

ELF: Leadership on the Road to Vladivostok and Beyond

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Summit is about Leadership

- Leaders need to be ready with answers to three questions:
 - Where are you going?
 - Why are you going there?
 - How are you going to get there?

Where are we going?

- Not to the VV Summit.
- Doubling Wild Tiger Numbers in a Decade.

Tiger: The face of Biodiversity



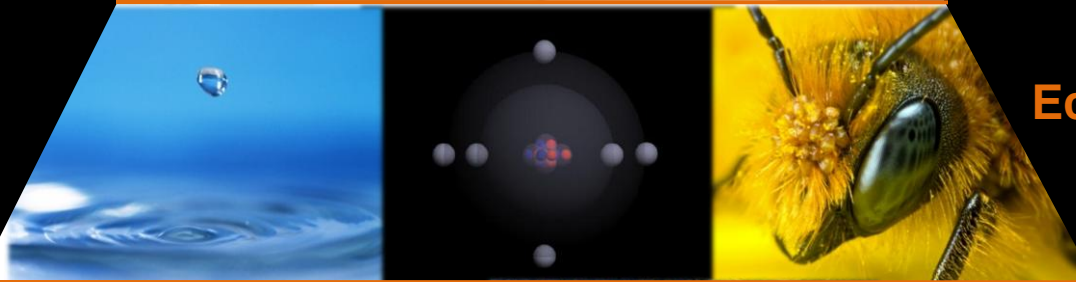
Panthera tigris



Vast, widely variable habitats



Pan-Asian biodiversity



Ecosystem services



Livelihoods

Why Tigers ?

- The crisis is not just about the Tiger
- Tiger loss signals the loss of entire ecosystems

AT RISK is Asian Biodiversity and Cultural Heritage

- Food Security: Resilient **AGRICULTURE** depends upon **Crop Wild Relatives**
Myanmar/Thailand border 600,000 ha rich source of CWRs
- Fresh Water for 700M Asians without clean water
Similpal Reserve in India is a source of 11 rivers
- **Plant based Pharmaceuticals** (\$30 Bn/yr) 50,000 species, PAs are critical habitats
- **Carbon Capture** : 300 Gt or 15% of the terrestrial carbon sequestered in PAs
- **Cultural and Heritage Icon in Asia**
 - National Animal In 6 TRCs
 - Forest conservation linked to spiritual sites In Yunan and Bhutan
- **Poverty** is 3 times national rate around PAs; NTFP 60% of incomes

Markets will not Protect Wildlife

- The Natural Pyramid is inverted in real life
 - 1st: Nature
 - 2nd: Society
 - 3rd: Markets.
- Annual loss of bio diversity exceeds the financial meltdown... but who cares?
- If price is zero, the market will consume to extinction.

Public Policy Corrects Market Distortions

- Public Policy has a major Role to change risk/reward ratio
 - Laws to ban or restrict markets.
 - Subsidies to promote good behavior.
 - Taxes to discourage bad market behavior
- Policy Makers are not immune to markets
 - Markets matter to people.
 - Elections have to be won.

Creating Political will

- Changing the balance between the call of the market and of conservationists.
- Increased noise, informed by good science and economics.
- Anticipating the political question:
 - What do I gain/lose?
 - Will I be associated with success?
 - Am I exposed alone?

GTI's is about Creating Political Will

- Raise Awareness of tiger extinction, Asian biodiversity crisis: *Pattaya*
- Create a Platform for effective partnerships of all stakeholders: *Kathmandu*
- Harvest knowledge from the world's practitioners and scientists to identify good practices: *Kathmandu and Hua Hin*
- Converge on a program of high-priority actions built on known good practices and mobilize resources: *Pre Summit*
- Secure High Level Political Support of all TRCs and Resources: *Summit*
- Ensure accelerated implementation, robust monitoring, celebration of success: *Post Summit*

The Summit and Beyond

- It will be Unique and Historic.
 - A Game Changing Multiplier effect for Tiger, wild life and Bio-diversity.
 - Every Stakeholder will Emerge Stronger.
- The Job would not be Complete at the Summit.
 - Implementation, Annual Stocktaking, bi- annual Political Reviews, Celebration of Success.

TRCs have led the way

- The leadership in Kathmandu and Hua Hin
 - Unanimous Recommendations
 - Game-changing National Priorities.
 - Call for Global support actions.
- Tx2 only Happens in TRCs.
 - You know your constraints and ways to overcome them.
 - You make it happen on the ground

TRCs will lead us on the Road to Vladivostok

- Focus on needed **policies** and **projects**
 - Accelerating implementation of national strategies.
 - Replicating good practices from other TRCs.
- Development of Global Support for **trans-boundary actions**
 - controlling illegal wildlife trade
 - Eliminating demand for tiger parts.
 - Knowledge sharing.
- Creation of the **Multi-Donor Trust** Fund and other flexible mechanisms to provide support for a **Global Tiger Stabilization and Recovery Program**.
- Development of robust **Monitoring and Reporting** mechanisms.

To support you on the Road to Vladivostok

- **Joint GTI Technical Teams** established to work with TRCs who want support.
- **Joint Global Technical team** established to develop global support.
- **TRC Steering Group** being established to steer overall preparation, program development and outcomes.
- **Joint resource mobilization team** established.
- **Pre Summit** planned for July.

ELF Objective is to Help you Lead

- You on the front line will lead
 - With a convincing story line on Why.
 - With revalidating your NAP for Tx2.
 - With rigorous implementation.
- As you participate in various sessions please keep asking yourself:
 - Where are you in relation to where you want to be?
 - What is needed to fill the gap? Policy/skills/\$\$?
 - Can you do it alone? Who else is needed?
- We will come back to these in Sessions 14-16.

FROM BEST PRACTICES TO ACTION PLANNING

