

International Cheetah Studbook 1991

The captive cheetah population on 31 December 1991 was 1,006 (490.516) in 167 facilities in 39 countries in eight geographic regions.

Studbook Keeper Laurie Marker Kraus reported that 720 (360.360) were captive-born and 286 (130.156) born in the wild. During the year, 167 (80.78.9) cubs were born in 47 litters at 24 facilities. The first cub resulting from artificial insemination was born. Twenty-nine of the cubs died at under one month, a mortality rate of 17.4%.

Marker Kraus comments that importation of wild-caught animals into the captive population has been the primary reason for the population's growth. Noting that, according to CITES, 6,782 cheetah had been removed from Namibia's wild population between 1980 and 1991, Marker Kraus said a large amount of genetic diversity had been lost. She recommended cooperative management of captive and wild populations.

"A global management programme will be a critical component in genetic management for the long-term future of the species", she added.