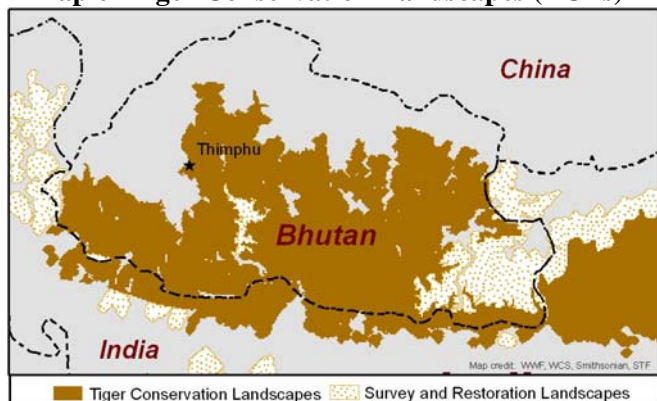


GLOBAL TIGER INITIATIVE COUNTRY SNAPSHOT – BHUTAN

Map of Tiger Conservation Landscapes (TCLs)*



Key Tiger-Related Statistics

- Estimated number of tigers: 80
- Subspecies: Bengal tiger
- Number of Tiger Conservation Landscapes (TCLs) identified: 1
- Area of TCLs: 22,084 km²
- Area of TCLs under protection: 5,138 km²

Status of National Tiger Action Plan

- Available: Yes
- Approval date: 2005
- Approval authority: Ministry of Agriculture, Royal Government of Bhutan
- Revision expected: N/A

Key National Stakeholders

Main Government Agencies:

Nature Conservation Division, Department of Forestry Services, Ministry of Agriculture

Main Non-governmental Groups:

Royal Society for Nature Protection, WWF

Country Membership:

- Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES): Yes
- Global Tiger Forum: Yes

Priority Issues and Actions (from Existing National Tiger Action Plan and/or Other Sources)**

1. Improve wildlife protection legislation
2. Enhancement of wildlife crime control
3. Capacity-building for detection of wildlife trade
4. Ameliorating human-wildlife conflicts
5. Livestock management
6. Ecotourism development
7. Framework for tiger-monitoring
8. Capacity-building for habitat management
9. Trans-boundary cooperation with India
10. Averting threats from infrastructural development
11. Public awareness programs

Opportunities for Early Action

1. Programs for management of livestock grazing
2. Forest corridor restoration with people's participation
3. Undertaking public awareness programs
4. Institutional capacity-building for management and monitoring
5. Community engagement through ecotourism development

* TCLs are large blocks of habitat where tigers are known to occur. Survey & Restoration Landscapes are large areas of suitable habitat where tiger status is either unknown to this study or where tigers have become recently extirpated. (WWF, WCS, Smithsonian, STF, 2007).

** For list of sources see Annex.