



# Cub Dies in Madhya Pradesh's Kuno National Park

## Why in News?

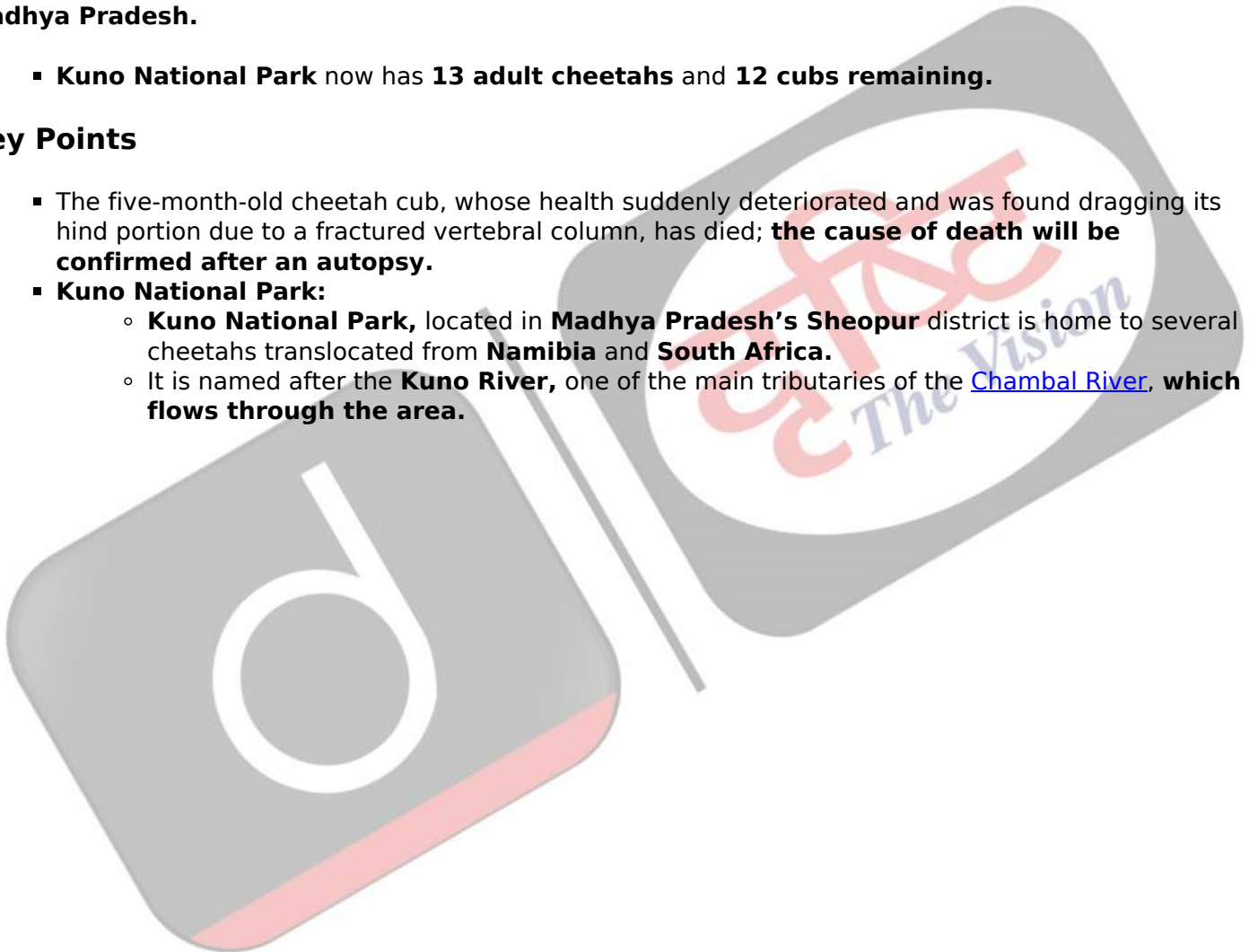
A five-month-old [cheetah](#) cub, born to the African cheetah Gamini, died at [Kuno National Park](#) in Madhya Pradesh.

- **Kuno National Park** now has **13 adult cheetahs** and **12 cubs** remaining.

## Key Points

- The five-month-old cheetah cub, whose health suddenly deteriorated and was found dragging its hind portion due to a fractured vertebral column, has died; **the cause of death will be confirmed after an autopsy.**
- **Kuno National Park:**
  - **Kuno National Park**, located in **Madhya Pradesh's Sheopur** district is home to several cheetahs translocated from **Namibia** and **South Africa**.
  - It is named after the **Kuno River**, one of the main tributaries of the [Chambal River](#), which flows through the area.

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# Cheetah

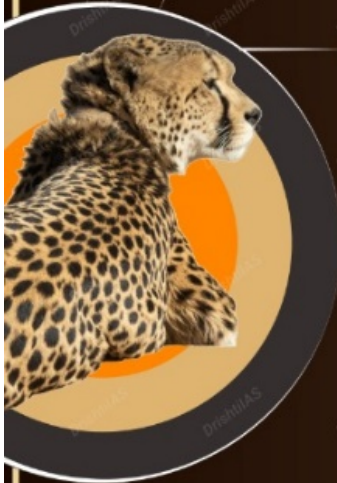
**Common Name** - Cheetah

**Scientific Name** - *Acinonyx jubatus*

- *Acinonyx jubatus jubatus* (African Cheetah)
- *Acinonyx jubatus venaticus* (Asiatic Cheetah)

## Reintroduction of Cheetah to India:

- The "Action Plan for Introduction of Cheetah in India" was released by MoEF&CC at the 19th meeting of the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) (January 2022).
  - Such a plan was first proposed in 2009.
- In September 2022, eight cheetahs landed in India from Namibia.
  - The 8 cheetahs have been relocated to the Kuno-Palpur National Park, Madhya Pradesh.
- The relocation of cheetahs to India from Namibia is the world's first inter- continental large wild carnivore translocation project.



Slightly brownish and golden skin; thicker than the Asiatic Cheetahs

More prominent spots and lines on the face

Found all over the African continent

**IUCN Red List Status - Vulnerable**



## African Cheetah

Slightly smaller than the African ones.

Pale yellowish fawn coloured skin - more fur under body, belly specifically.

Found only in Iran; the country claims there are only 12 of them left. Year 1952 - Asiatic Cheetah officially declared extinct from India.

**IUCN Red List Status - Critically Endangered**



## Asiatic Cheetah



