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# INTERNATIONAL TIGER DAY

THEIR SURVIVAL  
IS IN OUR HANDS

International Tiger Day is celebrated annually on 29<sup>TH</sup> July with the slogan/theme *"Their Survival is in our hands"*.

It is celebrated to spread awareness of tiger conservation globally.

They are also called the *"Umbrella Species"* as their conservation also conserves many other species in the same habitat

There are 9 subspecies of tigers, of which 3 (Bali, Caspian, Javan) are extinct. The remaining 6 (Bengal, Indochinese, Sumatran, Siberian, Malayan and South-China) are endangered species. The South-China subspecies, is most likely extinct in the wild, with no signs of its existence in the last decade and the Malayan and Sumatran sub-species are listed as *"Critically Endangered."*



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## ***Different Species of Tigers :***

- 🐾 **Siberian Tiger** – The tigers that live in icy conditions only.
- 🐾 **Bengal Tiger** – These tigers are found in Asia. In Asia, Bengal tigers are found in Bangladesh, Bhutan, India and Nepal.
- 🐾 **Indochinese Tiger** – These tigers can be seen in several Asian Countries. Indochinese Tigers are found in Burma, Cambodia, Laos, China, Vietnam and Thailand.
- 🐾 **Malaysian Tiger** – These tigers can be found only in the south of the Malay Peninsula.
- 🐾 **South China Tigers** – These are one of the most endangered tiger subspecies. They are more endangered than the Sumatran tigers.
- 🐾 **Sumatran Tigers** – These tigers are the largest cat family member and one of the most charismatic endangered species on the planet.

## ***Causes for decline in tiger numbers :***

- 🐾 Poaching
- 🐾 Diseases.
- 🐾 Habitat loss and prey depletion.
- 🐾 Poor genetic diversity threat to tigers.
- 🐾 Degradation of habitats.
- 🐾 Illegal wildlife trade.
- 🐾 Lack of protection infrastructure.
- 🐾 Man-animal conflict.

In India, Project Tiger was launched in the year 1973 to conserve and protect Tigers.

Because of the planned efforts under Project Tiger in the current situation, India has the maximum number of tigers in the world.

Every four years India counts the number of wild tigers and showed a promising rise from 1411 in 2006 to 2967 in 2019. India is a habitat of 75% of total tigers on the earth.

In the year 2006 – 1411

In the year 2010 – 1706

In the year 2014 – 2226

In the year 2019 – 2967

