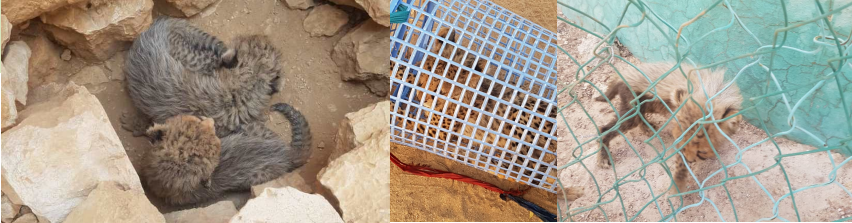


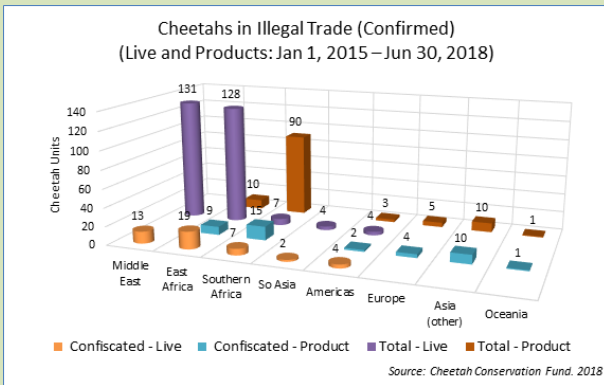
Illegal Trade in Cheetahs (*Acinonyx jubatus*)

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Cheetahs confiscated in northwestern Somalia, Aug-Sep 2018. (c) Cheetah Conservation Fund.

- Cheetah Conservation Fund and CC commends efforts of the Secretariat in collecting information from the parties as it pertains to illegal cheetah trade.
- CC notes that the parties' responses are unlikely to represent the true extent of the trade.
- IUCN Red List findings show around 7,000 cheetah remaining in the wild, and 70,000 in captivity.
- Many cheetah range states are affected by illegal trade but the majority of live cheetahs leave the continent as cubs from the Horn of Africa and is impacting wild cheetah populations in Ethiopia and Somalia..



Nearly 300 cheetah have been confirmed in live trade and over 100 in skin and parts (Jan 2015-Jun 2018). The actual numbers could be much higher. Confiscations represent 39% of the total (CCF unpublished data).

* Currently CCF is responsible for the care of 14 cheetahs, 10 of which were confiscated in the Somaliland region between Aug 5 and Sept 25, 2018.

CCF urges SC to consider this and other available confirmed data in the formulation of recommendations for CoP18.



Cheetah adverts on social media.