



Tuesday's Tip

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ARKive—Endangered Species Database

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If you're looking for a resource for information on endangered species, you will want to be sure to check out ARKive.org! ARKive is a not-for-profit initiative of the charity Wildscreen, and their stated mission: "With the help of the world's best wildlife filmmakers and photographers, conservationists and scientists, we are creating an awe-inspiring record of life on Earth. Freely accessible to everyone and preserved for the benefit of future generations, ARKive is a truly invaluable resource for conservation, education and public awareness."

The screenshot shows the ARKive website interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with 'Species', 'Places', 'Topics', 'Educate', and 'Fun' menus, and a search bar. Below the navigation bar, the page title is 'Species results for 'tiger''. On the left side, there's a 'Refine search' panel with various filters: 'Species group' (Mammals, Birds, Reptiles, Amphibians, Fish, Invertebrates - terrestrial and freshwater, Invertebrates - marine, Plants and algae, Fungi), 'Species range' (Continent / Country / US State), and 'Conservation status' (Extinct, Extinct in the Wild, Critically Endangered, Endangered, Vulnerable, Near Threatened, Least Concern). A red star icon is placed next to the 'Mammals' option. The main content area displays a list of search results, each with a thumbnail image, the species name, a brief description, and a 'More about the [species]' link. The results include: 'Tiger (Panthera tigris)', 'Jersey tiger (Euplagia quadripunctaria)', 'Tiger's treefrog (Hyloscirtus tigrinus)', 'Ceylon tiger (Parantica taprobana)', and 'Nilgiri tiger (Parantica nilgiriensis)'. On the right side of the results, there are icons for 'Share', 'Tweet', 'Like', and '29'.

Keyword searches pull up matches for your search term. Boxes in the left-hand panel can be checked to refine the search.

You can also simply click on the image when you see it.

Tiger (*Panthera tigris*)



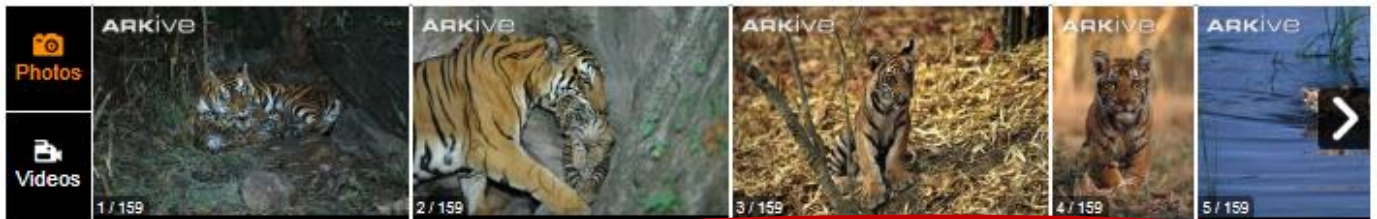
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- ★ The tiger is one of the largest of the big cats, and the only cat with stripes.
- ★ Much like a human fingerprint, no two tigers have the same stripe pattern.
- ★ Mainly hunting wild pigs and deer, the tiger is also capable of taking prey much larger than itself, including small elephants and rhinos.
- ★ Unlike most other cat species, the tiger is a keen swimmer and often cools off in streams and lakes to escape the midday heat.

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Tiger description

One of the largest of the 'big cats', the tiger (*Panthera tigris*) is an instantly recognisable animal and an iconic symbol of conservation. Nine different subspecies of this charismatic carnivore are recognised, three of which became

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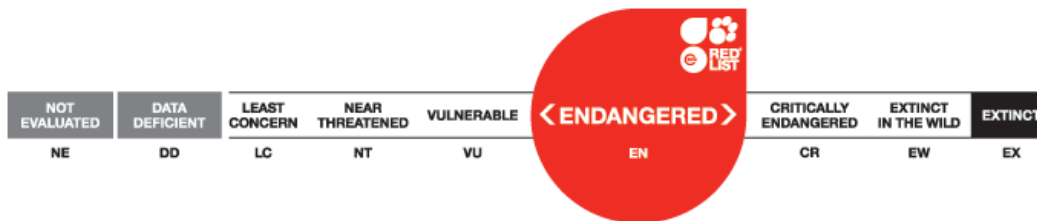
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Tiger status

The tiger is classified as Endangered (EN) on the IUCN Red List ⁽¹⁾ and is listed on Appendix I of CITES ⁽³⁾.

Subspecies: the South China tiger (*Panthera tigris amoyensis*) and the Sumatran tiger (*Panthera tigris sumatrae*) are classified as Critically Endangered (CR); the Siberian tiger (*Panthera tigris altaica*), the Indochinese tiger (*Panthera tigris corbetti*), the Bengal tiger (*Panthera tigris tigris*) and the Malayan tiger (*Panthera tigris jacksoni*) are classified as Endangered (EN). The Bali (*Panthera tigris balica*), Javan (*Panthera tigris sondaica*) and Caspian tigers (*Panthera tigris virgata*) are all classified as Extinct (EX) ⁽¹⁾.



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Tiger threats

Human activities are the principal cause of declining tiger numbers. Hunting was a major cause of mortality in the past, both for trophies and as part of organised pest control measures ⁽⁴⁾. Poaching and illegal killing, for example by livestock owners, remains one of today's major threats to the survival of this species, particularly with the growing demand for tiger bones in Oriental 'medicine' ⁽³⁾.

The demand for remedies made from tiger parts has grown due to increasing affluence in Asia, and laws preventing international trade in tiger parts are largely ignored. Hong Kong is the main importer of tiger products, with tiger bone the most used part. The bones are crushed to be used in anti-inflammatory drugs for rheumatism and arthritis, among many other uses. The trade in tiger skins is also increasing ⁽⁵⁾.