

## NAMIBIA'S CHEETAH

Namibia is home to the largest cheetah population in the world. The abundance of cheetah is largely due to the abundance of their prey on the proliferation of game ranches. Ninety-five percent of the cheetah exist on private land. Namibia's National Cheetah Conservation Strategy includes sustainable use. For more than a decade CITES has authorized Namibia an annual export quota of two-hundred and fifty cheetah to provide incentive for their conservation. The purpose of the *Cheetah Initiative* is to create conservation incentive through tourist safari hunting.



Please contact us and  
let us help you

### HOW TO PARTICIPATE

**YES, I want to help support the *Namibian Cheetah Initiative* by making a tax deductible "enhancement" contribution**

- Enhancement Contribution \$ (1,000.00) U.S. Dollars  
 General Contribution \$ \_\_\_\_\_ U.S. Dollars

#### Method of Payment:

- Check  Visa  Master Card

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Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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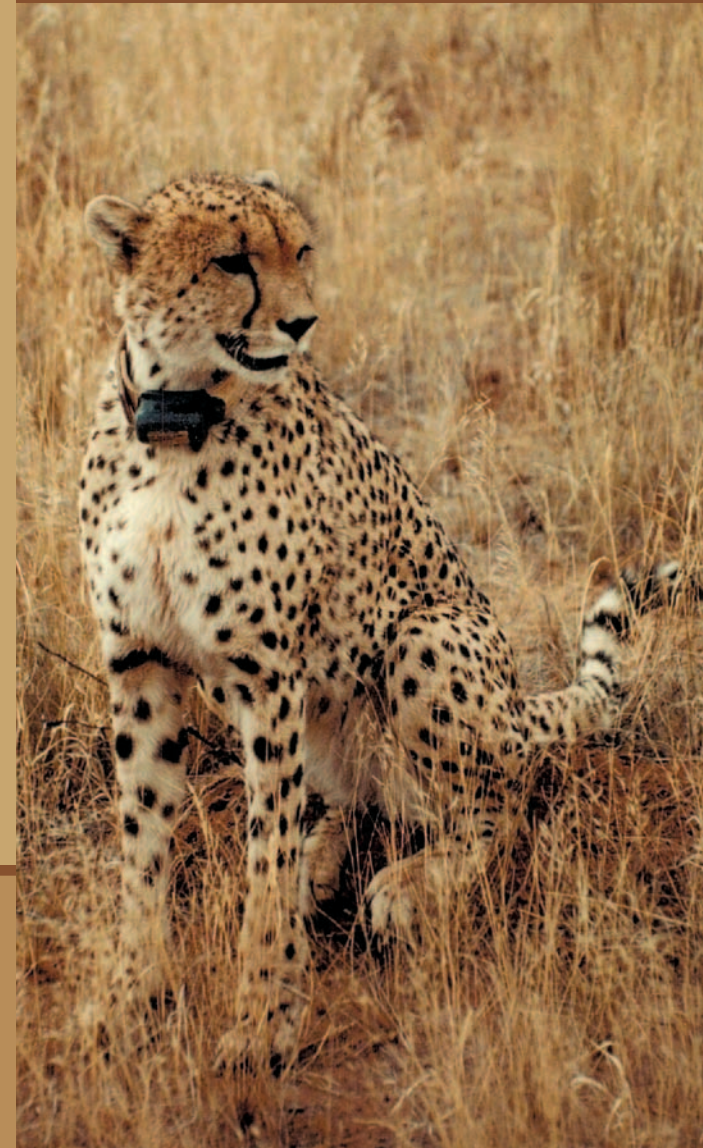
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## POPULATION ECOLOGY OF THE NAMIBIAN CHEETAH

Conservation Force and NAPHA have funded Okatumba Wildlife Research's Population Ecology of the Namibian Cheetah study. This is a comprehensive and intensive cheetah research project at three representative habitat sites within Namibia that started in April 2002. It is a four-year project with half-a-million U.S. Dollar budget. Conservation Force has fully funded the employment of Bushmen trackers for the duration of the study.

## TERMS OF ENHANCEMENT AGREEMENT

- A 1,000.00 U.S. Dollar "enhancement" contribution is to be made by every successful tourist hunter from the United States before export of their trophy from Namibia.
- The contribution can be made at any time before export.
- No administrative charge is made by Conservation Force or NAPHA.
- The entire sum is expended on cheetah enhancement in Namibia.

## U.S. ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT (ESA)

The cheetah is listed as "endangered" under the U.S. Endangered Species Act. American tourist hunters must comply with the ESA to import their cheetah trophies. The USF&WS must make a finding that your hunt will enhance or benefit the wild population of cheetah in Namibia before issuing a permit to import your cheetah trophy. Conservation Force leads the permitting effort to establish the importation of cheetah trophies into the U.S. through a program designed to "enhance" the cheetah. The program includes the payment of a special "enhancement contribution" to benefit cheetah in Namibia.

## PARTNERS

Conservation Force has numerous partners in *The Cheetah Initiative*. The Louisiana Chapter of SCI has contributed since the early 90's. Also, the Namibia Professional Hunters Association (NAPHA), members of the Predator Committee of NAPHA, Harold and Birgit of Okatumba Wildlife Research, the Institute for Zoo and Wildlife Research in Berlin, Namibian landholders and conservancies, Kristin Nowell, Ph.D. of IUCN's Cat Specialist Group, Harold Ahlberg, Renee Snider, P.E. Stander of the Ministry and the many that have signed the "Enhancement Agreement" and the "Compact" that preceded it.

## HOW TO IMPORT YOUR TROPHY

- 1 Complete a USF&WS trophy import permit application available from Conservation Force. We will also help you complete the form free of charge.
- 2 Contribute 1,000 U.S. Dollars on or before export of your cheetah trophy. We will mail you an acknowledgment.
- 3 Permit Application before the hunt—Respond to question No. "6" of the import application as follows:  
"This application is part of the Conservation Force/NAPHA Cheetah Initiative in Namibia. Please see the documents already furnished by Conservation Force and Namibia Ministry. I pledge to make a 1,000.00 U.S. Dollar enhancement contribution to the *Cheetah Enhancement Fund* before export. The contribution is to be spent exclusively on cheetah enhancement in Namibia."
- 4 Permit Application after a successful hunt—Respond to question No. "6" that "I pledge to make a 1,000.00 U.S. Dollar enhancement contribution to the Cheetah Enhancement Fund before export." You can also prepay if you wish. In which event, attach a photocopy of your contribution.
- 5 If the particular landholder or PH fails to collect the contribution or is not yet a party to the Enhancement Agreement, then the 1,000.00 U.S. Dollar contribution should be paid directly to Conservation Force.
- 6 Copy us with all correspondence you get from the USF&WS. We need to know your permit application number and need a written authorization to represent you.

## NEW PROVISIONS

Recently, a new and improved "Cheetah Enhancement Agreement" has been adopted by the Namibian Professional Hunters Association and Conservation Force. It provides for the donation of 1,000.00 U.S. Dollars that is to be paid "on or before export" of the cheetah trophy. The *Cheetah Enhancement Fund* contributions are spent exclusively on cheetah enhancement within Namibia. Additionally, Conservation Force serves on the NAPHA committee that directs those expenditures.

The new *Cheetah Enhancement Agreement* also provides for conservancies to be participants. Namibia has a remarkable conservancy program. Conservancies are co-management agreements between landowners. It is an agreement to take down fences to manage the land and game jointly in larger more effective units. This ensures large tracks of private land for cheetah habitat and collaboration for their conservation.

