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Amazing Animals
Fact sheets

Tigers

Tigers are the largest of the Big Cats with an adult Siberian weighing in at up to 300kg.

Bengal Tiger

Tiger fur is usually coloured with orange stripes on a black base with a white underbelly. White tigers are rare with dark pink noses and blue eyes. Stripeless tigers have also been recorded but are the rarest to be seen. Tigers have the largest canine teeth of any land carnivores, and they have extremely powerful jaws.

Habitat

The Bengal Tiger is a large, striped cat found in India, Bangladesh, Nepal, Bhutan, and Burma. It lives in a variety of habitats, including rainforests and dense grasslands.

Diet

Tigers, as with all animals at the top of the food chain, help balance populations. When a tiger has eaten its portion, the leftovers become food for a an array of other mammals, reptiles and birds. Tigers are meat eaters (carnivores). Their prey includes small to medium sized mammals like badgers, rabbits, boars, deer and wild cattle ranging in size from 25-1000kg. Their hunting method is a slow patient stalk through cover until they are close enough for the final spring.
The usual method of killing is to ambush their prey from behind and bite its neck, killing it instantly. Approximately, only one hunt in 20 is successful. The tiger will then drag the kill to a safe place where they will consume it. Tigers can eat as much as 30-40 kilograms of meat in one sitting and can then go for days at a time without eating anything at all.

Australia Zoo Bengal Tiger profiles

Charlie

Charlie was born at Mogo Zoo on 18 July 2007 and was brought to Australia Zoo with his two sisters, Sunita and Mika, at only four weeks of age. Together, they are the only Bengal Tigers here at Australia Zoo. Charlie can be a little nervous of new things at times, but he gains a lot of confidence from the handlers. He shows a lot of affection toward both his sisters and the handlers and definitely enjoys company, as we often hear him calling if he is left on his own and thinks he is missing out on something. Charlie has a gentle nature that really became evident when we had the arrival of our two cubs, Hunter and Clarence. He is the most tolerant of them and loves interacting, even playing with them. It is adorable to see one of our largest tigers being so gentle and playful with our newest additions to the Tiger Temple.

Endangered Species!

Very low numbers are left in the wild. Tigers are at risk of extinction within the next ten years.

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