

Project Update: November 2014

We are delighted to inform you that one of our cheetah images (attached) taken by camera traps in Naybandan Wildlife Refuge, eastern Iran was voted as “Overall Research Winner” in BBC Wildlife Camera-trap Photo of the Year 2014 competition. The image was taken from an adult cheetah named Arash in rugged mountainous landscape during National Monitoring Program ran between 2011 and 2013 within nearly 10 reserves in Iran. On behalf of the ICS, I must thank you for your help, support and encouragement to launch and continue this project which enabled us to carry out the first country-scale assessment of the Asiatic cheetah in Iran, the second rarest cat after the Amur leopard in the world.

The ICS has initiated the second round of the cheetah monitoring programme since early summer 2014, hoping to apply lessons learned for the new phase, because the elusive and shy cheetahs are probably one of the most difficult of the larger cats to monitor, even using high-tech camera traps.

You can see all candidate images at [BBC Wildlife Camera-trap Photo of the Year 2014 – the winners | Discover Wildlife](#)

