



In mid September the Bengkulu coast of south-west Sumatra suffered major shocks over the magnitude 7.

It has been estimated that as many as 10,000 homes and other buildings may have been damaged or destroyed.



Damage to jeep

## 21<sup>st</sup> Century Tiger Sumatra Earthquake Appeal

Flora and Fauna International have been active on the island of Sumatra since 1995 and supported as one of 21<sup>st</sup> Century Tiger core projects for over a decade.



Damage to the mess area

Kerinci-Seblat National Park is a World Heritage Site and the areas rocked by the quakes contain vital habitat for the critically endangered Sumatran tigers.

As so many homes have been destroyed the need for timber for reconstruction is likely to put serious pressure on forest resources. If this illegal logging takes place, not only would ecosystems be at risk but poachers would be likely to follow the loggers into the park.

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“Criminals don’t want to go to prison” says Project Leader Debbie Martyr, “if the risk is greater than the reward they will not do it”.

Despite the earthquake and over 46 strong after-shocks, the FFI team continues on with their crucial anti-poaching patrols. Just one week later, regardless of having homes to be rebuilt, a ranger team carried out the arrest of an renowned tiger poacher. This individual is known to have killed 30 tigers. To illustrate how effective this arrest may be one only has to look back to 2002 where for the two years following another important arrest, no tigers were recorded as lost in that district on account of poaching.

FFI need funds to restructure and carry on their outstanding projects, to repair the buildings and to get on with what they do best...protecting the Kerinci Seblat National Park and its precious wildlife.

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