



Threats to tigers

- All tigers face essentially the same threats: the illegal trade in tiger parts, competition with humans for food, and habitat destruction and degradation.
- The wildlife trade is the third largest illegal trade in the world behind drugs and arms.
- Indonesia, home to the Sumatran tiger had the fastest rate of deforestation in the world between 2000-2005, with an area of forest equivalent to 300 football fields destroyed every hour.
- Tigers are poached for their body parts – especially bones – and traded on the black market.
- Tiger bones are traditionally used in Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) to treat complaints like rheumatism. The world's TCM associations have no wish to be held responsible for tiger extinction and have taken tiger parts off the official medicine lists, but their use continues informally in Asian communities worldwide.
- Prey depletion. People and tigers compete for similar foods such as deer and pigs. Tigers can fall victim to snares designed to catch prey, as well as dying of starvation or failing to feed cubs due to lack of prey.
- Human/tiger conflict. If tigers are forced into close contact with humans they are likely to hunt and kill their livestock or even the people themselves.

... and how we can help

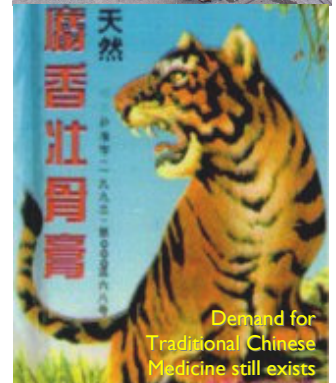
- Tiger conservation methods work when they have adequate political and financial support.
- When you protect tigers and their habitat and prey wild tiger populations are stabilised.
- Protecting wild tigers also protects large tracts of the world's most valuable natural resources, such as carbon sinks and forests.
- 21st Century Tiger supports conservation projects that
 - ◇ Protect tigers, prey and habitats in tiger-range countries.
 - ◇ Promote education activities in tiger-range countries.
 - ◇ Support relevant ecological monitoring and research.
 - ◇ Address tiger/human conflict and promote resolution.
 - ◇ Show anticipated benefit to wild tiger populations.
 - ◇ Demonstrate how they can improve management/protection of occupied and/or suitable tiger habitats.
 - ◇ Improve prey protection measures.
 - ◇ Encourage co-operation and co-ordination with other tiger conservation organisations.
 - ◇ Integrate local governments, communities and businesses into the project.
 - ◇ Do not duplicate or conflict with other ongoing conservation efforts and projects.
- 21st Century Tiger has supported wild tiger conservation projects in seven of the world's tiger range states. Find out more by visiting the 'Projects' page on our website. You can make a difference to wild tigers by donating to 21st Century Tiger today. We support fully vetted projects in tiger range states and give 100% of all donations received to those projects.

THREATS



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Wildlife trade is a massive issue



Demand for Traditional Chinese Medicine still exists



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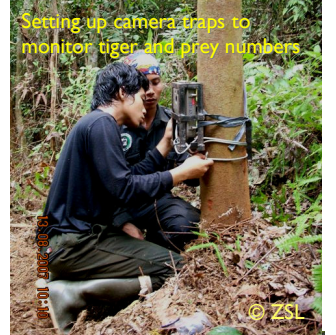
Confiscating snares like this plate snare in Indonesia

SOLUTIONS



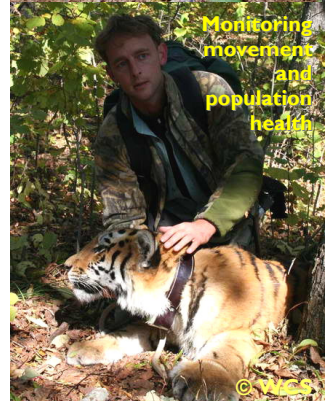
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Setting up camera traps to monitor tiger and prey numbers

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Monitoring movement and population health

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