



CURRENT STATUS OF AFRICA CHEETAHS: ENVIRONMENT

NEWS: What is the current status of the introduction of African cheetahs?

WHAT'S IN THE NEWS?

Project Cheetah has encountered significant setbacks, including prolonged captivity and cheetah fatalities; with long-term success hinging on finding sufficient habitat, scientific management, and community support, the project's future depends on overcoming these enormous challenges

Cheetah Action Plan (CAP):

- Aims to introduce African cheetahs to India, conserve the species, and restore savanna habitats.
- Potential collaboration with Iran on Asiatic cheetah conservation.

Project Management: Managed by NTCA, MoEFCC, Wildlife Institute of India, and Madhya Pradesh Forest Department, with an expert committee's guidance.

Eco-tourism: Cheetahs are seen as a flagship species to boost eco-tourism and benefit local communities.

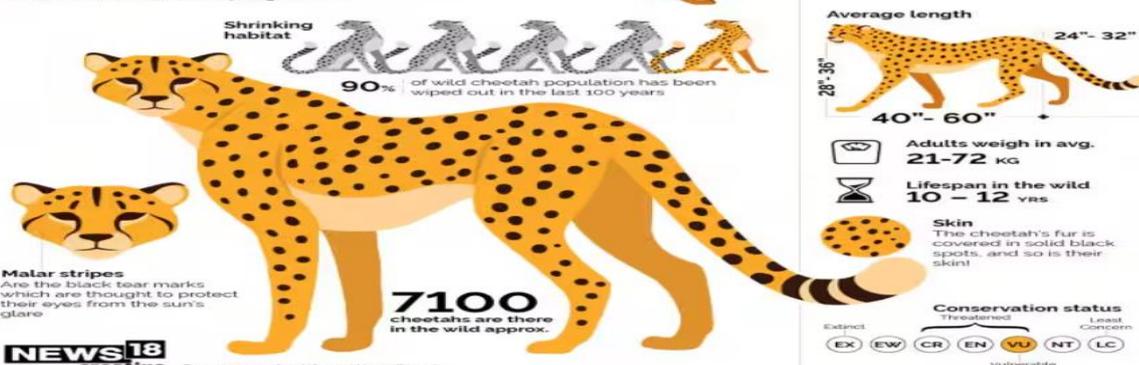
Challenges of Long-Term Captivity:

- Prolonged captivity of cheetahs hampers their ability to be released into the wild.
- Namibian standards limit wild carnivore captivity to three months.

Cheetah Deaths: Mortality due to pre-existing conditions, poor management, and climate issues like heatstroke.

THE RETURN OF CHEETAHS

India will be home to the world's fastest land animal again after the feline was declared extinct in the country in 1952. Five female and three male cheetahs are all set to reach Kuno-Palpur National Park on 17 September as part of the reintroduction programme



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Location and Habitat:

- **Kuno National Park:** Primary site, though cheetahs remain largely in captivity.
- **Habitat concerns:** Lack of sufficient high-quality habitat (4,000-8,000 sq. km).

Measurable Outcomes:

- **Short-term goals:** Cheetah survival, home range establishment, and eco-tourism yet to be achieved.
- **Long-term goals:** Establishing a stable metapopulation and improving local economies, with a 40-year timeline.

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