

## Project Update July 2025

**Rufford I.D.:** 40427-2

**Project Title:** Defining the Kenyan Cheetah on a Genetic Level, and the Potential for Naturally Occurring Subspecies Hybridization

**Update:** While we made good progress on the samples that were available to us in Namibia, we encountered major challenges with our collaborators which hindered the shipment of the remaining samples. These were crucial for our analysis, as mentioned in the previous update. Sadly this made it impossible to achieve our project's objectives to date.

We have been working tirelessly to find solutions to the sample shipping issue. In our last update to Rufford in June 2024, we devised solutions to work around the challenges but unfortunately those didn't work out as additional complications came to light. At this point, we are not sure what more we can try and do not want to further delay our update to Rufford.

We are currently communicating again with our collaborators to see if we can progress anything and, in the meantime, we will submit a project report highlighting the challenges we have faced and our attempts to resolve them. We will also send an updated project budget.