



Inter-State Translocation of Tigers

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Recently, **Madhya Pradesh** has directed the **translocation of 15 tigers** from Madhya Pradesh to **Rajasthan, Chhattisgarh, and Odisha** for conservation purposes.

- The tigers will be **translocated from the Bandhavgarh, Pench, and Kanha tiger reserves** in Madhya Pradesh.
- A total of **12 tigresses and 3 tigers will be moved**, following approval from the [National Tiger Conservation Authority \(NTCA\)](#).
 - The distribution plan includes **six tigresses and two tigers for Chhattisgarh, four tigresses for Rajasthan, and one tiger and two tigresses for Odisha.**
- **Madhya Pradesh has the highest number of tigers in India**, with **785 tigers** according to the [NTCA 2022 report](#).
 - The state has **Nine tiger reserves**, including the newly notified [Madhav Tiger Reserve in Shivpuri District](#).
- Translocation is a strategy to enhance genetic diversity in tiger populations by introducing new individuals to isolated groups, reducing inbreeding risks and supporting long-term species survival.
 - It serves as a **reinforcement strategy**, aimed at **increasing the genetic diversity** of existing tiger populations.

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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)



Read More: [Tiger Translocation for Genetic Diversity](#)

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