



Tiger Population in Uttarakhand

Why in News?

Recently, the [tiger population in Uttarakhand](#) has **increased at a rate of 314%** between 2006 and 2022. According to the Uttarakhand Wildlife officials, the **tiger population density in Uttarakhand is among the highest in the world.**

Key Points

- The **tiger population** which stood at **178 in 2006** rose to **560 in 2022**, recording a rise of 314%.
- The **increase in the population** of wild animals in the state is **due to steps taken by the forest department** in recent years to improve their habitat conditions.
- A **slight increase** is also recorded in 2023 **in the number of people killed and injured in tiger attacks.**
 - The total number of people killed in encounters with animals such as [leopards](#), [elephants](#) and snakes besides tigers was 71 in 2021, 82 in 2022 and 66 in 2023.
 - The number of persons injured in [man-animal conflicts](#) was 361 in 2021, 325 in 2022 and 317 in 2023.
- **There are two tiger reserve in Uttarakhand:**
 - [Rajaji Tiger Reserve](#)
 - [Corbett Tiger Reserve](#)

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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)

