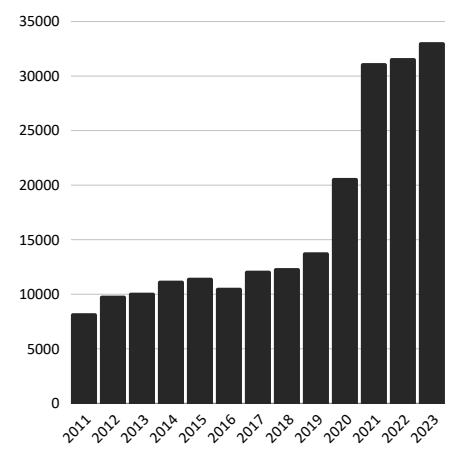
NUMBER OF WILD CHEETAHS



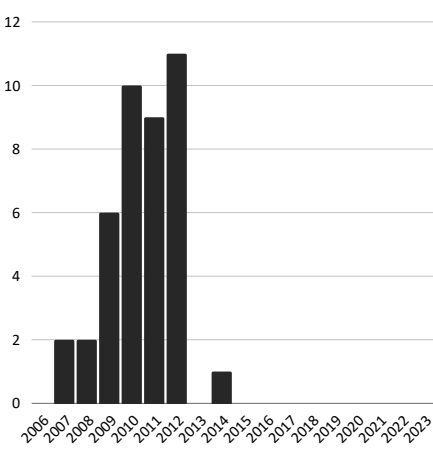
NUMBER OF PARTICIPATING RESERVES



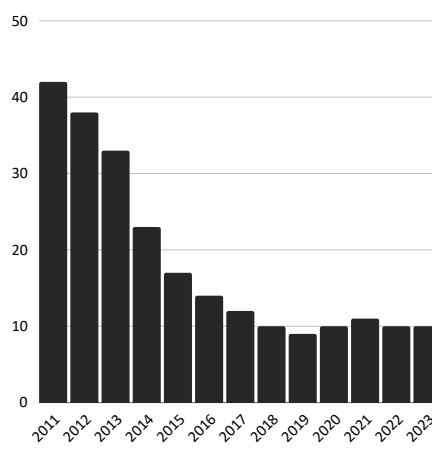
SAFE SPACE CREATED (SQ. KM)



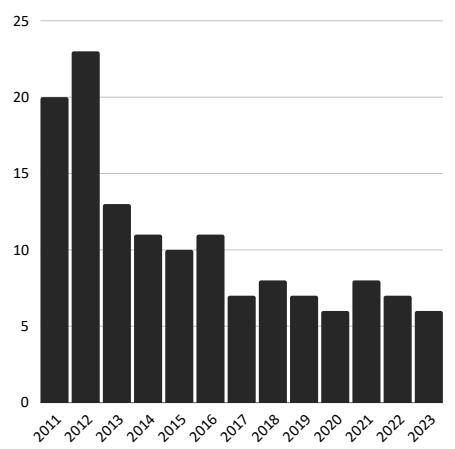
NUMBER OF CHEETAHS LOST TO ILLEGAL TRADE



INBREEDING AT PARTICIPATING RESERVES



PERCENTAGE OF CHEETAHS LOST IN TRANSIT



FUTURE METAPOPOPULATION RESERVES



-  Gandhi Sagar, Madya Pradesh, India
-  LoleLunga Forest Reserve, Zambia
-  Panyame, Mozambique
-  Coutada 11, Zambezi Delta, Mozambique
-  Nuanetsi Game Ranch, Zimbabwe
-  Mziki, Limpopo, South Africa
-  Ekland, Limpopo, South Africa
-  Bellevue Forest Reserve, Eastern Cape, South Africa
-  Longhill Private Game Reserve, Eastern Cape, South Africa