

Thailand

Setting up GTRP Monitoring

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Priority Activities 2011

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6 Scientific Monitoring, Surveys, Research

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Implemented by Aug. 2011

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- Regional Tiger Conservation and Research Center (RTC) at Huai Kha Khaeng Wildlife Sanctuary was established
- RTC's Consultative Committee was set up
- RTC 's Executive Committee was set up

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Getting Better?

- A few points in regards the implementation situation in your TRC;
- implementation capacity improved → THE SAME
- we get more attention from top-> YES
- get more resources from partners-> NONE
- get more budget from partners-> NONE

Getting Better

- National Tiger Committee was set up
- Smart Patrol System has been extended to other PAs of WEFCOM (i.e., Mae Wong+Khlong Lan NPs)
- Present-absent surveys using the signs of tigers and their prey were conducted by Khao Nang Rum Wildlife Research Station in collaboration with WCS Thailand and WWF-Thailand in Northern WEFCOM

Threats to Habitats / TCLs

- Please give more details on the recent status and threats to tiger habitats:
 - internal (within parks, habitats such as major cases of recent encroachment, settlements, invasive species, arson) -> None
 - external (coming from outside—extractive industries such as oil, gas, mining, coal; planned or being constructed infrastructure—roads, pipelines, powerlines, hydro) -> None

Monitoring Self-Assessment

Reflect briefly on 5 points :

1. Methodology of monitoring of wild populations
-> YES
2. Transparency of these methods, obtained data,
and results -> YES
3. Effectiveness of PA management-> Pilot Project
with IUCN
4. Presence and progress on general monitoring plan
(covering both wildlife and its management) and
clear next steps -> YES for Tiger

National Monitoring System

- Reflect on Resources - human, financial and technical - available to your country to implement a robust monitoring system
- **NEXT STEP:**
 - SI+ GTI on GSP training program
 - A photographic capture-recapture approach in Kaeng Kra Chan NP in order to upgrade tiger abundance in the landscapes