

Animal Facts:

Tigers

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Tigers are the largest of the big cats, with huge heads. The average male tiger's body grows over 2 m long, plus a 1 m long tail.

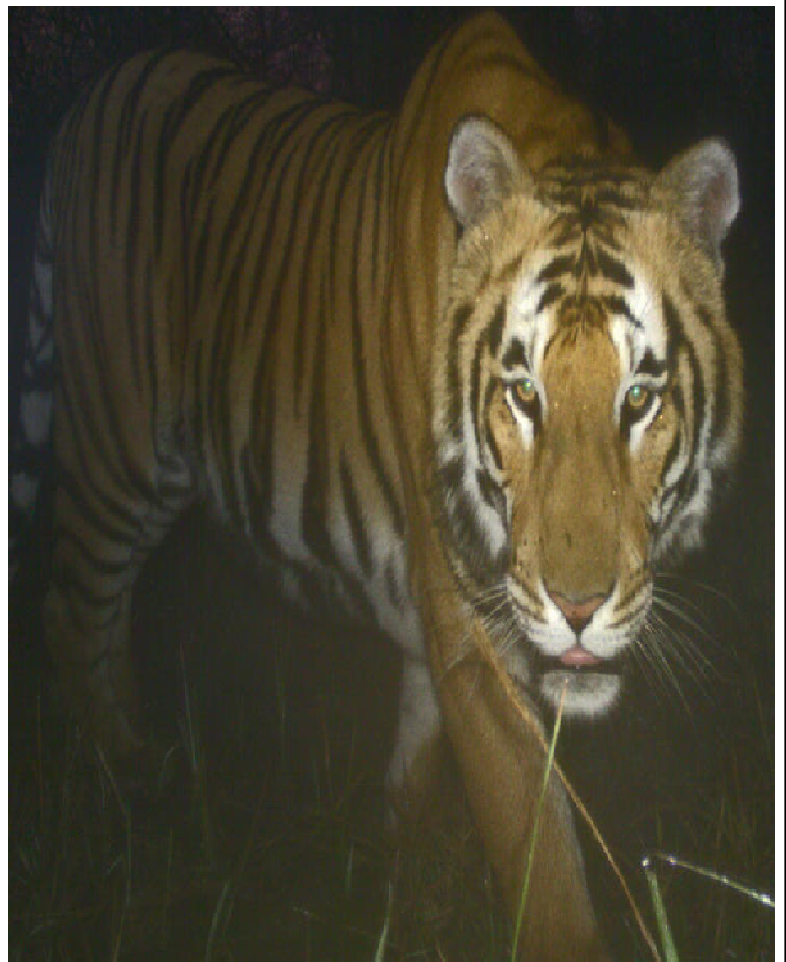


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Tigers live in the forests of Asia, Sumatra and Java, but as hunters kill them for their skin and farmers clear the forest for land, they are becoming very rare.



Tigers prey on large animals such as deer, buffalo, antelopes and wild pigs. They hunt silently at night, stalking their prey, then making a sudden bound.



A tiger is fast and strong but tires quickly, and it will give up if it fails to catch its prey the first time.



Adult tigers usually live alone, and males try to keep other males out of their territory. But when two tigers meet, they may rub one another's head in greeting.



A male tiger's territory often includes that of two or three females. But they only meet to mate.



Tigers mark out their territory by scratching trees and urinating on them.



Usually, two to four cubs are born at a time. The cubs are playful and boisterous, and are totally dependent on their mother for 2 to 3 years.



A tiger's stripes make it instantly recognizable, but they make good camouflage in long grass and under trees. Each tiger has its own unique pattern of stripes.



White tigers are rare. They have blue eyes, and their stripes are brown and white, not black and gold.

