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Endangered tigers found in Indonesian jungle allocated to agriculture

In late 2007, a team from the Zoological Society of London (ZSL), funded by 21st Century Tiger, found evidence of Sumatran tigers, elephants, sun bears, tapirs, golden cats, clouded leopards and more in so-called degraded land on Sumatra which has been allocated for agricultural concessions. There is some 60 million hectares of such land - logged or secondary forest - on the island. ZSL warned that habitat for these rare animals is being lost through ill-considered land-use planning, and called on the authorities to reconsider the allocation process. At present, as long as it is not actually in a national park, no notice is taken of what is actually present on land given over to concessions; more care could preserve habitat connections without impeding economic development. The critically endangered Sumatran tiger has already declined to only a few hundred animals and is threatened by habitat loss and poaching.



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Camera trap photo of Tapir © ZSL



Sumatran tiger © ZSL



Setting camera-traps © ZSL

Mapping Tiger Conservation Values in Eastern Sumatra

Through 'Mapping Tiger Conservation Values in Eastern Sumatra in 2007 and 2008', 21st Century Tiger continues to support this important work. There are three primary objectives:

1. To map, monitor and understand tigers in the Jambi region

Mapping where existing tigers and other wildlife are to be found, as well as understanding how they are surviving, is an essential first step for building a linked landscape where tigers and people can both live.

2. To improve protection of core tiger populations

Linking tiger populations is pointless if the core areas disappear. Assisting the relevant authorities to increase protection of these areas is a priority.

3. To improve connectivity between core tiger populations

When tiger distribution is mapped and core sites protected, the third task is to improve existing connections or create new ones. To do this, ZSL is working with the Sumatran government to influence commercial land-use planning, with industry to assist concession management to be more environmentally friendly, and with local communities to reduce the level of conflict occurring between tigers and people.

For more about this project in Sumatra and others 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 donation received goes to the projects.

STOP PRESS:

>India's tigers population down by half to less than 1,500.

>>Indian Government issued a special one-time grant of @US\$12.5 million to the National Tiger Conservation Authority. The bulk of the funds will be used to raise a Tiger Protection Force.

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A new supporter for 2008 – Helsinki Zoo. www.korkeasaari.fi

It's three years since EAZA's campaign for tigers has finished and 21st Century Tiger continues to thrive as the major funding channel for zoos. Wanting to ensure the best possible future for tigers in the wild, EAZA and ARAZPA zoos have contributed over £100,000 towards wild tiger conservation projects in the past 12 months.

Joining them is Helsinki Zoo in Finland who have raised over €5,000 to support Amur tiger conservation earning themselves bronze and silver certificates.



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PROJECTS UPDATE

21st Century Tiger is currently funding, ten projects in three tiger range states.

We have received four new proposals that require continued funding including:

Amur tiger conservation in 2008 (Phoenix)

Conserving habitat connections for tigers; Jambi, Indonesia (ZSL)

Tiger protection and conservation units; Kerinci, Indonesia (FFI)

Co-existence through resettlement; Karnataka, India (WCS India)

Our thanks to all our donors for their contributions large and small and especially to...

- HA Bennett, coffee suppliers, who continue to support 21st Century Tiger through donating a percentage of their sales in Australia.
 - Zookeeper Hannah Webb for a very generous donation in memory of Amur tiger, Ivan.
 - Robert Smith who auctioned his 25 year service award in aid of 21st Century Tiger. His watch raised £500.
 - Elisabeth Derbyshire who chose to donate £100 instead of giving party bags from her 7th birthday!
 - Geof Pearson for donating a percentage of the proceeds from his single 'Electric Zoo'.
 - ExxonMobil for holding their annual tiger toy sale and raising almost £2,000.
 - The Townsend Charitable Trust
 - Richard Wilkinson
 - Auckland Zoo Wild Bean Cafe Zoo Music 2008 which was back...bigger and better!
- On 9th February, top Kiwi artist Hollie Smith sang in the unique and lush surroundings to a packed audience, raising more than NZ\$6,000 for 21st Century Tiger.

Email us at 21stCenturyTiger@zsl.org if you have an idea for a fundraiser.



Hollie Smith

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