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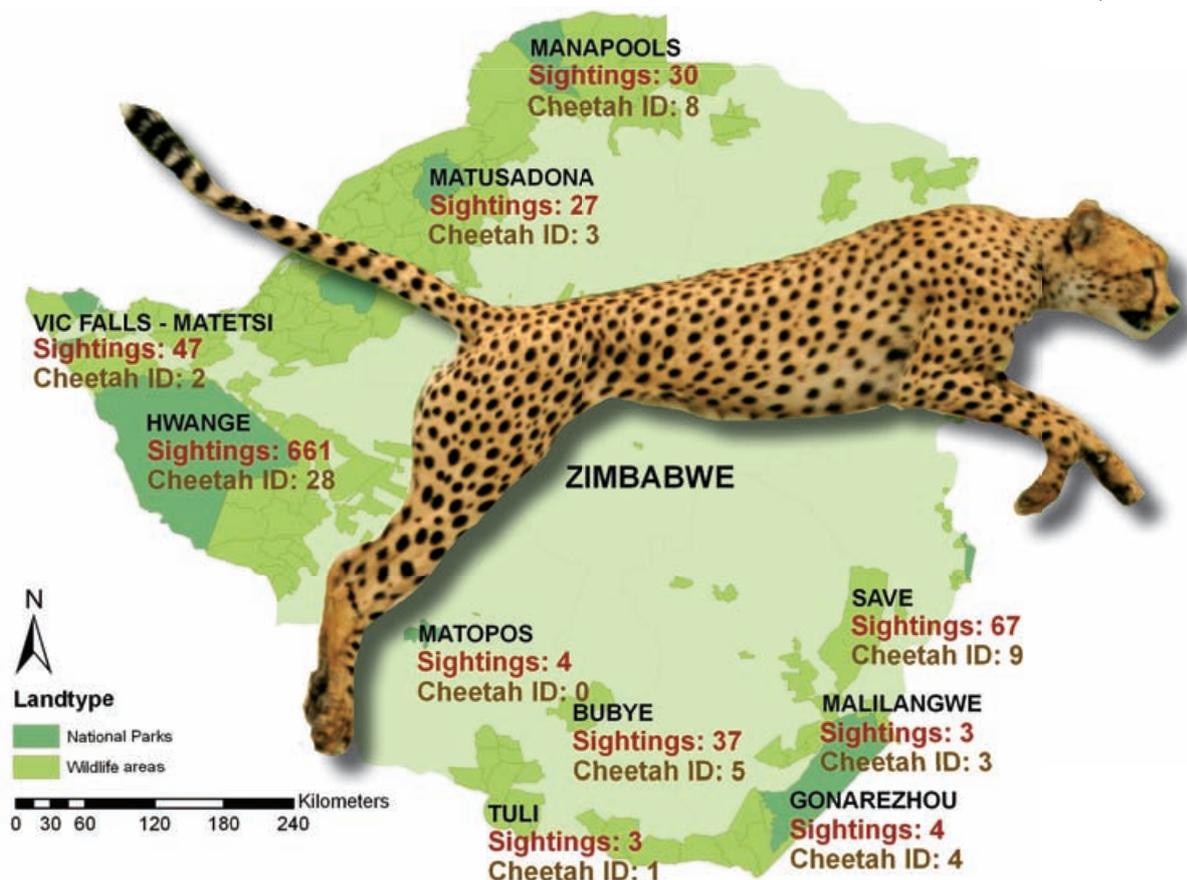
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## Help us find the cheetahs of Zimbabwe

In 2013 Cheetah Conservation Project Zimbabwe carried out a questionnaire based cheetah population survey in northwest Zimbabwe. The project covered an area of 81 000 km<sup>2</sup>, interviewing more than 400 people to find out where cheetahs occur, how many there are and what conservation challenges they face. In addition, cheetah sightings and pictures from all over Zimbabwe were collected.

All this information helps the Cheetah Conservation Project Zimbabwe to determine how the cats are faring and how best to protect them. For example, there are fifty to seventy adult cheetahs in northwest Zimbabwe, most of which can be found in the Hwange National Park-Victoria Falls region and Mana Pools National Park.

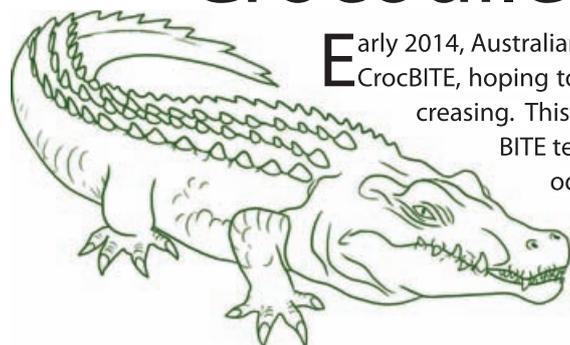
Human-cheetah conflict is virtually nonexistent in this part of the country. The biggest threat to the cheetahs seems to be loss of habitat and a lack of connectivity between the different wildlife areas.

In 2014 the project will continue the questionnaire based survey to the south of Zimbabwe. This is an area with historically good cheetah numbers. The project has already received reports of many sightings.

You can follow the Cheetah Conservation Project Zimbabwe's field adventures on [facebook.com/CheetahZimbabwe](https://www.facebook.com/CheetahZimbabwe) and report sightings via the website [www.cheetahzimbabwe.org](http://www.cheetahzimbabwe.org) using the online sighting form. Help us help the cheetah.



## Crocodile attack database



Early 2014, Australian researchers launched the world's first crocodile attack database, CrocBITE, hoping to firm up anecdotal reports that harmful or fatal incidents are increasing. This year over eleven fatalities have been recorded so far by the CrocBITE team, which is based at Australia's Charles Darwin University. Crocodile-related deaths in 2014 have been recorded in Angola, East Timor, India, Indonesia, Namibia, Papua New Guinea, South Africa, Zambia and Zimbabwe.