

Illegal Tiger Trade

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- Recently a new report titled 'Skin and Bones Unresolved: An Analysis of Tiger
 Seizures from 2000-2018' compiled by <u>TRAFFIC</u>, in partnership with the <u>World</u>
 Wildlife Fund (WWF) and the <u>International Union for Conservation of Nature</u> has
 quantified the illegal global trade in tigers and tiger parts over a 19-year period
 between 2000 and 2018.
- It was the fourth in a series on tiger trade by TRAFFIC, a wildlife trade monitoring network headquartered in the United Kingdom.

Findings of Report

Country	Seizures	Tigers	15% —	19% Bones	8%
India	463	625	Carcass	- Lamphood Group L	Claws
China	126	246	14%	Tigers seized 2,359	& Tooth
Indonesia	119	266	Live		leetn
Nepal	94	197			
Vietnam	89	216			
Malaysia	53	103			
Thailand	49	369			
Russia	34	107	40%		4%
Bangladesh	33	51	Skin		Other

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 - The TRAFFIC report uses the 2016 WWF estimate of 2,226 tigers in India. It is **home to more than 56% of the global wild tiger population.**
 - India has the <u>world's largest tiger population</u> 2,967 in the Tiger Census released in July, 2019.

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- The top three countries with the highest number of seizure incidents were India (463 or 40.5% of total seizures) and China (126 or 11.0%), closely followed by Indonesia (119 or 10.5%).

Source: IE