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Sunday 30th September 2007 is this year's International Tiger Day.

Tiger Day is marked throughout the Far East and in many other parts of the world. Once feared & despised, the tiger is now a cause for celebration. **Tiger Day** was started by Phoenix in 2000 when just a few dozen people marched to show their support. This year six cities in the Russian Far East will hold their own festivals, and 21st Century Tiger is proud to continue backing this project.

Why not mark Tiger Day by making a donation to help wild tigers, in Russia and other parts of their range?
100% of all your donations go directly to the field.
You can donate online via Paypal, by setting up a standing order (details available on our website) or cheque to:
21st Century Tiger, ZSL, Regents Park, NW1 4RY.



Tiger Day Parade, Vladivostok 2006 Phoenix 'Fighting for their minds'

HOW YOUR MONEY COULD HELP...

£14 covers the travel expenses of a Phoenix Educator for a month and helps them to inspire hundreds of school children in remote areas of the Russian Far East.

£42 pays for a field radio for FFI in Kerinci Seblat National Park, Sumatra.

£23 will pay the salary of a Khabarovsk anti-poaching ranger for one month and enables them to better protect tigers in the Russian Far East.



WCS-Russia field team radio collaring an Amur tiger

£10 buys a tranquiliser dart for WCS-Russia so they can collar and radio track wild tigers.

£29 provides fuel and maintenance for a motorbike allowing scouts to survey 1500km² of rough terrain in eastern Sumatra.

£34 covers the cost of the salary of a WCS field worker in the Malenad-Mysore region of southern India for a month.

£90 will pay for a camera trap for The Zoological Society of London's project mapping tiger distribution in south-central Sumatra.

TIGERRIFIC, Assorted Stripes

Graphic Designer Dave Richardson may well have the largest collection of tiger ephemera in the world, collected over 30 years and providing the inspiration for his latest exhibition 'Assorted Stripes'. Dave is donating a percentage of all profits raised by the sale of his prints as well as fantastic t-shirts and other paraphernalia to 21st Century Tiger. The show runs from 17- 28 October at The Rivington Gallery, 69 Rivington Street, London EC2A 3AY. Why not go along and enjoy Dave's images as well as supporting wild tigers. Check out www.tigerrific.com for opening times and to shop online.





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ZSL Tiger Talks

On the 14th September, four speakers (three of whom are supported by 21st Century Tiger) gave illuminating talks on tigers at ZSL. Dr. Ullas Karanth of WCS-India, updated us on projects in the Western Ghats. WCS-India's aim is to acquire critical land parcels currently in private hands & merge them legally with the surrounding tiger reserves. Matt Linkie of DICE illustrated how the discovery of a rare cuckoo could help ensure the tiger's survival in Sumatra. Debbie Banks from EIA spoke of the efforts being made to stop trafficking in illegal wildlife products including the use of an ingenious software programme called i2. Dale Miquelle from WCS-Russia finished the evening with the story of Olga, the first Amur tigress ever radiocollared. Olga shared her life with tiger researchers for 13 years, getting through six radiocollars & making enormous contributions to our understanding of wild tigers, before she was finally killed by a poacher in 2005. Her story showed how important long-term continuity is for tiger conservation work - please help us to help this project keep going!

ZOO SUPPORT

Every year Shepreth Wildlife Park (www.sheprethwildlifepark.co.uk) holds a special fundraiser for 21st Century Tiger. This year they have earned their Gold Certificate by raising over £7,500 for wild tiger conservation. Zoos large and small continue to help to make our work possible. To find out more about how they help please check out the zoo support section on our website.

PROJECT UPDATE

From an email transcript from the Tiger Protection and Conservation Units in Kerinci Seblat National Park (KSNP), Sumatra sent Friday 21st September 2007:

More details will follow but to advise that approximately half an hour ago, two men from Lubuk Melako village in Sangir sub-district of Solok Selatan district (West Sumatra) were arrested in Sungai Penuh, Kerinci in possession of the freshly skinned pelt of an adult Sumatran tiger.

The main suspect is a professional hunter of Sumatran tiger who has boasted of killing ten tigers over the past ten years.

Initial examination of the seizure suggests the bones of one Sumatran tiger and the skin, absolutely fresh (the suspect killed it approximately three days ago in the Hutan Lindung Batang Hari north of KSNP) of a second.

Project leader Debbie Martyr said: "May I draw everybody's attention to the role of Slamet, TPCU ranger from Bengkulu team, who worked, with Pak Karno (Jambi team) to accomplish this arrest and who travelled up here from Bengkulu two nights ago in spite of both him and his family being badly traumatised by the recent earthquakes and ongoing aftershocks."

21st Century Tiger would like to add its congratulations to all involved in this important arrest at such a difficult time. It is tragic to hear of the loss of two more tigers but thanks to this enforcement the lives of many more may have been saved.

WEBSITE

The new website went live and thank you to all the new subscribers to our email enews service.

Please let us know how we could make it even better. Our Ecard facility is now online and so you can send any one of our beautiful public gallery pictures to your friends with a personal message for free.



21st Century Tiger is a unique partnership between The Zoological Society of London and Global Tiger Patrol. 100% of funds raised go to wild tiger projects. www.21stCenturytiger.org