



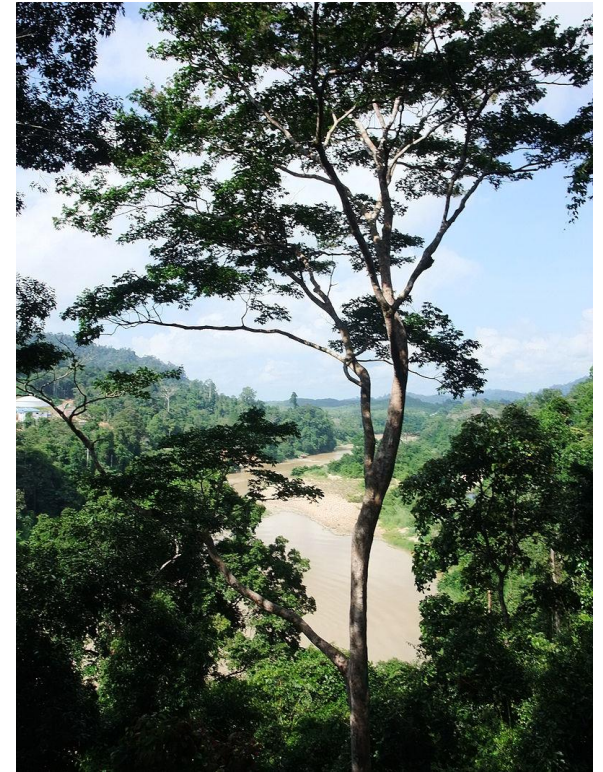
Tiger

The tiger is a large feline beast. It is also the largest feline beast. The tiger is unmistakable thanks to the characteristic dark stripes on golden-yellow or reddish-brown fur.

Some tigers normally reach the length of the body over 2 m, the length of the tail is up to 90 cm and weight of males is often more than 200 kg. Females are significantly smaller, they reach the weight at most around 130 kg. Tigers are usually loners. Tigers live around 14 years.

The tigers are especially active at dusk and at night. Tigers are great swimmers and unlike most other cats they like water. They are able to swim across rivers 6 to 8 kilometres wide.

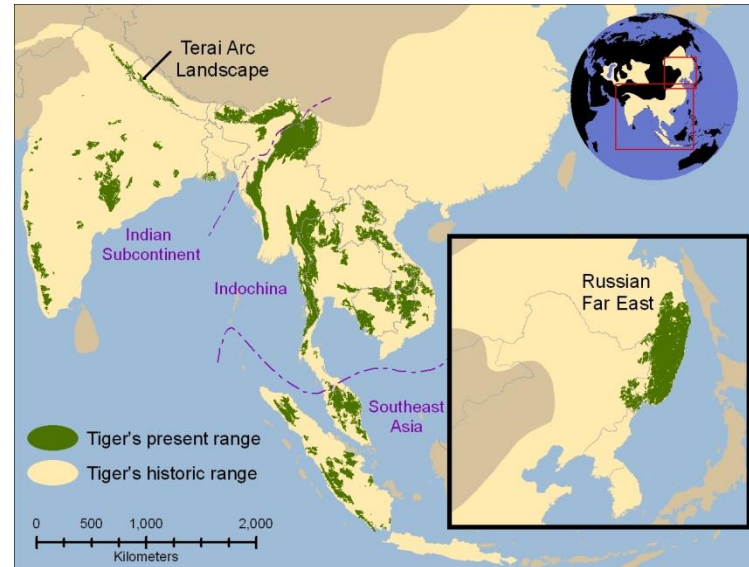
Tigers inhabit a wide range of different habitats, from tropical rainforests to savannas, swamps and deciduous and mixed temperate forests to northern forests.



Tropical forest



The tigers live in Asia.



Food:

The main food of tigers are large mammals, which are after a short sprint tracked down and knocked to the ground.

They hunt mainly wild pigs, antelopes and deer.

A smaller part of the food are small mammals, for example hares or rabbits, but also birds or reptiles including large crocodiles.

The tiger is able to catch even such a huge animal as a gaur, the largest living cattle.



a gaur

When they are searching for prey, tigers often travel long distances. This is especially true in areas, that are poor in food, such as eastern Siberia.

Local tigers travel on average 20 to 25 kilometres a day, in exceptional cases however they travel 80 to 100 kilometres.

Reproduction of tigers:

The female tiger is pregnant usually 103 days. Tiger cubs are born blind and helpless. Cubs weigh after birth about 800 to 1600 grams. Tigresses give birth to an average of 2 to 5 cubs. Tigers are mammals. The cubs are breast-fed for 6 months. After 20 months, the young tigers become independent.



Tigress with a cub

Subspecies:

Indian tiger

The Indian tiger is one of the largest tigers.



Chinese tiger

The Chinese tiger is slightly smaller than the Indian tiger.



Siberian tiger

The Siberian tiger is an endangered species.



Indochinese tiger

The Indochinese tiger has a dark coat and the stripes are very dark.



Malayan tiger

The malayan tiger lives on the Malay Peninsula and is also one of the most endangered species.



Sumatran tiger

The sumatran tiger is the smallest of the living tigers. This tiger is contrasting in color. The stripes often turn into spots.



A white tiger

