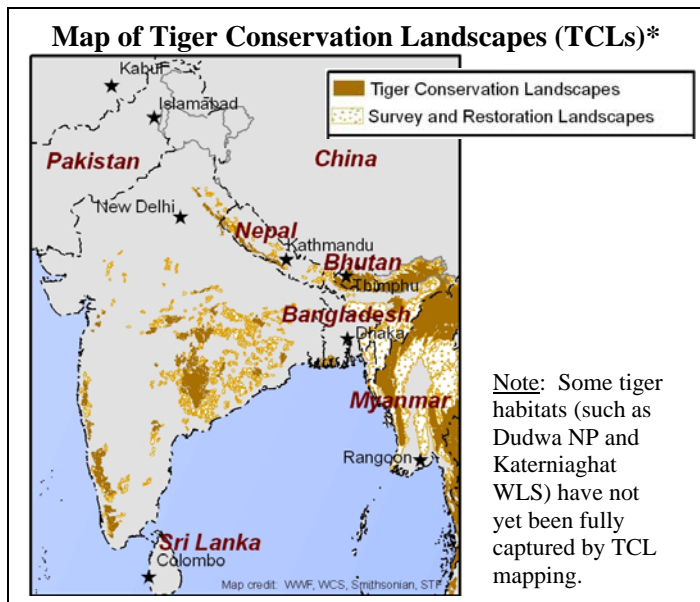


GLOBAL TIGER INITIATIVE COUNTRY SNAPSHOT – INDIA



Key Tiger-Related Statistics
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Estimated number of tigers: 1,500 • Tiger subspecies: Bengal tiger • Number of Tiger Conservation Landscapes (TCLs) identified: 39 • Area of TCLs: 197,199 km² • Area of TCLs under protection: 27,261 km²

Key National Stakeholders
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Main Government Agencies: National Tiger Conservation Authority (Ministry of Environment and Forests), Wildlife Institute of India • Main Non-governmental Groups: Wildlife Protection Society of India, Wildlife Trust of India, Ashoka Trust for Ecology & Environment, Nature Conservation Foundation, Aranyak, Envirosearch, WWF, Wildlife Conservation Society
<p>Country Membership:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES): Yes • Global Tiger Forum: Yes

Status of National Tiger Action Plan
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Available: Yes • Approval date: 2007 • Approval authority: Ministry of Environment & Forests, Government of India • Revision expected: Yes

Priority Issues and Actions (from Existing National Tiger Action Plan and/or Other Sources)**
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Strengthening wildlife protection legislation 2. Improve wildlife crime control 3. Ameliorating human-wildlife conflicts 4. Relocation of villages from core areas of Protected Areas (PAs) 5. Establishment of forest connectivity 6. PA infrastructure and equipment 7. Augmentation of PA staff 8. Management of forest fires 9. Controlling land use change 10. Habitat restoration for tigers and prey 11. Averting threats from development infrastructure 12. Public awareness of tiger trade bans

Opportunities for Early Action
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Enhancing capacity for detection of trade and trafficking 2. Ecotourism development 3. Habitat restoration for tigers and prey 4. Improving PA infrastructure and equipment

* 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.