



Great news! We've found camera trap pictures of two gorgeous cubs in Khata corridor. And we're inviting you to name a tiger (

alk about earning their stripes! We were over the moon when our community monitoring teams discovered camera trap images of the two healthy-looking cubs. They're both around 10 months old, with different mothers. And that's where you come in...

## THANK YOU

You may not realise how much our work depends on fantastic tiger protectors like you. We really appreciate all the support you give us in helping to safeguard these magnificent big cats, and think it's only right that you should help us

**TIGER CUBS ARE WEANED AFTER ABOUT SIX MONTHS BUT STILL RELY** ON THEIR MOTHERS TO KILL PREY

choose a name for one of the cubs' mums. She's a beautiful tigress we first recorded in 2013 as a youngster, and she's now around six years old. I've included details of how to get involved, and hope you'll make the most of this amazing opportunity. Meanwhile, back to the camera trap findings.

We studied the photographs and managed to identify one youngster and five adult tigers. Two were males and four were females. One of the males is magnificent Dalla. He's still top cat, and has been patrolling the entire Khata corridor to make sure the other male knows it.

## SIMPLY SCENT-SATIONAL

Tigers, and all big cats, mark their territory by leaving personal calling cards, including their scats (droppings) and their scent. Tigers have

scent glands around their whiskers, cheeks, chin and lips, as well as at the base of their tails and between their toes. Rubbing against trees or rocks releases the tiger's own signature perfume, which is usually a whiffy warning to "Stay away from my territory", or a welcome message saying "Hello, I'm ready to breed".

One of the cub photos made us chuckle, as it shows the curious youngster checking out the camera trap. The cub is staring at the camera intently, as if wondering what it's doing there. I'm sure you'll agree that it's amazing, and heartening, to see a new generation of tigers emerging in Khata corridor, so thank you again for helping ₹ to protect them.

# HELP US NAME THE TIGRESS

To thank you for being an amazing tiger protector, we're giving you the exclusive chance to help name this gorgeous tigress. Here's how:

Choose your favourite from the selection of names and their meanings below, and cast your vote by 30 November. The name with the most votes wins, and we'll announce the winner in your next update. Vote now by scanning the QR code or at: https://goo.gl/bJKu4b



Sakhiya

(the Tharu word for a 'friend for life')

Rajkumari

(the Nepali word for 'princess')

**Bibidhta** 

(symbol of diversity in Nepali)

(Nepali goddess whose steed is a tiger)

Sushovana

(very beautiful)

Sushma

(rays of the sun)

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## **NEWS**

A COMMUNITY-RUN LIVESTOCK INSURANCE SCHEME CALLED TIGERSAFE IS BENEFITING PEOPLE AND WILD TIGERS IN UTTARAKHAND, INDIA

hela village lies beside Corbett National Park, which is home to magnificent Bengal tigers. But the close proximity between people and the big cats can cause problems.

Livestock owners often graze their cattle in the core area of the reserve, putting them at risk of being preyed on. There are at least 35 cases of tigers killing livestock each year, sometimes leading to retaliatory attacks on the big cats. But TigerSafe is making life easier on both sides.

## SHARED BENEFITS

Our colleagues at WWF-India launched the TigerSafe scheme in partnership with Oriental Insurance Company, to offer livestock owners financial compensation for any cattle they lose to wild tigers. It also helps to reduce unregulated grazing, and encourages owners to switch to high-value, stall-fed cattle. As well as keeping livestock safe, this helps protect the forests that tigers depend on.

To inspire livestock owners to join the scheme, Uttarakhand Livestock Development Board and WWF-India help towards the costs of insuring the first five of their animals. WWF-India offers half of the remaining amount, and the livestock owner pays the balance.

Already, in the first phase of the scheme, 29 owners have insured 43 animals. Over the next few months the scheme will be extended to all livestock owners in Dhela. This will help to reduce the pressure of livestock grazing in the park, improve people's livelihoods, and create a more positive attitude towards tigers.







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