

CHEETAH HUNT / CHASE SHEET

Circle where relevant and give detailed descriptions when a hunt or unsuccessful chase takes place.

Date: _____ Time: _____ Observer/s: _____

Reserve name: _____ Biome: Savanna / Grassland / Thicket / Nama karroo / Succulent Karoo / Fynbos

Location on reserve: _____

Weather: Clear skies / Partly cloudy / Overcast
Calm / Slight breeze / Strong breeze / Windy
Cold / Cool / Mild / Warm / Warm / Hot (provide exact temperature where possible _____ °C)

Cheetah ID:	Condition	Belly Index Score
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Amount of chase seen: entire / beginning / half / endpoint of the chase

Visibility: 0-20m / 20-60m / 60-200m / >200m (distance at which the Cheetah would remain visible)

At beginning of chase:

Time: _____ h
Habitat: Open / Medium bush / Thick bush
Grass height: Short (<20cm mid-calf) / Medium (20-60cm) / Tall (>60cm mid-thigh)
GPS co-ord: _____ S _____ E
Distance from observer: _____ m
Compass bearing from observer to cheetah: _____

At end of chase:

Time: _____ h
Habitat: Open / Medium bush / Thick bush
Grass height: Short (<20cm mid-calf) / Medium (20-60cm) / Tall (>60cm mid-thigh)
GPS co-ord: _____ S _____ E
Distance from observer: _____ m
Compass bearing from observer to cheetah: _____

Approximate running distance: _____ m

Chase abandoned after short distance Y / N Prey successfully brought down Y / N

If chase abandoned give detailed reasons for failure (ie. Seen by prey / prey moved off / physical exhaustion / injury / other): _____

Prey species chased / caught:

Species: _____
Age: Adult / Sub-adult / Juvenile / Unknown Sex: Male / Female / Unknown

Describe hunt (which cats involved and how / stalk and chase / searching in long grass and happened to come upon prey etc.): _____

Any other predators / scavengers / birds of prey visible at start (Y / N), during (Y / N) or end (Y / N) of hunt?

Species: _____ Location: _____

Note: if chase successful and kill made, please fill out the Cheetah KILL SHEET.