



Amazing Animals Fact sheets

Tigers

Tigers are the largest of the Big Cats with an adult Siberian weighing in at up to 300kg. Watch our tigers swimming in the water, what an amazing sight to see!



Sumatran Tiger

The magnificent Sumatran Tiger is only found on the island of Sumatra in Indonesia. Sumatran tigers are the smallest of the tiger subspecies; males weigh an average of 120kg, while females average 90kg. The pattern of stripes on their fur serves as camouflage, breaking up their silhouette so they are less visible to predators.

Habitat

Around the world, Indonesia, and in particular the island of Sumatra, is recognised as a 'biodiversity hotspot'. Unfortunately, this mass of natural wealth has led to massive exploitation. With over 80% of Sumatra's forest already gone, the majority of what remains can only be found within National Parks, leaving this to be the Sumatran Tiger's predominant territory. Their habitat ranges from lowlands to mountainous forests.

Australia Zoo Sumatran Tiger profiles

Juma

Juma is one of three Sumatran tigers born at Mogo Zoo on the South Coast of New South Wales. Juma, Ranu and Singha were born on April 1, 2004 and arrived at Australia Zoo three weeks later.

Juma is an Indonesian word for mountain summit; a fitting name for an animal equally as powerful and stunning. The Sumatran Tiger is the smallest of the five sub-species that remain today and Juma is about as big as they get. With a very laid-back personality, Juma is often used for filming and is the first of our adult tigers to be introduced to new handlers. Juma is usually seen resting for the majority of the day.

Endangered Species!

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

The wild population of Sumatran Tigers is estimated to be less than 400, making them critically endangered. The predominant threats to the existing population are illegal poaching and loss of habitat. Australia Zoo continues to make significant contributions to the conservation of Sumatran Tigers in the form of equipment donations, training of on-the-ground organisations in Sumatra, and financial aid.

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