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Don't strip the stripes from the scenery

International Tiger Day is celebrated annually with the slogan 'Their survival is in our hands' to promote the protection of natural habitat of Tigers and to increase awareness about the conservation of Tiger.

World Tiger Day is celebrated on 29th July every year to encourage Tiger Conservation. International Tiger Day was established in 2010 at Saint Petersburg Tiger Summit in Russia. Royal Bengal Tiger' became the National Animal of India in 1973 after the inception of the Project Tiger in 1973. The population of Tigers in India had increased to 2,967 in 2018 from 2,226 in 2014 (The Tiger Estimation Report 2018).

FACTS ABOUT TIGERS

- Tigers are the largest wild cats in the world. Adults can weigh up to 363 kg
- A group of Tigers are called an ambush or streak
- Tigers are good swimmers
- The gestation period usually lasts three months (~ 93 - 112 days)
- Tiger cubs are born blind and only half of the cubs survive
- Tigers can sprint at over 60 km/hour and their roar can be heard as far as 3 km away
- Tigers have stripes on their fur as well as on their skin and no two Tigers have the same stripes
- Tigers are carnivores; they can feed on wild boar, deer/antelope, rodent, bear, bird, rhino, crocodile, buffalo and even their own group of cats like leopards.
- There are different species of Tigers - Siberian Tigers, Bengal Tigers, Indochinese Tigers, Malayan Tigers and South China Tigers. Sadly, three subspecies of Tiger have become extinct – the Caspian, Bali and Javan
- Tiger is an "umbrella species", its conservation enables the conservation of their entire ecosystems.

Few ways to support Tigers

Learn and explore

Find out more about one of our planet's most iconic big cats, their habitats and threats to safeguard their future. More grass lands more the Tigers.

Get creative

Show your support for tigers across our amazing planet by crafting painting and posters.

Create awareness

Become a tiger protector by making people aware about the importance of these wild cats.

Prohibition of anthropogenic activities in Tiger reserves.

Today, the Tiger is classified as **Endangered** in the Red List of Threatened Species published by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) and it is estimated that there are **only 3,500** Tigers remaining in the wild worldwide.