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Tigers

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YOUR NEW TIGERS

MEET THE TIGERS OF
KHATA CORRIDOR

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A TIGER
SNIFFING OUT POACHERS
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REPORT

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WORK YOUR ADOPTION
HELPS SUPPORT



Welcome to your first update on the tigers of the Khata corridor, and a huge thank you for all the support you've given Kamrita

Before introducing your new tigers, I want to say a special thank you from the field team for helping to protect Kamrita and her fellow tigers in Chitwan National Park. Over the years, we've grown very fond of her and have loved sharing her stories with you.

Although we'll miss Kamrita, it's good to know that she lived a long and healthy life in the safety of the park, and successfully raised at least five cubs. The important work you supported in and around Chitwan will continue, and I hope you'll enjoy getting to know your new tigers as their fascinating lives are revealed.

82 SQ KM

KHATA CORRIDOR
covers an area of 82
sq km and is used
by tigers, leopards,
elephants, rhinos and
lots of other
incredible
animals

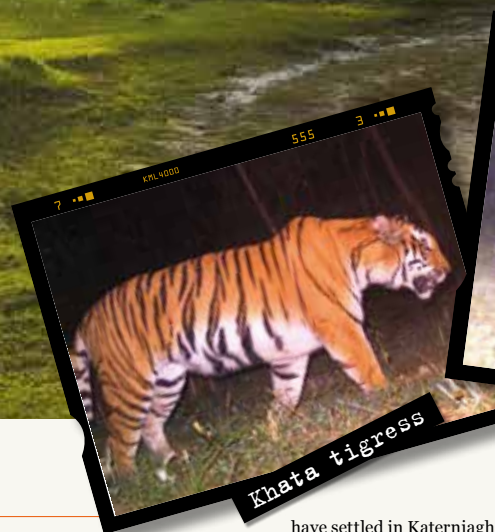


BIG CATS IN A SMALL WORLD

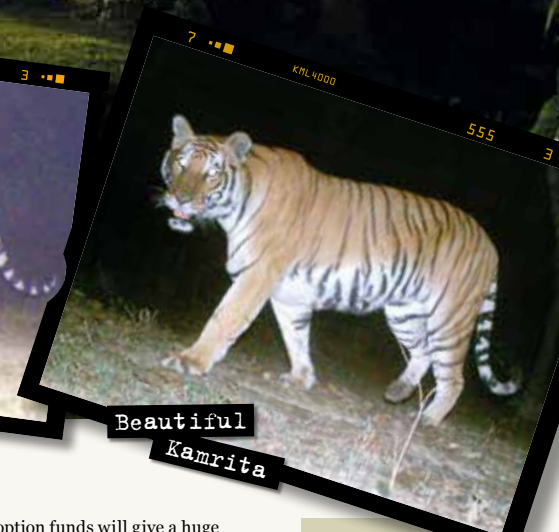
Khata corridor is a narrow stretch of forest connecting Bardia National Park in Nepal with Katarniaghat Wildlife Sanctuary in India. It's around 13km long and 6km wide (similar to the size of Hong Kong Island), and it's home to between five and seven magnificent Bengal tigers. One of the most magnificent is a male called Dalla, who's around eight to nine years old. We named him after Dalla village, which lies in the corridor, as he was photographed near there several times.

Other tigers currently include four beautiful adult females, and a male and female cub, and we hope to introduce more as camera trap monitoring continues. When he was old enough to fend for himself, the male cub headed off to establish his own territory and seems to

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Khata tigress

Magnificent
DallaBeautiful
Kamrita

have settled in Katarniaghat. We look forward to keeping you up to date with the movements of these amazing stripy citizens, as well as telling you about crucial work you're supporting to address the threats they face and support the local people who live alongside them.

SHARED PRESSURES

Unlike national parks and reserves, Khata corridor isn't formally protected. Around 30,000 people share tigers' home, and many live in poverty, relying on the natural resources around them for everyday essentials such as food, fresh water and fuel wood. Understandably, living so closely together can be a challenge for people and tigers, but it can also be an opportunity. Funds from your adoption will make a big difference to both.

For example, adoption funds will give a huge boost to our work with community-based anti-poaching groups, made up of young local people. We help to set up and train the groups, and their duties include patrolling the forests for signs of poaching, removing snares and setting up and checking the camera traps.

We also help community groups to manage and restore habitats including forests, grasslands and waterholes. And we support ventures such as homestays, a form of ecotourism in which visitors stay in family homes and gain first-hand experience of local culture and the incredible wildlife around them, including tigers. These are just some examples of crucial work you'll be helping to support, and we can't wait to tell you more. 🐾

CLAWING
AHEAD

We're halfway
to our goal of
doubling wild tiger
numbers by 2022.
So what happens
next?

VALUING NATURE

...OR PAYING THE PRICE

tigers share the natural habitats that are vital to our way of life. So thank you for helping to protect these amazing animals through your adoption

Our forests, rivers, oceans and soils provide us with the food we eat, the air we breathe, the water we irrigate our crops with, and numerous other things we depend on for our health, happiness and prosperity. The total value of these natural is priceless, but not unlimited. But this is hardly ever taken into account in the decisions governments and businesses make about developments, such as new housing. That needs to change, urgently.

Your adoption could help to lobby those governments with tigers in the regions, so as to safeguard tigers and their habitats. Thank you so much for your support!





PAWS ON PATROL

Murray and Sears, the amazing canine
crime fighters in Chitwan National Park. Well,
two more doggy detectives have joined them

A huge thank you to everyone who kindly made a contribution to help sniffer dogs Murray and Sears protect tigers and other rare wildlife in Chitwan.

FAMOUS NAMES

As you may have guessed, this dynamic duo (both Belgian shepherd dogs) was named after tennis ace and WWF ambassador Andy Murray, and his wife, Kim Sears. After licking their handlers into shape, the perky pooches have been hard at work in the fight against wildlife crime. And now there are even more paws on the ground, in the shape of gorgeous Labradors, Fancy and Fellow.

Poaching is one of the biggest threats facing wild tigers. Despite having no proven scientific evidence of their medical properties, tiger skin, bones, meat and other parts are still used in traditional Asian medicine, or for tonics and luxury items.

It's vital that we keep on protecting tiger habitats from poachers, especially Chitwan, which is home to tigers, rhinos and elephants – all poaching targets.

FURRY FRIENDS

Dogs have a huge role to play in tackling wildlife crime as, depending on their breed and their training, they can sniff out animal parts and even the poachers themselves. Murray and Sears are tracker dogs and can track a poacher from a crime scene. Fancy and Fellow are sniffer dogs and their skill lies in sniffing out hidden tiger or rhino parts.

The four clever canines now live and work together as a dog squad based near the park headquarters. Dog squads also act as deterrents to poachers and, thankfully, Chitwan remains poaching free.



MURRAY THE MISCHIEF

Young Murray is the liveliest and naughtiest of all the dogs. His latest game is chasing the peacocks that roam around the dog squad unit!



YOUR HEROES

IN your last update, we asked you to name your conservation hero and we have received some responses. Here's a selection, and a huge thank you to everyone who wrote in:

"MY CONSERVATION HERO IS DAVID ATTENBOROUGH BECAUSE HE IS SO INSPIRATIONAL AND AMAZING"

From Anna, age 10

"MY CONSERVATION HERO IS MY DAD. HE TAUGHT ME HOW IMPORTANT IT IS TO PROTECT BEAUTIFUL WILDLIFE. THANK YOU DAD!"

From Anonymous

"MY CONSERVATION HERO IS MY GEOGRAPHY TEACHER, MISS WONG. SHE TAUGHT ME SO MUCH ABOUT OUR PLANET AND WHY IT NEEDS TO BE PROTECTED"

From Shannon

"TO WWF, YOU ARE THE PEOPLE WHO INSPIRED ME TO WANT TO BE A VET WHEN I GROW UP AND I THINK WHAT YOU DO TO HELP ANIMALS IS AMAZING"

From Piper, age 8

"ALL CONSERVATION WORKERS ARE HEROES TO ME. THEIR DEDICATION TO THE PRESERVATION OF WILDLIFE AND THEIR HABITATS DESERVES OUR UTMOST ADMIRATION, RESPECT AND GRATITUDE"

From Rosemary



As well as helping to safeguard tigers, your adoption supports our other vital work to help protect our beautiful planet and its wildlife.

Thank you.

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To stop the degradation of the planet's natural environment and to build a future in which humans live in harmony with nature.

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