

**CHEETAH PROJECT**  
Cheetah Conservation Fund

Interviewers name \_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_

1. Interviewee:

- Name: \_\_\_\_\_
- Occupation \_\_\_ Owner, \_\_\_ Manager, \_\_\_ Ranger, \_\_\_ Farm employee, \_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- Age (yrs) \_\_\_\_\_ Male \_\_\_ Female
- For how long have you worked on this farm/ranch? \_\_\_\_\_ months /years  
\_\_\_ 0-6 months \_\_\_ 7-11 months \_\_\_ 1-3yrs \_\_\_ 3-5yrs \_\_\_ 5-10yrs \_\_\_ 10-20yrs \_\_\_ 20-30yrs \_\_\_ >35yrs

2. Farm or ranch name and number: \_\_\_\_\_

- District: \_\_\_\_\_ Location: \_\_\_\_\_
- Conservancy: \_\_\_\_\_ Group ranch: \_\_\_\_\_
- Village name \_\_\_\_\_ Number of people living on property: \_\_\_\_\_
- Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_
- Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_
- e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Land Use:

- Farm size: \_\_\_\_\_ acres
- Type of fencing:  
Farm fenced: \_\_\_\_\_ acres Number of wire strands or fence type: \_\_\_\_\_  
Game fenced: \_\_\_\_\_ acres Number of wire strands or fence type: \_\_\_\_\_  
Other: \_\_\_\_\_ hectares
- How is the general condition of the land? \_\_\_% open, \_\_\_% medium vegetation, \_\_\_% thick bush
- Is the grazing area becoming: \_\_\_ Smaller, \_\_\_ Larger, \_\_\_ Destroyed, \_\_\_ Cleared, \_\_\_ Overgrazed \_\_\_  
Bush encroached, \_\_\_ Manageable.  
Explain: \_\_\_\_\_
- Do you farm livestock? \_\_\_ Yes(identify breed and numbers), \_\_\_ No

Cattle	Sheep	Goats	Donkeys	Dogs	Chicken	Others (specify)

- Average number of young born each year:

Cattle	Sheep	Goats	Donkeys	Dogs	Chicken	Others (specify)

- Do you regularly see game animals on your property/grazing area?  Yes  No (exact numbers can be provided if available)

Density: vr- very rare (seen yearly), r-rare (seen monthly), c- common (seen weekly), vc-very common (seen daily)

Zebra	Tommy	Impala	Eland	Buffalo	Grants	Topi	Waterbuck	Warthog	Others (specify)

- Reason for game densities:  No poaching,  Poaching,  High human density,  Stocked,  Low human density,  Good grazing,  Poor grazing,  Water point,  No water

- Do you regularly see predators on your property?  Yes  No

Density: vr- very rare (seen yearly), r-rare (seen monthly), c- common (seen weekly), vc-very common (seen daily)

Lion	Leopard	Cheetah	Striped hyena	Spotted hyena	Wild dog	Jackal	Others (specify)

- Reason for predator densities:  No poaching,  Poaching,  stocked,  High human density,  Low human density,  Good game,  Poor game,  Water point,  No water

- Type and use of crops:

Maize            Use:  % Own,  % Sell,  % Fodder  
 Beans            Use:  % Own,  % Sell,  % Fodder  
 Other            Use:  % Own,  % Sell,  % Fodder    Specify \_\_\_\_\_

- Water sources, note number and (S) seasonal or (P) permanent:  Stream,  River,  Waterhole,  Borehole

- Is water adequate for livestock?  Very adequate,  Adequate,  Not Adequate. Why? \_\_\_\_\_

- Is water adequate for wildlife?  Very adequate,  Adequate,  Not Adequate. Why? \_\_\_\_\_

- Is water adequate for humans?  Very adequate,  Adequate,  Not Adequate. Why? \_\_\_\_\_

- Is water adequate for crops?  Very adequate,  Adequate,  Not Adequate. Why? \_\_\_\_\_

- What do you think could be done to alleviate water problems? \_\_\_\_\_

- What are the year(s) that drought has occurred in your area?  2001,  2000,  1999,  1998,  1997,  1996,  1995,  1994,  1993,  1992,  1991

- What species were generally most affected by drought and how? \_\_\_\_\_

4. Livestock Management (skip this section if no livestock)

➤ Do you have a birthing season? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No (If yes give time of year and estimate average numbers)

Cattle	Sheep	Goats	Donkeys	Dogs	Chicken	Others (specify)

➤ During birthing times do you:

\_\_\_\_ Keep females closer to the house during birthing, for: \_\_\_\_\_ Cattle, \_\_\_\_\_ Small stock

\_\_\_\_ Check pregnant livestock more frequently, for: \_\_\_\_\_ Cattle, \_\_\_\_\_ Small stock

\_\_\_\_ Have birthing corrals, for: \_\_\_\_\_ Cattle, \_\_\_\_\_ Small stock

\_\_\_\_ Keep young animals in corral when adults are out grazing, for: \_\_\_\_\_ Cattle, \_\_\_\_\_ Small stock

\_\_\_\_ Practice other management techniques: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

➤ Do you have a herder with smaller stock? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

➤ Do you have a herder with cattle? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

➤ Do you keep dogs with smaller stock? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

Breed: \_\_\_\_\_

Ratio: \_\_\_\_ dogs with \_\_\_\_ stock.

➤ Do you use other guard animals to protect livestock (ie Donkeys) \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

Breed: \_\_\_\_\_

Ratio: \_\_\_\_\_

5. Livestock/game losses:

➤ Do predators prey on your \_\_\_\_ Livestock, \_\_\_\_ Game, \_\_\_\_ Both

➤ What do you do when you find out that you have lost an animal to a predator? \_\_\_\_ Do nothing,

\_\_\_\_ Report to local administration, \_\_\_\_ Report to KWS, \_\_\_\_ Track and kill predator,

\_\_\_\_ Set out poison, \_\_\_\_ Set trap(s); kind of trap? \_\_\_\_\_

➤ What do you think should be done to minimize predation on livestock? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

➤ What can you do as a farmer in this community do to address this issue? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

➤ If you have experienced livestock loss please fill in the block, age, number killed, place of kill and evidence).

Predator	Cattle					Sheep					Goats					Others					Evidence of culprit						
	Age class	Number	In manyatta	Near home	Grazing field	Age class	Number	In Manyatta	Near home	Grazing field	Age class	Number	In Manyatta	Near home	Grazing field	Age class	Number	In Manyatta	Near home	Grazing field	Saw on Kill	Inf. By neigh.	Spoor at kill	Feeding style	Killing bites	Other	
Lion	1					1					1					1											
	2					2					2					2											
	3					3					3					3											
	4					4					4					4											
	5+					5+					5+					5+											
Cheetah	1					1					1					1											
	2					2					2					2											
	3					3					3					3											
	4					4					4					4											
	5+					5+					5+					5+											
Leopard	1					1					1					1											
	2					2					2					2											
	3					3					3					3											
	4					4					4					4											
	5+					5+					5+					5+											
Striped hyena	1					1					1					1											
	2					2					2					2											
	3					3					3					3											
	4					4					4					4											
	5+					5+					5+					5+											
Spotted hyena	1					1					1					1											
	2					2					2					2											
	3					3					3					3											
	4					4					4					4											
	5+					5+					5+					5+											
Jackal	1					1					1					1											
	2					2					2					2											
	3					3					3					3											
	4					4					4					4											
	5+					5+					5+					5+											
Other	1					1					1					1											
	2					2					2					2											
	3					3					3					3											
	4					4					4					4											
	5+					5+					5+					5+											

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

6. Predator perception:

➤ How do you perceive predators (include comments)?

Predator	Useful			Not useful			
	Economic gain	Tourism	Controls harmful animals	Economic loss	Kill livestock	Kill wildlife	Attack people
Lion							
Cheetah							
Leopard							
Striped hyena							
Spotted hyena							
Jackal							
Other							

➤ Do you consider the following to be a problem in your area (Include comments)?

Predator	Not a problem	Sometimes a problem	An acceptable problem	Often a problem	A severe problem
Lion					
Cheetah					
Leopard					
Striped hyena					
Spotted hyena					
Jackal					
Other					

7. Cheetah status:

➤ Do you believe there have been cheetah on your land in the last year? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

➤ How many cheetah are you aware of on your land?

\_\_\_\_ Adult males

\_\_\_\_ Adult females alone

\_\_\_\_ Adult females with \_\_\_\_ young(size)\_\_\_\_\_

➤ Group size:\_\_\_\_\_

➤ How often do you see cheetah tracks on your land? \_\_\_\_ Yearly, \_\_\_\_ Monthly, \_\_\_\_ Weekly,  
 \_\_\_\_ Daily Date of last track? \_\_\_\_\_

➤ On average how many cheetah sightings do you make? \_\_\_\_ Yearly, \_\_\_\_ Monthly, \_\_\_\_ Weekly,  
 \_\_\_\_ Daily Date of last sighting? \_\_\_\_\_

➤ In general, how long do individual cheetah or groups of cheetah stay on your land?  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

➤ How many cubs do you see on average in a litter? \_\_\_\_\_

➤ Can you estimate the age or size of the cubs? \_\_\_\_\_

➤ What time of year are cubs most often seen? \_\_\_\_\_

➤ Which location(s) on your ranch/farm do you most often see cheetah signs (include comments or estimate of % of time in each area)

Savannah				Forest			Hills		Other			
In the plain	Near game	On ground near tree(s)	In tree	On ground	In tree	In thick bush	On a slight rise	On a peak	Water points	Close to home- stead	Near live- stock	Along roads

➤ Are the sightings/signs seasonal? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No When \_\_\_\_\_

➤ Are there times of the year when you don't see cheetah in the commonly sighted areas? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No  
 If yes when? \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

➤ What do cheetah most often hunt? \_\_\_\_\_

➤ What physical (health) condition do you feel the cheetah are in? \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

➤ Do you remove cheetah from your farm/ranch? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

➤ Do you sell or give away cheetah? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No To who/where? \_\_\_\_\_

8. Past cheetah status:

- Are cheetah seen in the same areas on your land where they occurred in the past? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

If no please specify? \_\_\_\_\_

- According to you has the cheetah population changed in the last 10 years? \_\_\_\_ Increased, \_\_\_\_ Decreased

Do you feel that way because there are \_\_\_\_ More spoor (tracks) \_\_\_\_ Less spoor \_\_\_\_ More sightings

\_\_\_\_ Less sightings? \_\_\_\_ More depredation on game? \_\_\_\_ Less depredation on game?

\_\_\_\_ More livestock losses? \_\_\_\_ Less livestock loss? \_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

- Were there cheetah sightings on your land in the past (estimate numbers if possible)?

	1 years ago	2 years ago	4 years ago	10 years ago
Never seen				
Yearly				
Monthly				
Weekly				

- Did the times of drought affect cheetah? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

If yes, how? \_\_\_\_\_

If no, why? \_\_\_\_\_

9. Threats/Problems with the cheetah:

- (1) What problems do you think cheetah experience? (2) What is the cause of these problems? (3)How can the problems be avoided? (list)

a)(1) \_\_\_\_\_

(2) \_\_\_\_\_

(3) \_\_\_\_\_

b)(1) \_\_\_\_\_

(2) \_\_\_\_\_

(3) \_\_\_\_\_

c)(1) \_\_\_\_\_

(2) \_\_\_\_\_

(3) \_\_\_\_\_

d)(1) \_\_\_\_\_

(2) \_\_\_\_\_

(3) \_\_\_\_\_

e)(1) \_\_\_\_\_

(2) \_\_\_\_\_

(3) \_\_\_\_\_

- The following factors are suspected to be the major causes of cheetah population decline in Kenya, please rank them (1,2,3....)in order of decreasing impact?

\_\_\_\_ Conflict with pastoralists

\_\_\_\_ Disease outbreaks

\_\_\_\_ Predation by other carnivores

\_\_\_\_ Vegetation change

\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Poaching

\_\_\_\_ Tourism activities

\_\_\_\_ Land-use changes

\_\_\_\_ Drought

\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

- Identify short and long-term strategies which can be used to minimize future negative impacts on the cheetah population in Kenya.

Short term strategies

- 1 \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 \_\_\_\_\_

Long-term strategies

- 1 \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 \_\_\_\_\_

- Use the back or provide a map of your farm/ranch including the following information.
  - Water points marked with W
  - Circle areas of thick bush (B) or forest (F)
  - Mark with where cheetah have been sighted (S), trapped (T) or killed (K). Please include dates, numbers and sex if possible.
  - Mark with arrows where cheetah travel through your farm/ranch.
  - Indicate areas frequented by other wildlife if possible.