

Forum Introduction

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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 here
- 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

Tiger: The face of Biodiversity



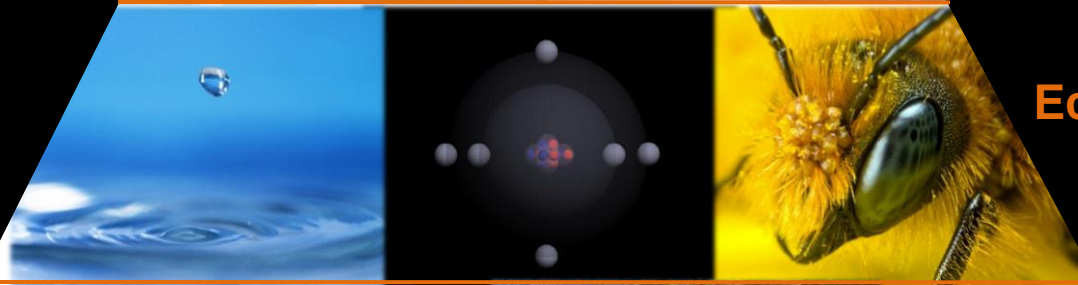
Panthera tigris



Vast, widely variable habitats



Pan-Asian biodiversity



Ecosystem services



Livelihoods

GTI's is an Evolving Animal

- Raise Awareness of tiger extinction, Asian biodiversity crisis: *Pattaya*
- Create a Platform for effective partnerships: *Kathmandu*
- Harvest knowledge from the world's practitioners and top scientists
- Converge on a program of high-priority actions : *Pre Summit*
- Secure High Level Political Support: *Summit*
- Ensure accelerate implementation and rigorous monitoring: *Post Summit*

The Road to Vladivostok

- Focus on needed **policies** and **projects**
 - scaling up 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.
- Creation of the **Multi-Donor Trust Fund** and other mechanisms to support a **Global Tiger Stabilization and Recovery Program**
- Development of robust **Monitoring and Reporting** mechanisms

Building the Road to Vladivostok

- Joint **GTI Technical Teams** established to work with TRCs.
- Joint **Global Technical teams** established on work on global support
- **TRC Steering Group** being established to steer overall preparation
- Outreach to potential **funding partners** underway for June/July consult
- Follow and guide this through **GTI and Summit websites**

FROM BEST PRACTICES TO ACTION PLANNING

