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MEET KALIKA'S NEW CUBS

OUR LATEST AMAZING CAMERA TRAP PHOTOS SHOW
THAT THE TIGRESS AND HER FAMILY ARE THRIVING

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TIGER CUBS
SET FREE

TIGER FACTS
TO SHARE

Predator-proof
livestock
enclosures
prevent tigers
from preying
on livestock



YOUR FIELD REPORT



COMPILED BY
MAYA YOGI OF THE KHATA
CORRIDOR PROJECT, WHICH
YOU SUPPORT

Camera traps placed in Kalika's territory have produced some amazing photos of the tigress and her family

Thanks to the camera traps you support, we can now confirm that Kalika has three gorgeous cubs of around three months old. The images were taken at night and show the magnificent striped family out in the forest, enjoying a cooling drink at a watering hole.

DINNER DATE

In another shot, Kalika is seen carrying a deer she's killed, presumably taking it to share with her growing youngsters. Tiger cubs are usually weaned by six months old, but can only kill their own prey when they get their permanent canine teeth, between six and 12 months later. We're really thrilled to be able to share these remarkable images with you.

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TIGERS ARE
ABLE TO CATCH
PREY AT LEAST
FIVE TIMES
THEIR OWN
WEIGHT



Kalika and her cubs quench
their thirst

We left the camera traps in place for around a month and they recorded 12 tigers using Khata corridor – six males and six females. We've seen eight of these tigers before, including Kalika and another female called Khairipothi. The rest, however, were new to us.

TIGER TRANSFER

Having new tigers in the corridor isn't surprising as they use it to move between Bardia National Park in Nepal and Katarniaghat Wildlife Sanctuary in India, both of which have healthy tiger populations. The corridor provides a vital green link for the big cats and, with your help, we're working with local people to maintain and protect it. For example, we support measures to improve the corridor's wetland areas and watering holes, including the one used by Kalika and her cubs.

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Lots of people live in the corridor too, and reducing the risk of them coming into conflict with tigers and other wildlife is crucial. I regularly visit local communities to help them manage harmless yet effective prevention measures such as solar-powered electric fences and predator-proof enclosures to protect livestock. I also work with and support community groups who can act as rapid response teams for any problems people have with wildlife.

Identifying and addressing problems is a big part of the work you support, and our solutions are helping thousands of people to live more peacefully alongside their wild neighbours. We couldn't do it without you, and we can't thank you enough.

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Male tiger M34 and female tiger
F32 are new to the corridor

Kalika carries the deer
back to her family

REACHING OUT

You also support our community workshops, in which we explain the importance of tigers and other wildlife in maintaining a healthy ecosystem

As top predators, tigers help to control numbers of deer and other plant-eating animals, enabling vegetation in Khata corridor to thrive. Local people depend on the corridor for food, water and other resources, so by helping to protect tigers they're also helping themselves.

Maya



PICTURE PURR-FECT

Our short but very sweet
video footage shows Kalika
and one of her cubs taking a
restful break in the sunshine.
You can watch it now at:

www.wwf.org.uk/kalika



“LET THEM FIND LOTS OF FAT WILD BOAR AND DEER TO PREY ON. AND LET THEM NEVER ENCOUNTER A POACHER OR HOOLIGAN READY TO SHOOT EVERY MOVING THING IN THE WILD FOREST!”

PAVEL FOMENKO

Mair: A magnificent wild tiger

Insets top left and below: Pavel and his team carefully sedated and rescued the vulnerable cubs

WILD AND FREE

TWO TIGER CUBS HAVE BEEN RELEASED BACK INTO THE WILD, FOLLOWING A SUCCESSFUL STAY AT ALEKSEEVKA REHABILITATION CENTRE

Last year, things weren't looking great for tiger cubs Pavlik and Elena. Their mother, Kazacha, was captured for her own safety after preying on people's dogs in the village of Aleksei-Nikolskoye. This left the two vulnerable youngsters on their own in the wild, and an urgent search began to find them. As our big cat expert Pavel Fomenko explains, it was no easy task. "Lots of snow and very dense vegetation complicated our rescue mission," says Pavel. "For the first time we used horses to help with our search and we eventually managed to find and capture the cubs."

BIG CAT CARE

All three tigers were taken to Alekseevka rehabilitation centre in Russia's Primorsky Krai. You may remember reading about this amazing place in previous updates. It's one of two rehabilitation centres in Russia where tigers, Amur leopards and other animals are

treated and rehabilitated, with the aim of reintroducing them to the wild.

As a tiger protector, you support the rehabilitation centre, and this year you've helped improve its wildlife facilities. Enhancements include a thick barrier around the outdoor wildlife enclosure, to prevent the animals inside from being disturbed.

Kazacha, Pavlik and Elena were exhausted and needed time to recover from their ordeal. Pavel and his team placed them in the outdoor enclosure, which is designed to replicate life in the wild as much as possible. There, Pavlik and Elena were able to practise hunting and other essential survival skills. They did so well that in May last year, Pavel released them back into the wilds of Amurskaya province. We hope they'll both enjoy long and happy lives. 🐾

SAFER HOME

Unfortunately, Kazacha was considered too vulnerable to live safely in the wild, so she couldn't be released. Instead, she's been given a new home in Krasnoyarsk Zoo, where she'll be carefully looked after. We're hoping she'll breed and help ensure a healthy spread of genes in the tiger population. If her cubs are as resilient as Pavlik and Elena, they should do very well!

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As well as helping to safeguard tigers, you support our other vital work to help protect our beautiful planet and its wildlife. Thank you.



CHATTY CATS

TIGERS MAKE A VARIETY OF COMMUNICATION SOUNDS, INCLUDING GRUNTS, GROWLS, ROARS, MOANS, SNARLS, CHUFFS, HISSES AND GASPS



DOUBTFUL DINERS

FOR TIGERS, ONLY ONE IN 10 HUNTS IS SUCCESSFUL



CLOSE QUARTERS

TIGERS NEED TO BE WITHIN 20 METRES OF THEIR PREY BEFORE MAKING THE FINAL DASH



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