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TIGER APPEAL – GUARDIANS' UPDATE

A few months ago we took the unprecedented step of asking you and your fellow Guardians to support a second, extremely urgent appeal in 2010 – to protect the wild tiger.

The response was outstanding, and has given a massive boost to our efforts to safeguard these magnificent creatures. I'm deeply touched and very grateful for the Guardians' kindness and understanding.

You may remember I mentioned the first ever Heads of Government Tiger Summit. This ground-breaking event took place in November and was in large part a tremendous success. I've included an update overleaf and hope you enjoy reading about crucial developments the Guardians are helping to support.

Diane Walkington
head of species programme

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A SUMMIT OF HOPE

With as few as 3,200 tigers left in the wild, it was vital that the first International Tiger Conservation Forum succeed.

This historic summit brought together world leaders to focus on the plight of the wild tiger, and commit to the Global Tiger Recovery Programme. This far-reaching action plan aims to double wild tiger numbers by 2022 – the next Chinese Year of the Tiger. It lays out a comprehensive set of actions to help tigers recover from decades of poaching and destruction of their forest homes.

Thanks to committed supporters like you, we were able to play an active part in the creation of this vital programme. During the summit it was endorsed by the governments of all 13 tiger range countries.

New funding commitments were made by governments and tiger conservation partners, including WWF. But additional funding is urgently needed to protect and monitor the last remaining refuges of tigers.

The summit confirmed that immediate action on the ground is crucial, particularly an increase in anti-poaching and anti-trafficking work.

The Guardians' incredible support means we can carry on boosting anti-poaching efforts by helping to train and equip anti-poaching patrols. We can continue our long-term work with TRAFFIC, the wildlife trade monitoring network, to stamp out illegal wildlife trade in tiger parts. And we can go on protecting and restoring vital tiger habitats.

The International Tiger Conservation Forum could prove to be the turning point in our efforts to protect one of the world's best-loved animals. And the WWF Guardians are playing a vital part.

Thank you.



Why we are here

To stop the degradation of the planet's natural environment and to build a future in which humans live in harmony with nature.

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