

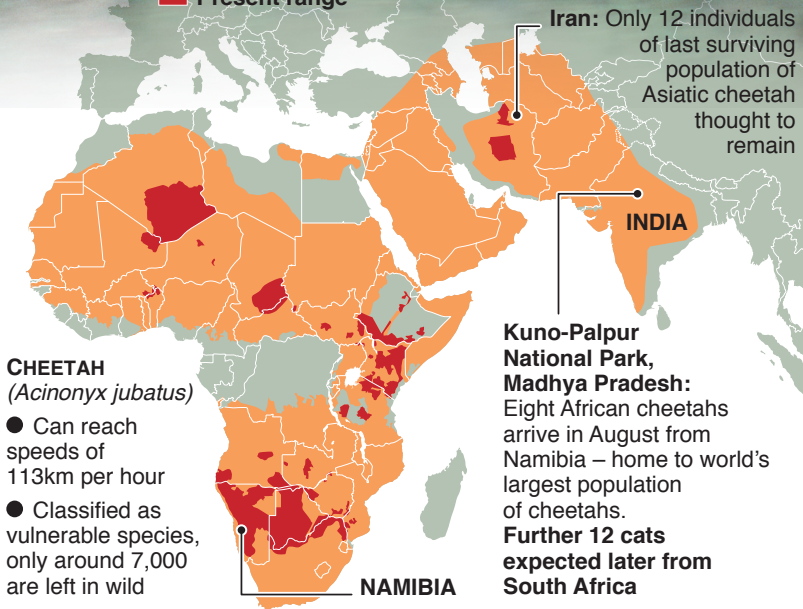
# Cheetahs return to India after 70 years

India will be home to the world's fastest land animal for the first time since 1952, when the indigenous population was declared extinct



Historic range

Present range\*



Iran: Only 12 individuals of last surviving population of Asiatic cheetah thought to remain

INDIA

**Kuno-Palpur National Park, Madhya Pradesh:** Eight African cheetahs arrive in August from Namibia – home to world's largest population of cheetahs.  
**Further 12 cats expected later from South Africa**

NAMIBIA

**CHEETAH**  
(*Acinonyx jubatus*)

- Can reach speeds of 113km per hour
- Classified as vulnerable species, only around 7,000 are left in wild