



http://www.tigersincrisis.com/habitat_protection.htm

BENGAL TIGERS

Endangered Big Cats

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http://images.nationalgeographic.com/wpf/media-live/photos/000/004/cache/bengal-tiger-playing_461_600x450.jpg

Introduction

Have you ever seen a Bengal tiger in its habitat? If you have, it might be scary and exciting but also shocking because they are endangered. It would be cool to see a Bengal tiger because of their beautiful colors and their big size. If you saw it from a safe distance, you might see how fast and strong they are.

Mating

The Bengal tiger has interesting mating habits and life cycle. A female usually has up to three or four cubs at a time. Cubs leave their mom when they are about three years old. Males and females mate from November to April. For these reasons, female Bengal tigers can only raise a few cubs at a time, which is one reason they are endangered.



<http://www.kimballstock.com/results.asp?db=a&image=TGR+10+RK0085+01>



These are four different kinds of tigers. The Bengal tiger is the one on the left.

<http://www.marcantigers.org/MTP4colors.html>

Description

The Bengal tigers are amazing animals with many special features. They are really good at hunting and getting prey.

They also can camouflage themselves with tall grass and trees to hide from hunters or prey. The tiger has short, tawny fur with black stripes all over, except on its belly. which is white . It has

long, retractable claws, a three foot long tail, and paws that are

twelve inches across. Bengal tigers have short, powerful jaws that help it dig into prey. It has 30 teeth and four of those teeth are four inches long, and are used to grab the prey in the neck.

Habitat and range

Bengal tigers live in part of Asia and Africa.

Their habitats are dry and wet deciduous forests, grasslands mangroves and temperate forests. Bengal tigers eat deer, antelope, wild boar, herons, and water buffaloes. As you can see, they eat a lot of different things.



<https://sites.google.com/site/tdennis14/BengalHAbitat.jpg>

Diet



Bengal tigers eat a lot of different things like, deer, antelope, wild boar, herons, and water buffaloes. As you can see, their diet includes many kinds of animals.

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/gallery/2010/11/11/GA2010111105852.html>

Threats and Population



Humans are also a big threat for the Bengal tiger. They take away habitat for farming, crops and building towns for people. Another threat is that Bengal tigers are slow to reproduce cubs. With these threats, there are only 1,000 to 1,500 Bengal tigers living in the wild, and about 120 in zoos. As you can see, the Bengal tiger is in a bad situation.

<http://phys.org/news/2011-01-asian-tiger-triple-large-scale-landscapes.html>

Solutions

How can we help the tiger and keep it from being endangered? We need to create more laws and enforce them to prevent



poaching and habitat loss. The government and the wildlife specialists are helping to save Bengal tigers from extinction by enforcing laws and putting them in zoos to protect them.

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