



WEAR IT WILD

TIGER



Hi, I am the tiger, one of the largest of the 'big cats' and the only striped cat which makes me instantly recognisable. I am at the top of the food chain in the wild.

Read on to discover more interesting facts about me.

Where I live

Tigers live in 13 countries, from India to south-east Asia, and in China and the Russian Far East.

I can survive in a wide range of habitats, from tropical forests to tall grasslands, including coniferous woodlands, mangrove swamps and dry thorn forests.
wwf.org.uk/wildlife/tigers/



CHARACTERISTICS

- I have powerful jaws that enable me to deliver crushing bites to my prey.
- I have a distinctive reddish-orange to yellow coat with a white belly and black stripes. My individual stripes are unique, as you will not find another tiger that has the same stripe pattern.
- I hunt on my own and stalk and ambush my prey.
- I need to be within 20m of my prey before making the final dash. I rely on explosive acceleration to catch it, and rarely chase it beyond a distance of 150 metres.

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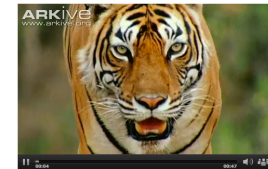
Depending on geographic location and other factors, my coat colour and markings may vary, as can my adult body size - from 75-300kg!

MY FAMILY

Female tigers give birth to between two and four cubs each weighing about 1kg.

At birth I am tiny, blind and totally dependent on my mother. But I grow quickly, maybe quadrupling in size within the first month!

I learn to hunt and kill from around six months of age, but I rely on my mother to kill prey until I am around 12-18 months old, and then I leave my family to find my own territory.



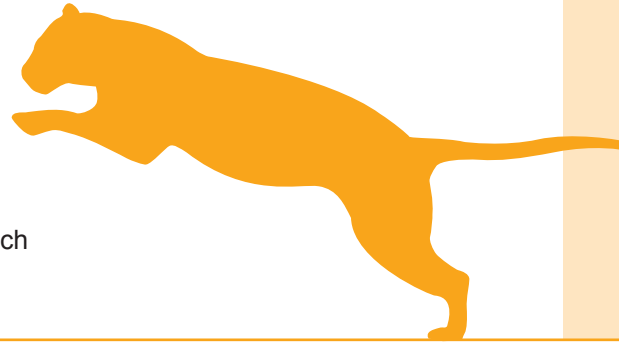
VIDEO

Watch footage of me:

- youtube.com/watch?v=IbLVRzfUddE
- tigers.panda.org
- arkive.org/tiger/panthera-tigris/video-ti00.html
- arkive.org/tiger/panthera-tigris/video-ti11.html
- arkive.org/tiger/panthera-tigris/video-ti08b.html

FEEDING

- I am at the top of the food chain in the wild.
- I'm a meat eater (carnivore) and eat other small and medium sized mammals like deer and wild boar, but I'll also eat smaller animals such as rodents and reptiles.

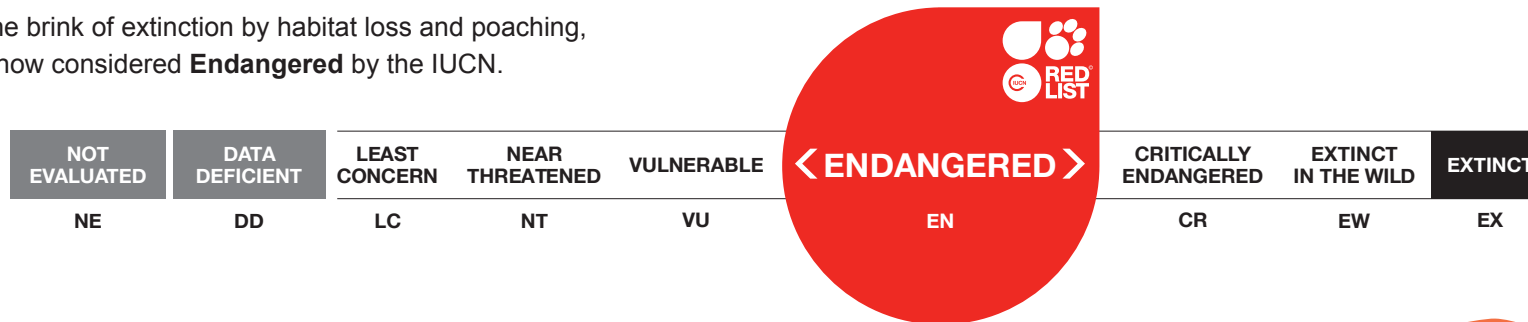


DID YOU KNOW

Unlike other cats, I am a great swimmer and love water - in hot climates I often lay in streams or watering holes to cool off!

CLASSIFICATION

I have been driven to the brink of extinction by habitat loss and poaching, and as a result we are now considered **Endangered** by the IUCN.

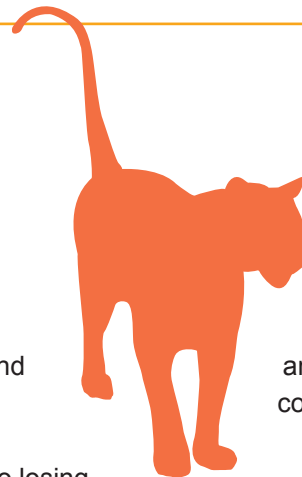


STATUS

I am hunted for my body parts that are used in traditional Asian medicine, and my fur is highly prized for rugs.

Habitat loss has severely threatened my survival; as land becomes rapidly developed to meet the increasing demands of the human population, I become isolated in remaining fragments of wilderness and could ultimately die out.

Due to my prey declining because they are being overhunted and also losing their habitat, or maybe if I become injured and struggle to catch my usual prey, I may take domestic livestock for food causing conflict with local farmers.



Globally it is estimated that there are as few as 3,200 wild tigers remaining, but conservation efforts hope to double this figure by 2022.

My habitat has been destroyed, degraded and fragmented by human activities, including the clearing of forests for agriculture and timber trade and development activities such as the building of road networks, therefore I compete increasingly with humans for space.

