



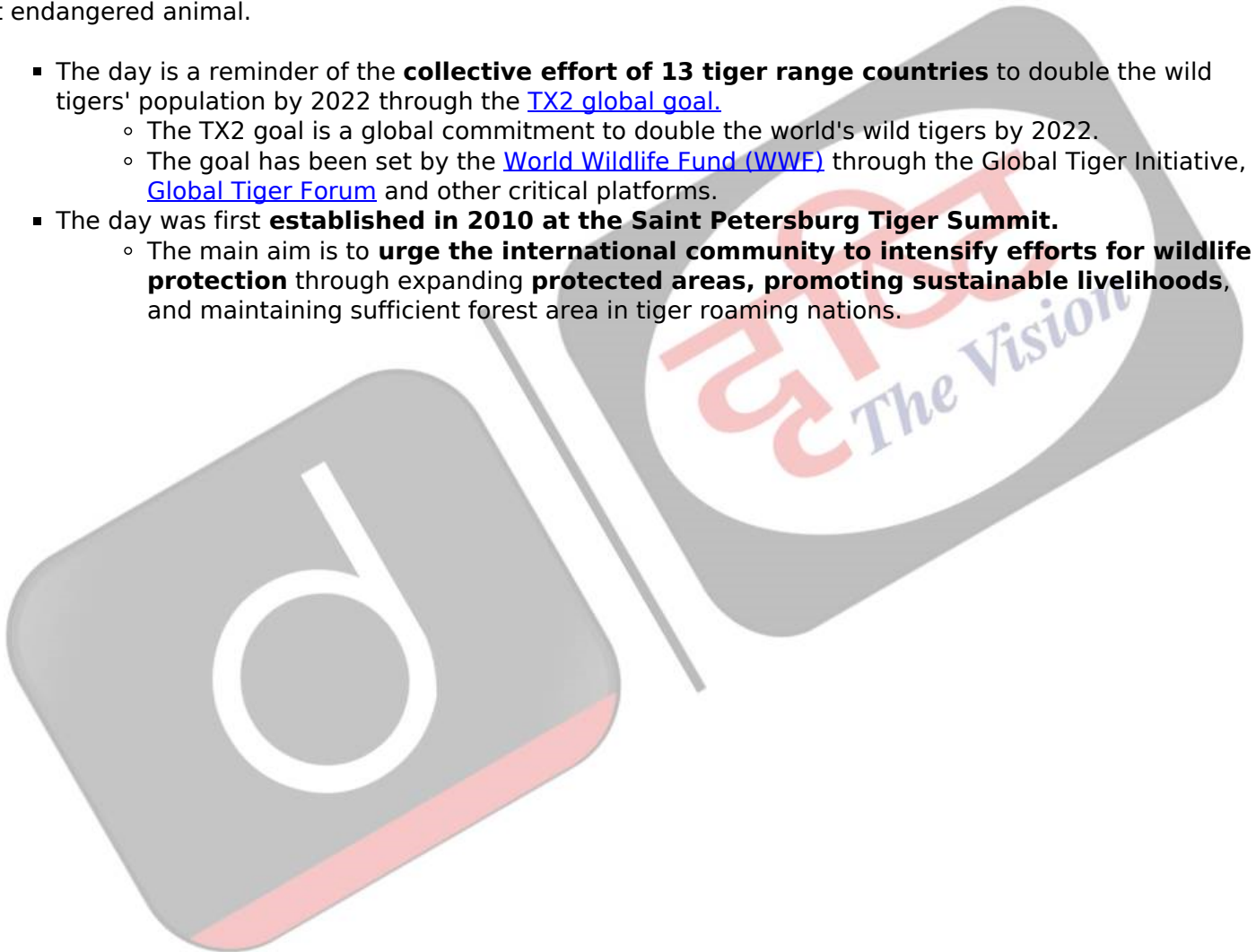
International Tiger Day 2024

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[International Tiger Day](#) is celebrated every year on **29th July**, to raise awareness about the magnificent yet endangered animal.

- The day is a reminder of the **collective effort of 13 tiger range countries** to double the wild tigers' population by 2022 through the [TX2 global goal](#).
 - The TX2 goal is a global commitment to double the world's wild tigers by 2022.
 - The goal has been set by the [World Wildlife Fund \(WWF\)](#) through the Global Tiger Initiative, [Global Tiger Forum](#) and other critical platforms.
- The day was first **established in 2010 at the Saint Petersburg Tiger Summit**.
 - The main aim is to **urge the international community to intensify efforts for wildlife protection** through expanding **protected areas, promoting sustainable livelihoods**, and maintaining sufficient forest area in tiger roaming nations.

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TIGER

Royal Bengal Tiger (*Panthera Tigris*) is the National animal of India.

Subspecies of Tiger

- * The continental (*Panthera tigris tigris*)
- * The Sunda (*Panthera tigris sondaica*)

Habitat

Tropical rainforests, evergreen forests, temperate forests, mangrove swamps, grasslands, and savannas



Countries Where Tiger Population Is Found

- Found only in 13 Tiger Range countries- India, Nepal, Bhutan, Bangladesh, Myanmar, Russia, China, Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia, Cambodia, Laos, and Vietnam
- As per the latest report by IUCN, tiger has gone extinct in Cambodia, Laos, and Vietnam

Protection Status

- IUCN Red List: Endangered
- CITES: Appendix I
- WPA 1972: Schedule I

Threats

- Habitat loss
- Poaching and illegal trade
- Human-Wildlife conflict

Conservation Efforts

- International Big Cats Alliance (IBCA):** For conservation of seven big cats namely Tiger, Lion, Leopard, Snow Leopard, Cheetah, Jaguar and Puma (launched by India)
- Tx2 campaign:** Launched by WWF; stands for 'Tiger times 2' signaling the goal to double the tiger population by 2022
- National Tiger Conservation authority (NTCA):** Constituted under the WPA, 1972
- Project Tiger:** Launched in 1973
- Tiger Census:** Every 4 years

Tigers In India

- India has the largest population
 - As of 2022, India has 3167 tigers
 - Largest population has been found in Central Indian Highlands & Eastern Ghats Landscape
- Tiger Reserves:** India now has 53 tiger reserves
 - Ranipur in UP is the latest
 - Nagarjun Sagar (Andhra Pradesh) is the largest while Orang (Assam) is the smallest (Core area)



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