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PROJECTS UPDATE

21st Century Tiger is currently funding seven projects in India, Sumatra and the Russian Far East to the value of £145,807.

92 arrests have been carried out in conjunction with Fauna and Flora International, Sumatra in the past three past months for illegally clearing Kerinci Seblat National Park forest. 2 dead tiger cubs have been confiscated in Northern Sumatra.

Six proposals have been received for consideration in our next tranche of funding amounting to requests for £71,797.99.

For more about projects throughout the tiger range states, check out our website and if you want to help us continue this critical work please donate now. It's easy, we accept credit cards, Paypal or cheques and 100% of donations received go to the projects.



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Illegal Trafficking in Thailand's Tiger Temple

A new report issued by Care for the Wild International (CWI) on June 20th appears to have cleared up any doubt about the infamous Tiger Temple in Kanchanaburi, once and for all. The Tiger Temple's success is based around claims that its tigers were rescued from poachers and live and move freely and peacefully amongst the temple's monks, who are actively engaged in conservation and rescue work. CWI's report alleges that it has uncovered disturbing evidence of serious conservation and animal welfare concerns, including...

- Illegal tiger trafficking for the Chinese medicine trade
- Systematic physical abuse of the tigers held at the temple
- High risk interactions between tigers and tourists.

Further, CWI alleges that it has discovered that, rather than rescue orphaned tiger cubs, the Temple operates as an illegal breeding facility and is involved in the clandestine exchange of tigers with the owner of a tiger farm in Laos. If you know of anyone travelling to Thailand who could be enticed by the Temple please let them know about the CWI report.

Greggs and Blackpool Zoo raising dough for tigers!

Blackpool Zoo and Greggs (the bakers) raised an incredible **£6000** in 2007-8 through the sale of tiger bread in north-east England. This scheme takes Blackpool Zoo to sixth in the 21st Century Tiger zoo supporters' award scheme. Our thanks to all involved.

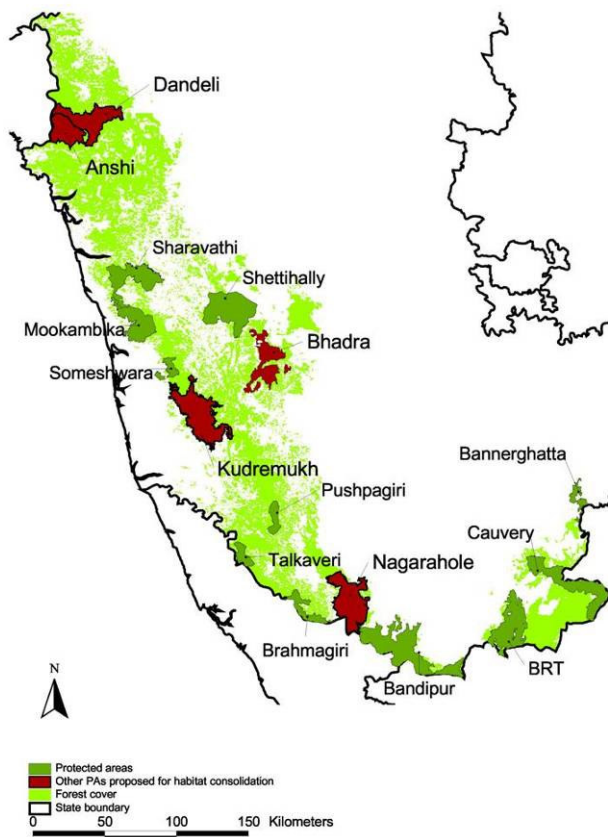


21st Century Tiger is a part of the International Tiger Coalition, an alliance of 39 organisations, united under the common aim of stopping trade in tiger parts and products from all sources. 21st Century Tiger will keep you informed of any exciting new initiatives.

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WCS - India 'Recovering wild tiger populations through habitat defragmentation'

Tigers Forever Mysore Malenad Landscape, Karnataka India



This project earlier supported by 21st Century Tiger, and currently with part funding from BBC Wildlife Fund through 21st Century Tiger, is in the Malenad-Mysore Tiger Landscape in the Western Ghats region of Karnataka State, India.

The key long-term objective is to create landscapes within Karnataka that are of a large enough extent to assure thriving populations of tigers, their prey, elephants and other wildlife of the Western Ghats that survive with minimal conflict with humans.

WCS-India and its local partners aim to do this in a manner that is completely respectful of, and supportive of livelihood needs of the humans who live in the region.

This project is needed to arrest continued fragmentation. The persistence of these small enclaves will lead to the introduction of systematic new roads, bridges, power lines, and telecommunication, all of which are added agents of fragmentation, and further enable poachers and timber smugglers access to sites where wildlife hangs on. This project is also needed to prevent and mitigate human-wildlife conflicts (livestock killing by leopards and tigers as well as crop-damage by herbivores) which are increasing as these enclaves grow in size and in terms of their negative impact on wildlife.

Without this project it is highly likely that the process of habitat fragmentation and human wildlife conflict in Karnataka's protected areas will accelerate. This project is needed for India's wildlife beyond Karnataka as well. WCS-India's work on creating inviolate spaces for tigers and their prey in Karnataka is emerging as an example to be emulated elsewhere in India, demonstrating how to provide for the needs of wildlife while at the same time supporting the needs of local human communities.

21ST CENTURY TIGER WOULD LIKE TO THANK...

HULL CITY 'Tigers' who gone from strength to strength in the past six months culminating in the Coca-Cola Championship play-offs in May when they were promoted to The Premiership for the first time in their 104 year history! Hull City AFC started supporting 21st Century Tiger earlier this year and raised £1500 at their annual 'Player of the Year Award Dinner' on May 6th.

We are extremely grateful to all at Hull City and wish them every success for next season.



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Who designed our new administration database which will allow us to spend more time on much needed fundraising. Over a years hard work has gone into this and our sincere thanks go to Stephen Humphris, Graham Newton, Dheeraj, Pushpam, Satyam and Satender.

Our condolences to the family of Nigel Hodgetts who passed away earlier this year. Nigel was a great supporter of 21st Century Tiger who not only designed our original website, but also tirelessly updated it with tiger information and photographs. We are very grateful for all the help he freely gave and shall miss his wit and passion for wild tiger conservation.

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