



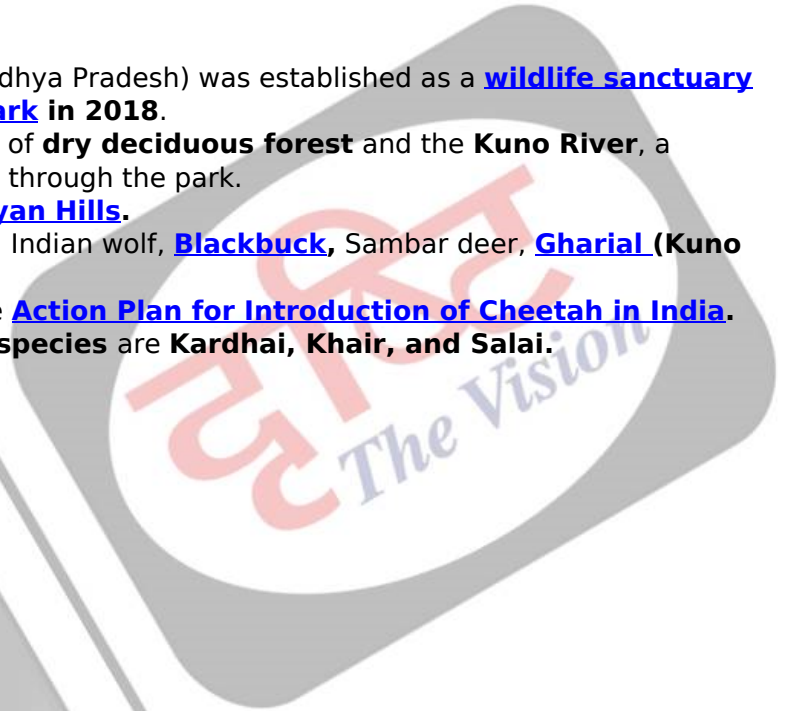
## Cheetah Cubs Birth in Kuno National Park

[Source: IE](#)

A cheetah at Madhya Pradesh's [Kuno National Park \(NP\)](#) gave birth to **two cubs**, bringing the total to **26 cheetahs**, including **14 cubs**.

- **About Kuno NP:** Kuno NP (Sheopur, Madhya Pradesh) was established as a [wildlife sanctuary in 1981](#) and upgraded to a [national park in 2018](#).
  - **Geography:** It primarily consists of **dry deciduous forest** and the **Kuno River**, a major **Chambal tributary**, flows through the park.
    - It is located in the [Vindhyan Hills](#).
  - **Fauna:** **Leopard**, Striped hyena, Indian wolf, [Blackbuck](#), Sambar deer, [Gharial \(Kuno river\)](#).
    - It was selected under the [Action Plan for Introduction of Cheetah in India](#).
  - **Vegetation:** The **primary tree species** are **Kardhai, Khair, and Salai**.

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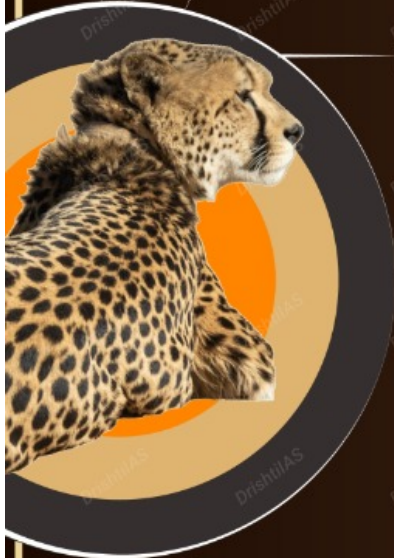


# Cheetah

**Common Name** - Cheetah

**Scientific Name** - *Acinonyx jubatus*

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



## Reintroduction of Cheetah to India:

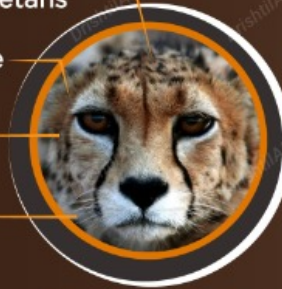
- The "Action Plan for Introduction of Cheetah in India" was released by MoEF&CC at the 19th meeting of the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) (January 2022).
  - Such a plan was first proposed in 2009.
- In September 2022, eight cheetahs landed in India from Namibia.
  - The 8 cheetahs have 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**



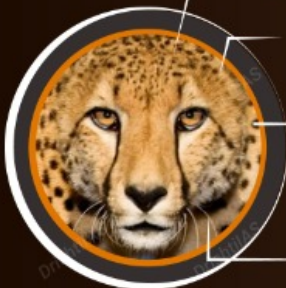
## African Cheetah

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



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