



Indochinese Tiger

Panthera tigris corbetti



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IUCN Red List™ Status:
Endangered

Population

Approximately 630 remain in the wild today with an unknown number in captivity.

Physical Attributes: Male

Indochinese tigers average 9' long and weigh 400 lbs, while female tigers average about 8' long and weigh 250 lbs.



Threats

- *Poaching* - Increased demand for tiger skins and black market traditional medicines made from tiger parts
- *Habitat Loss* - Human encroachment, illegal logging, forest fires, slash-and-burn agriculture
- *Habitat Fragmentation* - Isolated populations limit gene pool and ability to locate a mate
- *Food-Source Competition* - Prey sold for meat in markets
- *Human-Tiger Conflict* - Tiger hunting livestock and community development in historic tiger range

Needs

- *Proper Governance* - Nature reserve boundaries, law enforcement, ranger patrols
- *Community Participation* - Environmental education and stewardship within the community
- *In-Country Research Capacity* - Greater resident scientific knowledge of regional ecosystems

Habitat

Indochinese tigers reside in tropical forest and grassland corridors in Cambodia, Thailand, Myanmar, southern China, Laos and Vietnam. Few permits are granted to research these transboundary regions, limiting the ability to monitor these tigers.

International Tiger Day:

September 27th is International Tiger Day worldwide. Started in 2000 by partner organization Phoenix Fund headquartered in Vladivostok, Russia, the event has grown to include annual global awareness activities.



Wildlife Rapid Rescue Team

In 2001, after sting operations found five tiger cubs smuggled through Cambodia, Wildlife Alliance responded to a request from the Cambodian Forestry Administration to address the rampant and devastating illegal wildlife trade. The WRRT, with logistical and technical support from Wildlife Alliance, uses informants and a wildlife crime hotline to track down and arrest illegal wildlife traffickers. WRRT has rescued more than 46,000 live animals and confiscated large quantities of animal parts.

Phnom Tamao Wildlife Rescue Center

PTWRC is nestled on 6,100 acres of protected forest, 90 miles south of Phnom Penh. With the support of Wildlife Alliance and other NGOs, PTWRC is home to over 1,200 animals, including seven tigers, rescued from the illegal wildlife trade. PTWRC provides more than 200,000 national and international visitors every year a unique opportunity to see some of Southeast Asia's most endangered and vulnerable animals, including tigers, elephants, sun bears, leopards and Siamese crocodiles.

Our Mission

Wildlife Alliance's mission is to protect and preserve forests and wildlife for future generations. We work directly with communities and governments to improve forest management and institute good governance to comprehensively address the devastation of ecosystems and combat the illegal wildlife trade.



Our Vision for the Indochinese Tiger

P.t. corbetti is the only tiger subspecies without a devoted captive breeding program. Given the severity of the threats facing the Indochinese tiger in the wild, it is essential to create a "genetic lifeboat" for the Indochinese tiger if the wild population continues their precipitous tailspin. Based on our previous successes bolstering tiger populations in Russia and protecting one of the largest tracts of tiger habitat in Southeast Asia, Wildlife Alliance is ideally positioned to lead an effort to preserve the Indochinese tiger. Our proposed program consists of a three-part strategy:

1. Conduct DNA testing to locate genetically pure *P.t. corbetti* individuals currently in captivity;
2. Engage in best-practice conservation breeding of five pairs of Indochinese tigers in a rehabilitation station in the Southern Cardamom Mountains, a protected area within the tigers' natural range; and
3. When conditions are deemed adequate, release and closely monitor the tigers born through the breeding/rehabilitation program.

Such an endeavor is too large for one organization to conduct on its own. We need partners and active support from across Southeast Asia and the West. But without such a coordinated, long-term recovery strategy, we fear that this beautiful subspecies will be extinct in the wild within the next two decades.

How You Can Help

- \$1,000 provides water for the rescued tigers at Phnom Tamao for one month
- \$3,500 supplies all the tigers at PTWRC meat and bones for one month
- \$5,000 provides all medicine and medical tests at PTWRC for one month
- \$12,000 helps begin the captive breeding program with genetic testing of 40 tigers in captivity to identify purebred tigers
- \$40,000 helps build a one-hectare breeding enclosure and night den for the captive breeding program