



Sumatran Tiger at Fota Wildlife Park!



Welcome to Fota Wildlife Park!



- Fota Wildlife Park was established in 1983.
- Our aim is to help conserve animals across the globe through Conservation, Education and research!
- The Wildlife Park is a charity and a not for profit organisation.
- By visiting Fota Wildlife Park, you are playing a part in helping to conserve the world's endangered wildlife!

Where in the world are tigers found?



- Wild tigers live in Asia. Larger subspecies, such as the Siberian tiger, tend to live in northern, colder areas, such as eastern Russia and north-eastern China.
- Smaller subspecies live in southern, warmer countries, such as India, Bangladesh, Nepal, Bhutan, Myanmar, Laos, Cambodia, Vietnam, Malaysia and Indonesia.



Sumatran Tigers at Fota Wildlife Park



Fota Wildlife Park is home to 5 Sumatran Tigers. The Sumatran tiger as its name suggests is found only on the island of Sumatra in Indonesia. Sumatran tigers are distinctive for being the only subspecies to live in isolation on a large island. They have been isolated from their relatives on mainland Asia for over 10,000 years; this happened after a rise in sea level.

It is the smallest of the tigers alive today - a Sumatran male will measure an average of 2.4m from its nose to the tip of its tail and weigh between 100-170kg. Like all tigers, the Sumatran is critically endangered as a result of poaching and habitat destruction. As few as 350 remain in the wild today.



Tiger Information



Tigers are carnivores and the most common diet options for tigers include sambar, chital (also known as the Spotted Deer or Axis Deer), sika deer, nilgai, buffalo, gaur (a bovine species), monkeys, civets, porcupines, and even fish and frogs.



Pregnancy lasts 3 to 3.5 months. On average, tigers give birth to two to four cubs every two years. If all the cubs in one litter die, a second litter may be produced within five months.



Adult male Sumatran tigers (*Panthera tigris sumatrae*) may weigh up to 120 kg and measure about 2.4 m in length. Females are slightly smaller, weighing about 90 kg and measure about 2.2 m in length.



The average life span of a tiger in the wild is about 11 years.



Tropical rainforests, evergreen forests, temperate forests, mangrove swamps, grasslands, and savannas are its typical habitats!



Tigers enjoy spending time in water and they love to swim for hours. As adults, it is said that they can swim for several kilometres!

Tiger Adaptations.....



Tigers have excellent night vision and can see 6 times better than a human in the dark!



Tigers have a white spot on each ear called an ocelli! Thought to act as false eyes!



Strong jaws with a variety of teeth for killing, chewing, tearing and biting.

They have flexible spines and long hind limbs which allow them to jump up to 33 feet in a single bound.



A tiger's stripes are an adaptation that gives tigers the ability to blend in with their surroundings



Tigers have soft pads on their feet that allow them to walk on their toes and sneak up on unsuspecting prey



Tigers also have razor-sharp claws that they use to fight each other as well as helping to kill prey.



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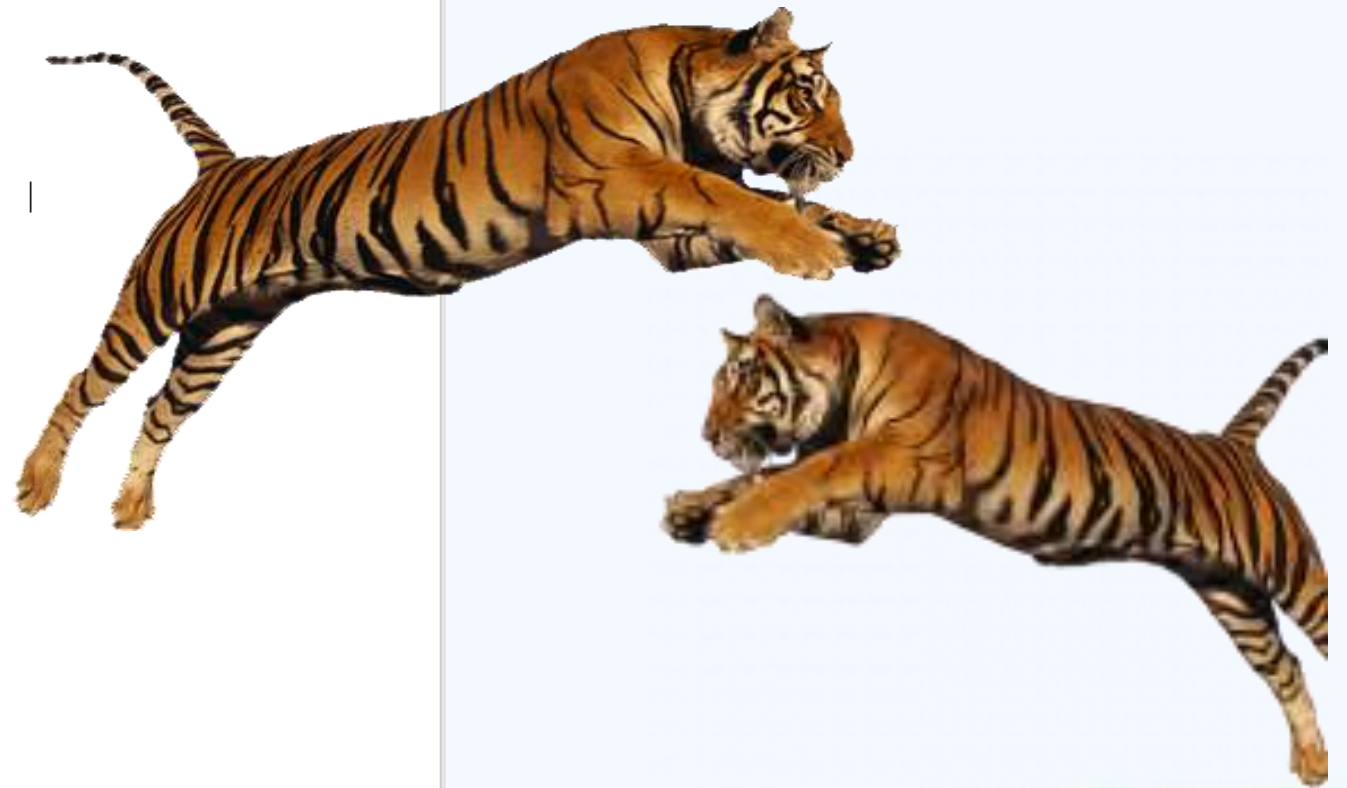


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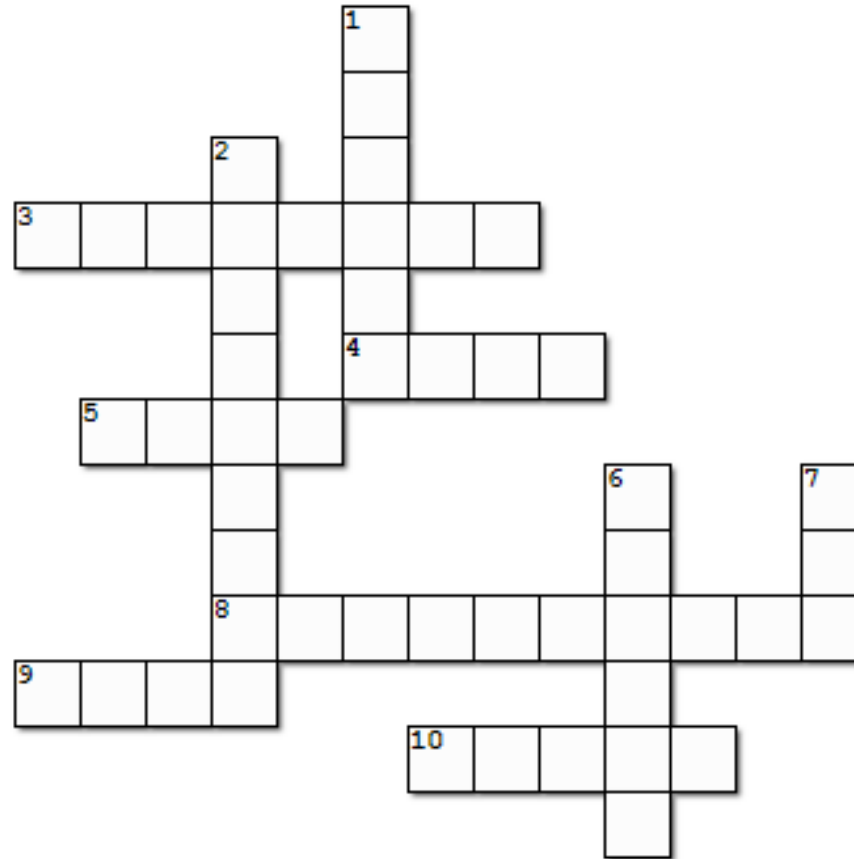


Thinking about Tigers.



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- 3. The tiger sub-species in Fota Wildlife Park
- 4. The largest tiger sub-species
- 5. Tigers like to s _ _ _
- 8. The habitat of the Sumatran tiger
- 9. The number of tigers living in Fota's Tiger Forest
- 10. The name of one of our male tigers



Down

- 1. Mum to tiger cub Dash
- 2. An animal that eats meat
- 6. The zoo that Denar was born in
- 7. Tigers are members of this family



The world's most famous tiger!



- Tigger first appeared as a character in A.A. Milne's *The House at Pooh Corner* in 1928. The character was named after a stuffed tiger belonging to Milne's son, Christopher Robin Milne. Tigger first appeared on film in the 1968 Disney film *Winnie the Pooh and the Blustery Day*.





Time to meet our *Tiger* Family at Fota Wildlife Park!





Our Tiger Family

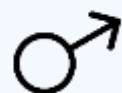


Name: Denar

Birth Location: Warsaw Zoo

Birth Date: 18/02/2012

Arrived in Fota: 15/03/2014



Male



Female



Our Tiger Family



Name: Dourga

Birth Location: Parc Zoologique de
Champrépus

Birth Date: 06/11/2011

Arrived in Fota: 14/03/2014





Our Tiger Family

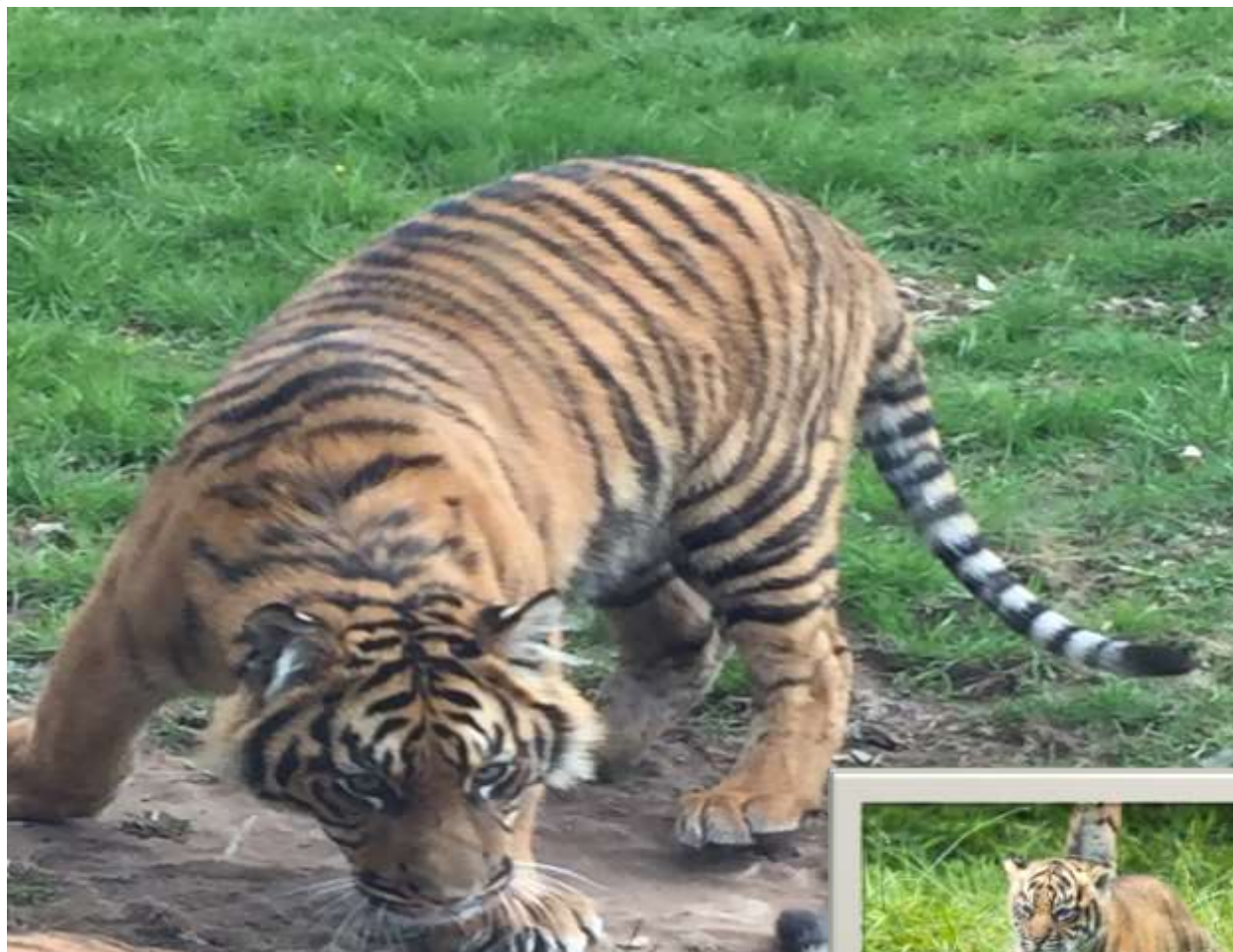


Name: Dash

Birth Location: Fota Wildlife Park

Birth Date: 25/06/2019

Parents: Denar & Dourga





Our Tiger Family

Name: Mayang

Birth Location: Bioparc de Doue

Birth Date: 14/11/2012

Arrived in Fota: 05/06/2017





Our Tiger Family



Name: Batak

Birth Location: Zoo Parc de Beauval

Birth Date: 18/05/2014

Arrived in Fota: 27/05/2015



Did *you* know?



Most tigers have over 100 stripes.

TIGER

While most carnivores have 42 teeth, tigers only have 30!



Tigers are the largest cat species and the third largest land carnivore after the polar bear and brown bear!



A group of tigers is called a streak!



The tiger's tongue is covered with numerous small, sharp, rear-facing projections called papillae. These papillae gives the tongue a rough texture and are designed to help strip feathers, fur and meat from prey!



The worldwide tiger population has dropped by 97% in the last one hundred years.



Threats & Conservation.....



• Tiger Numbers

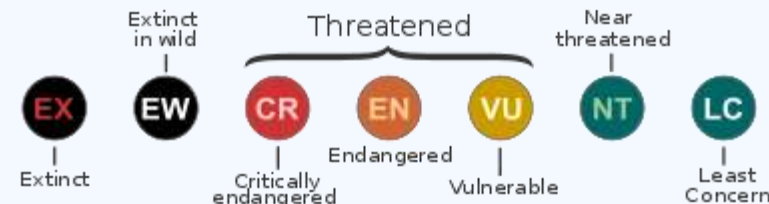
An estimated 3,890 tigers remain in the wild, but much more work is needed to protect this species if we are to secure its future in the wild. In some areas, including much of Southeast Asia, tigers are still in crisis and declining in number.

India	2226	Bangladesh	106
Russia	433	Bhutan	103
Indonesia	371	China	>7
Malaysia	250	Vietnam	<5
Nepal	198	Lao PDR	2
Thailand	189	Cambodia	0
		Global total:	3890

Threats.....



Poaching is by far the biggest threat facing tigers today. Illegal demand for tiger bones, skin and other body parts is driving the killing and trafficking which has had a huge effect on tiger numbers worldwide! Sadly, tigers are moving closer and closer to extinction as a result of this trade. In addition to poaching, only 7% of the tiger's original home range remains due to human agriculture, logging, settlements and the creation of roads.



Learning at Fota Wildlife Park.....

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We hope to see you soon!

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