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Welcome to the first 21st Century Tiger ENEWS!

Website re-launch

Over the past few months we have been busily loading a new version of our website with reports, images and information. We will now be able to handle the site ourselves instead of bothering the wonderful Nigel Hodgetts who designed and managed our old website for free and the love of tigers over the last years. (Thank you Nigel!) We have some great new features, a gallery where you can download tiger photos and a search option. We hope to have e-cards and downloadable fundraising packs available soon. Please check out the new site at www.21stCenturyTiger.org and we'd love to hear how we could make it even better.



21st CENTURY TIGER

giving wild tigers a future

ZOO SUPPORT

The Sumatran tigress at Wilhelma Zoo in Germany recently gave birth to three healthy cubs. Usually these newborns would be off limits to everyone however Harald Loeffler, a fantastic photographer and supporter of 21st Century Tiger had access and this picture is just one of the results. Wilhelma Zoo have contributed over €27,000 in the past 6 years. Zoos worldwide play a hugely important part in raising funds for tiger conservation and use 21st Century Tiger as 100% of all funds raised go directly to our projects.



Dreamworld Zoo in Australia fund 21st Century Tiger Administration

Since November 2006 Dreamworld in Australia have generously subsidised the administration of 21st Century Tiger. This enables us to concentrate on raising funds for a wide range of wild tiger conservation projects. We're currently funding twelve projects in four tiger range states totalling £150,000, putting 21st Century Tiger in the top six contributors to tiger conservation worldwide.

DON'T MISS OUT

Special Scientific Evening Free talks on tigers

On the 14th of September 2007 at the Zoological Society of London, with some of the worlds most distinguished tiger conservationists speaking on:
Scientific Solutions & Challenges to Tiger Conservation. See the website for more information.



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PROJECTS UPDATE



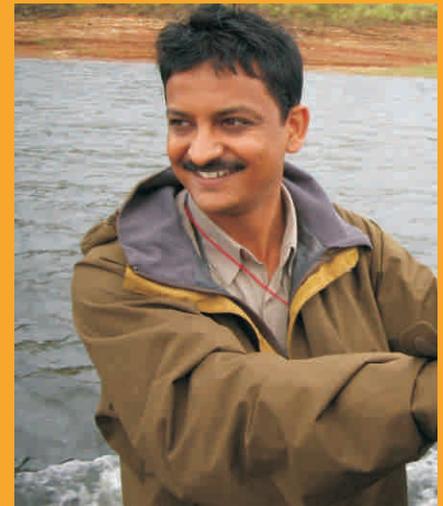
Longterm Research & Conservation of the Amur tiger, WCS Russia

The Amur or Siberian tiger (*Panthera tigris altaica*) is a classic landscape species, ranging across a variety of human-influenced landscapes, and competing with people for critical habitat and resources. Their population has been at perilously low levels, and in the Russian Far East international efforts to save them from extinction have been ongoing for more than a decade. In recent years, partly due to WCS's 13-year-long efforts, the tiger population has stabilised. Poaching has declined, and improved scientific understanding of the species' requirements has enabled planners to take actions. John Goodrich and his team (left) track wild tigers by fitting radio collars to help them better understand the Amur tiger's distribution and movements.

21st Century Tiger supports a winner!

Sanjay Gubbi, a recent MSC graduate from the Durrell Institute of Conservation & Ecology in Kent & supported by 21st Century Tiger for several years both as a student & through WCS India, has won joint first prize at The 21st Society for Conservation Biology Annual Meeting in South Africa. Sanjay's research sought to investigate whether or not an investment of US\$6 Million by The World Bank had succeeded in promoting integrated conservation & development around The Periyar Tiger Reserve in southern India.

The research has important implications for the sustainability of investment in conservation, the legacy of which is rarely investigated & Sanjay's study has shown that it remains unclear whether or not it is worthwhile to implement similar ventures. This means that however well-intentioned these projects are, they may fail to deliver their primary objective of providing incentives for wildlife conservation, and also add a major burden to the Indian taxpayer for the years that the loans have to be repaid.



Picture courtesy of the Morpeth Herald

THANK YOU

Throughout the last year many individuals and companies have contributed to 21st Century Tiger; Morpeth Veterinary Clinic raised over £3,330 with, amongst other things, a children's art competition (see winners left). Isla May Lee Grant and a gaggle of other toddlers walked an incredible 5 miles in Hebden Bridge to raise £611 and Hanna Webb donated the entire £500 given for her 21st birthday. These are just a few examples of the wonderful generosity our supporters have shown. Harald Loeffler produced a beautiful tiger calendar which raised over €7,500, check out his site:

www.eye-of-the-tiger.com

Special thanks are due to DEFRA, ExxonMobil, H.A.Bennett, Dreamworld, all the zoos who continue to support tiger conservation projects and also to our fantastic individual supporters.