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Dalla surveys his domain

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T10 currently has the biggest range



The lovely female tiger cub



Beautiful Kalika could be pregnant

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Main: Hari Rani (centre) with local villagers
Inset: Panna Ram sets up a camera trap

Khata corridor is alive with tigers, and the communities that share it with them play a big role in safeguarding the big cats

Thanks to you and your fellow tiger protectors, we can keep on training and equipping the young citizen scientists who help us carry out crucial conservation work in Khata corridor. There are 12 of these young people and they all live in local villages, alongside tigers and other amazing wildlife. They do a fantastic job of checking and maintaining the camera traps and patrolling the forests for snares and other signs of poaching. But their work can sometimes be dangerous, as team members Khakendra Thapa and Santosh Tharu recently found out.

STRIPY SURPRISE

Khakendra and Santosh were deep inside the forest on their way to check a camera trap when a tiger suddenly appeared right in front of them. Seconds later it dashed off into the trees, leaving the shocked citizen scientists rooted to the spot. They held their

17 OUR LATEST CAMERA TRAP SURVEY RECORDED 17 INDIVIDUAL TIGERS - 12 MALES AND FIVE FEMALES

breath and waited, but the tiger didn't return, so they quickly headed for home without checking the camera. Given the circumstances, we can understand why they didn't hang around on this occasion! Luckily, we still have lots of new camera trap info about the fascinating lives of Dalla, Kalika and their fellow tigers.

Since your last field report, mighty male Dalla has stayed pretty much where he was, in an area along the border between Nepal and India. One male tiger was threatening to move into Dalla's former territory in Nepal, but he's now moved on. Another adult male, tiger T10, currently has the biggest range inside Khata corridor and some of his territory overlaps with that of beautiful tigress Kalika. We've found camera trap evidence that T10 and Kalika have mated, which is really exciting.

GRREAT EXPECTATIONS

A tiger's pregnancy only lasts for around three and a half months, so if Kalika is expecting, her cubs could be born in time for your next update. We'll keep checking the camera traps for images, and let you know as soon as we can.

Talking of cubs, we found some lovely images of a female tiger and her youngster, also female, walking through the forest. The cub is around six months old, so she'll have stopped feeding from her mother, but she's still too young to hunt for herself. That won't start until she gets her permanent canine teeth at between 12 and 18 months. It's wonderful to see new cubs in the corridor, and I hope you're really proud of the huge part you play in helping to ensure they can thrive. Thank you.

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HOME STUDIES



With your support, our intrepid citizen scientists recently started a crucial survey to pinpoint any changes to tiger habitats

Tigers rely on healthy forests, and so do the animals they prey on. But activities such as cattle grazing, tree felling and firewood collection can damage the fragile ecosystem. Invasive plants can quickly take over too, choking out the forest's natural vegetation. The citizen scientists are now monitoring five plots in each camera trapping area. Over time, this will pinpoint wildlife habitats that are deteriorating or improving – enabling us to plan our conservation efforts.

MEET TWO INCREDIBLE TIGER PROTECTORS

Hari Rani and Panna Ram are two of the young people working in Khata corridor to monitor and protect wild tigers. Watch them talk about the crucial work you support at:

wwf.org.uk/hari and wwf.org.uk/panna



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TIGER RESCUE

RUSSIA'S NEW MOBILE VETERINARY UNIT IS DELIVERING URGENT MEDICAL HELP TO INJURED TIGERS AND AMUR LEOPARDS

We're delighted to unveil this fantastic new veterinary hospital-on-wheels. It means that rescue teams can quickly reach and treat any injured big cats – greatly improving their chances of survival.

Sadly, there's a real need for this urgent support. Poaching attempts can leave tigers and Amur leopards injured, and they can also be harmed in retaliation for preying on people's livestock, as our big cat expert Pavel Fomenko explains: "Every year, about 500 incidents of human-wildlife conflict occur in this part of Russia, with up to 60 of them involving tigers and Amur leopards. We're working with Alekseevka rehabilitation centre in Primorskyi Krai to capture and treat the injured animals. The new mobile hospital will enable us to provide first aid in the field, saving precious time."

VET SET GO!

The mobile veterinary unit is fully equipped with everything the rescue team needs to swiftly treat and transport an injured animal, including surgical tools, a special operating table and a lifting device.

After initial treatment, the team takes the big cat to the rehabilitation centre where it receives a thorough medical examination, and surgery if needed. It's then moved into a special wildlife enclosure to recover, before eventually being released back into the wild if it's deemed able to survive. Tiger protectors like you help fund the rehabilitation centre – another huge way you support these incredible big cats.



FREE TO THRIVE

Earlier this year, Pavel and his team successfully released two rehabilitated tiger cubs back into the wild

The male and female cubs were found separately and both had suffered trauma. The male was injured by poachers, while the female was found wandering alone around a village rubbish dump – her mother presumed dead.

After several months of medical treatment and quarantine at the rehab centre, the cubs were put together to share one vast enclosure. In May, Pavel and his team released them into the same area – the first time two tigers have ever been released simultaneously. We're hoping the stripy pair will stay together and eventually breed, creating a really happy ending to what could so easily have been a tragedy.



The sedated cubs were transported safely to their release site

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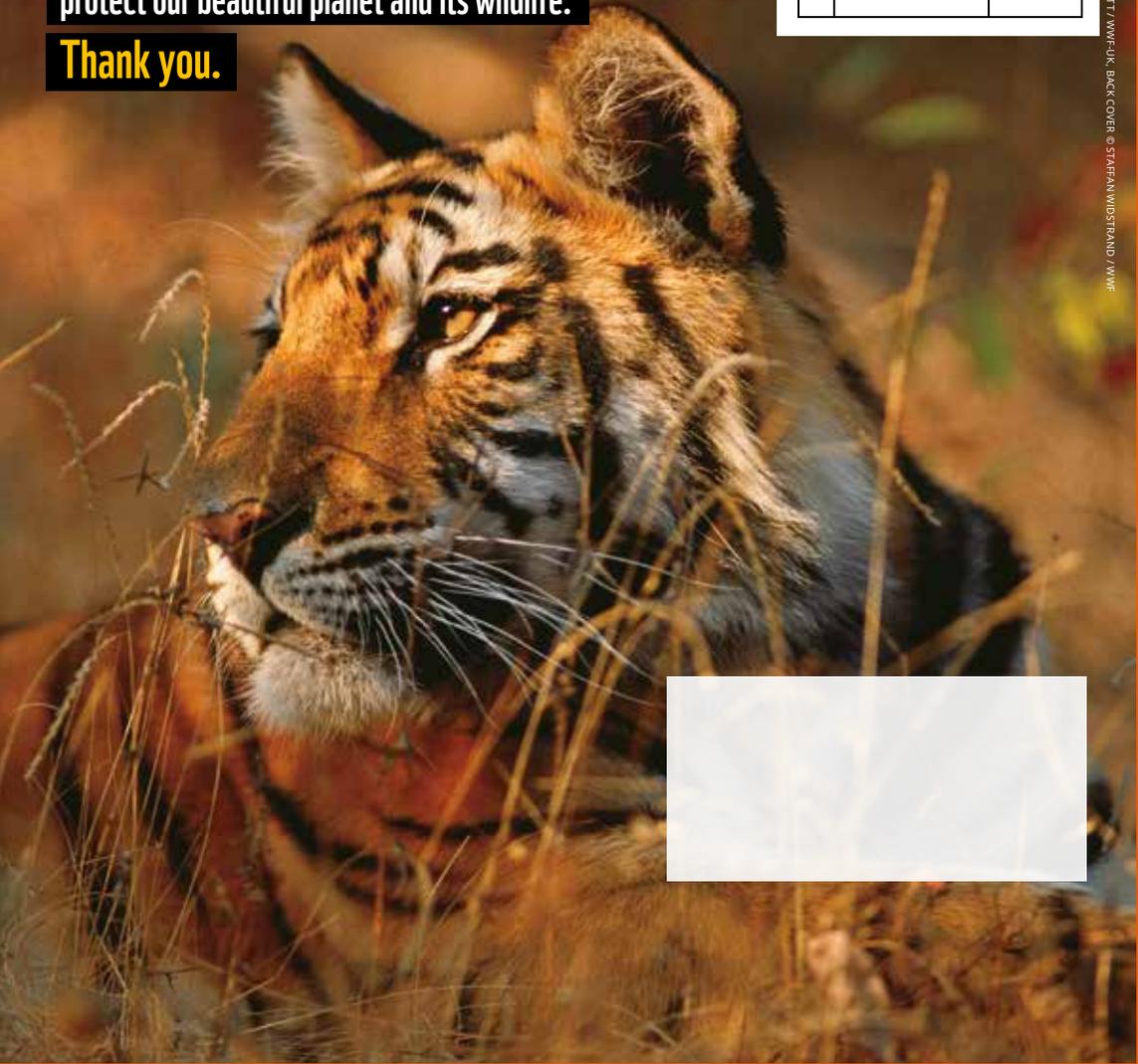
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