

ELF Session Summaries

Forum Introduction

- Welcome remarks
- ELF objectives and outcomes
- Why Tiger?
- Nature, Society and Markets
- Correcting Distortions
- The Story of the GTI
- The Road to Vladivostok
- Forum’s Organization, House Keeping, Contacts

Participant Introduction

Session 1—Tigers, Habitats, People: Interlinked Values

- Tiger Conservation Landscapes (TCLs) have intrinsic value that will only increase in the decades to come
- Example of Yellowstone National Park with and without reintroduction of wolves to make point about economic value of top predators
- Downgrading of status of reserves that no longer hold tigers
- Valuing tigers and tiger habitats for local people through REDD and REDD+++
- Water scarcity, climate change, TCLs, and adaptation corridors
- What will tigerland look like 50 years from now?

Session 2-Tiger Conservation Landscape-Engaging Across Borders

- TCLs and national borders
- Landscape planning – TAL, China
- Transboundary Protected Areas (definitions, levels of cooperation, best practices)
- Trans-boundary trafficking
- Trans-boundary infrastructure

Session 3-Tiger Population and Habitat Monitoring

- What controls tiger numbers
- What will save wild tigers

- Monitoring for enhanced conservation effectiveness
- Site-level management effectiveness evaluation
- Law enforcement monitoring
- Assessing occupancy of tigers and their principal prey in tiger conservation landscapes
- Monitoring the trend or density of tigers and their prey in core breeding areas

Session 4-Costing Conservation and Management

- What is needed to ensure tigers do not go extinct?
- Setting standards for monitoring and protecting tigers and their prey?
- How much will this cost and who pays?
- What are the other factors in ensuring the money is effectively used?
- How we cost out other aspects of tiger conservation?

Session 5-Developing and Sustaining Knowledge Networks and Communities of Practice

Session 6-Local Communities and Tiger Conservation: Challenges and Opportunities

- Tigers require large ecosystems to flourish; one must focus on buffer areas under pressure from conversion, not only on protected areas.
- To achieve conservation success, it is essential for local communities to be involved. One must give local communities a stake and strong incentives (rewards) for conservation (i.e. make the tiger an asset not a liability).
- Ecotourism has potential for helping with tiger conservation. However, it must be managed carefully. One must stress multi-objective tourism including other animals, plants, culture, scenic sites, etc., with tiger sightings as special bonus. Tiger Range Countries can develop tiger and nature tourism as a complement to general tourism to create high value market niches.

- Governments must create the enabling institutional/legal framework with appropriate rules and regulations.
- Private sector involvement is also essential.

Session 7-Managing Demand for Wildlife Products: Consumer Education

- Why the trade and farming are a major threats?
- Fallacy in the farming proponents argument
- Structure of the trade and potential entry points for intervention
- Demand management

Session 8-Resource Gaps and Sustainable Finance
Presents road map for a developing a sustainable financing strategy for tiger conservation

- Design “financial architecture” for tiger conservation: principles, process and tools for developing a sustainable financing strategy
- Need for long-term financial plans, based on projected costs and revenues of national and global action plans, to identify resource gaps
- Case of Terai Arc Landscape
- Sustainable financing mechanisms for tiger conservation:
 - Funding channels
 - Pilot innovative mechanisms: REDD+, biodiversity offsets

Session 9-Resources Mobilization: Donors Session

- GEF's experience in financing tiger habitat and conservation (several related past and ongoing projects by UNDP, WB, etc)
- GEF's contribution to the Global Tiger Initiative (MSP, Tiger Summit, etc)
- GEF5 BD Strategy and Focus (Focal Area Strategy)
- GEF's project financing modality (STAR, Programmatic Approach, etc)
- Project financing process (country ownership, prioritization, endorsement etc)

- Links with Sustainable Forest Management financing

Session 10-Addressing Poaching and Illegal Trade: Patrolling, Intelligence Gathering, Cross-Boundary Collaboration

Illegal trade and trafficking:

- Incentives to buy, smuggle and poach the tiger
- Strong enforcement and effective prosecution are key solutions to mitigate the trafficking and trade
- Curbing trafficking international crime syndicates
- Addressing consumer demand for tiger parts
- Coordinating regional and international law enforcement agencies
- Resourcing and effectiveness of enforcement.

Session 10a. Group Work Presentation Addressing Poaching with Patrol & Intelligence

- Strategizing patrol activities
- Proactive versus reactive intelligence.
- Patrol effort and distance/area covered.
- Events on patrol.
- Protecting tigers, their prey base and their habitat's (defined as inviolate core areas).
- MIST a tool to help us achieving our objectives for Tigers.

Session 11-Addressing Institutional and Governance Challenges

- Addressing Implementation Challenges
 - Coalition-building and the management of change
 - Operationalizing political economy in the GTI context
 - The "how": getting from 'bad' to 'good' equilibrium
- Communication for Governance and Accountability
 - The public sphere as an essential part of how to secure good governance and accountability
 - Stakeholder-related challenges (i.e. addressing vested interests;

- building coalitions; strengthening political and public will; etc)
- Increasing the capacity of researchers and communication practitioners
- Rapid Results Approach: organizing and managing change efforts and for improving organizational performance
 - Diagnosing capacity needs through action and experimentation
 - Building local ownership and commitment for the change agenda
 - Increasing the effectiveness of learning instruments.
 - Enriching the dialogue between GTI practitioners and their country partners and accelerate the transfer of knowledge to country partners about how to design programs and tools.

Session 12-Smart Green Infrastructure and land Use Planning

- The mitigation hierarchy and tiger friendly options available at all levels
- Case studies depicting best practices for infrastructure development
- Multi-level matrix assessing infrastructure policies in the TRCs

Session 13-Investment Planning: From NAP to Projects and Programs

- GTSRP—input into Pre-Summit Dialogue and Tiger Summit
- Country Consultations
- ELF Investment Matrix

Session 14-Country Work

- Review country-specific best practices to be scaled up
- Analyze the Kathmandu Recommendations and Hua Hin Declaration to identify strategies relevant for the countries to achieve the goal of doubling tiger populations
- Identify gaps between what is needed and what is being done in the countries

- Deliberate on policy and investment activities and their costs to address these gaps
- Preparing Country Presentations

Session 15-Country Presentations

- Each TRC will have 5-10 min to present their respective Investment Matrix

Session 16-Wrap Up

- Evaluation of the ELF
- Feedback
- Awarding Certificates

Luncheon Panel

A high-level luncheon panel "Connecting Conservation and Development: Striving for Results on the Ground" for the participants, GTI partners and some of the interested donors (GEF, USAID, other bilaterals, etc).

Vanishing Icons: Connecting Conservation and Development—Photo Exhibit and Partnership

Event hosted by Robert Zoellick, President, World Bank Group

A special event with Mr. Zoellick, senior officials of National Geographic and Smithsonian and the visiting government delegates - entitled "Vanishing Icons: Connecting Conservation and Development". The event would feature an exclusive exhibit of the work of world renowned National Geographic photographers on the plight of endangered tigers and other big cats, the symbols and custodians of biodiversity and wilderness. Partners will also present the outcomes of the GTI Executive Leadership Forum, a milestone outcome of the WB-Smithsonian partnership. Finally, the 2010 issue of Environment Matters, with the featured theme this year of biodiversity, will be released. This would be followed by a 30-minute networking reception.