

# All About Tigers



# Tigers

Tigers are a species of big cat that belong to a family of animals called felines.

They are the largest feline in the world, with their length from head to tail measuring up to 4 metres and their weight reaching up to 300kg. That's around the same length as a car and the same weight as 100 bowling balls!

There are different subspecies of tiger that can be found in different parts of the world, but all of them have striped fur which helps them to camouflage in their habitat.





# Where in the World?



Click on each species of tiger to find out where it lives.

Indochinese tiger

Siberian (Amur) tiger



Bengal tiger

South China tiger



Malayan tiger



Sumatran tiger

# Habitat

Tigers can be found in a wide range of habitats, including rainforests, forests, grasslands, savannas and mangrove swamps.

Every habitat that a tiger lives in will have territory to support the livelihood of their prey, as well as shelter and a supply of fresh water.

Tigers will make dens for shelter, usually amongst dense vegetation, caves or hollows in trees.

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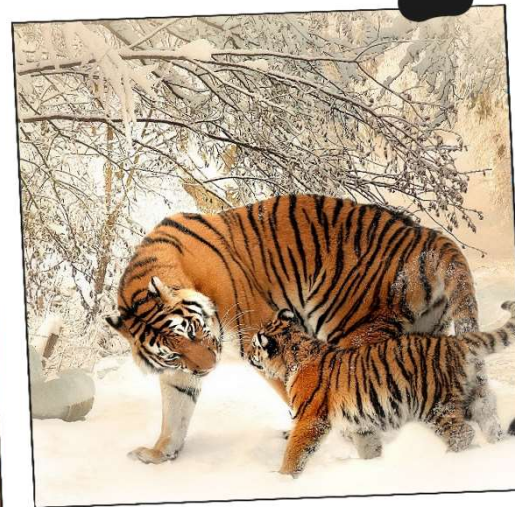
Tigers are amazing swimmers!



# Behaviour

Adult tigers are solitary creatures, usually only meeting with others to have young.

They are territorial animals and protect the area they live in from other tigers, fighting any threats to their domain. They will also mark their territory with their urine to warn off other tigers. Territory sizes depends on the amount of prey available – if there is plenty of food, then the area can support more tigers and territories will be smaller.

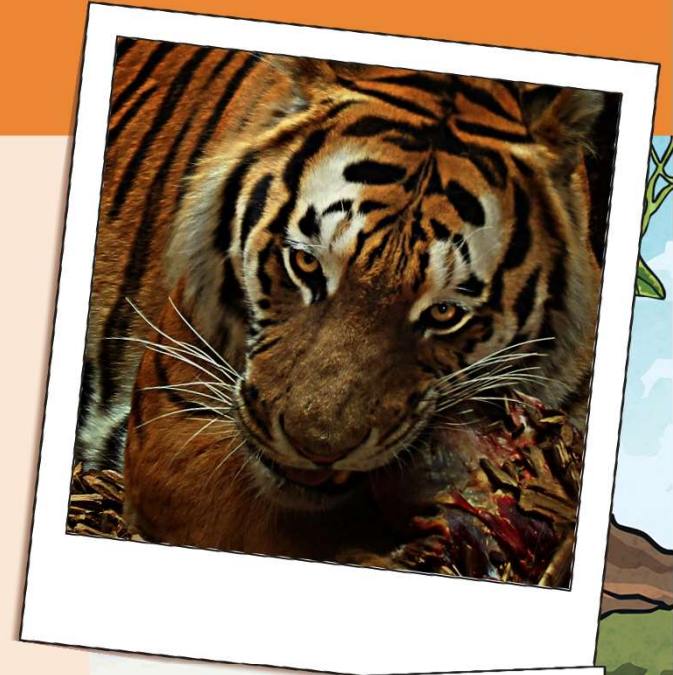


# Diet

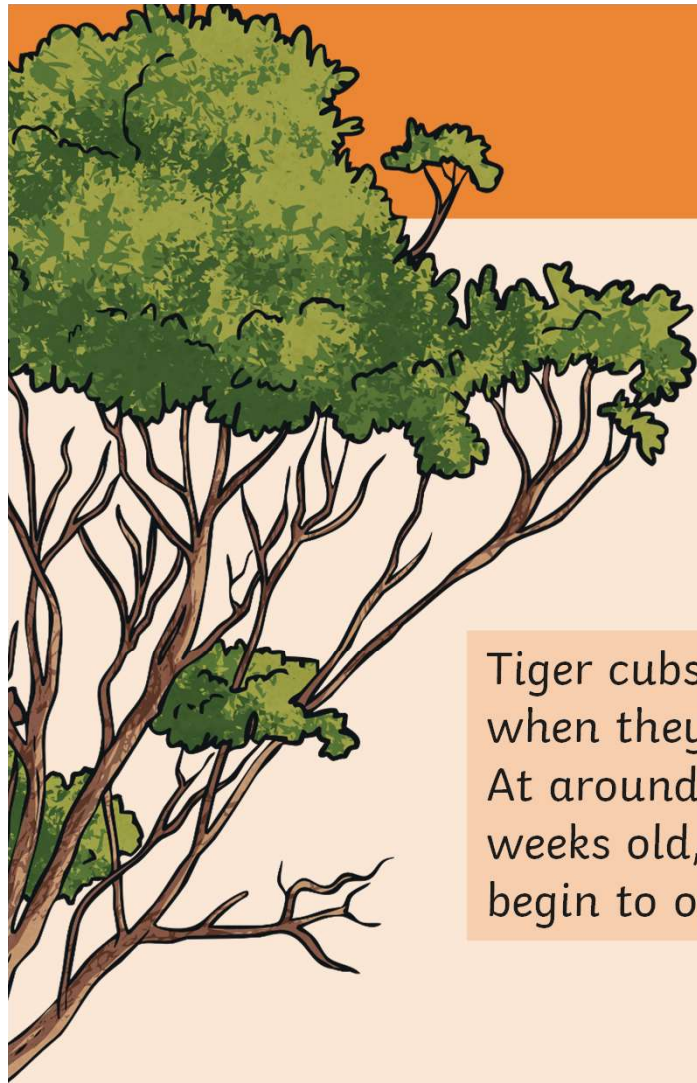
Tigers are apex predators at the top of the food chain. They have an entirely carnivorous diet.

They hunt other animals in their territory, such as deer, wild pigs and sometimes even rhinos and elephants.

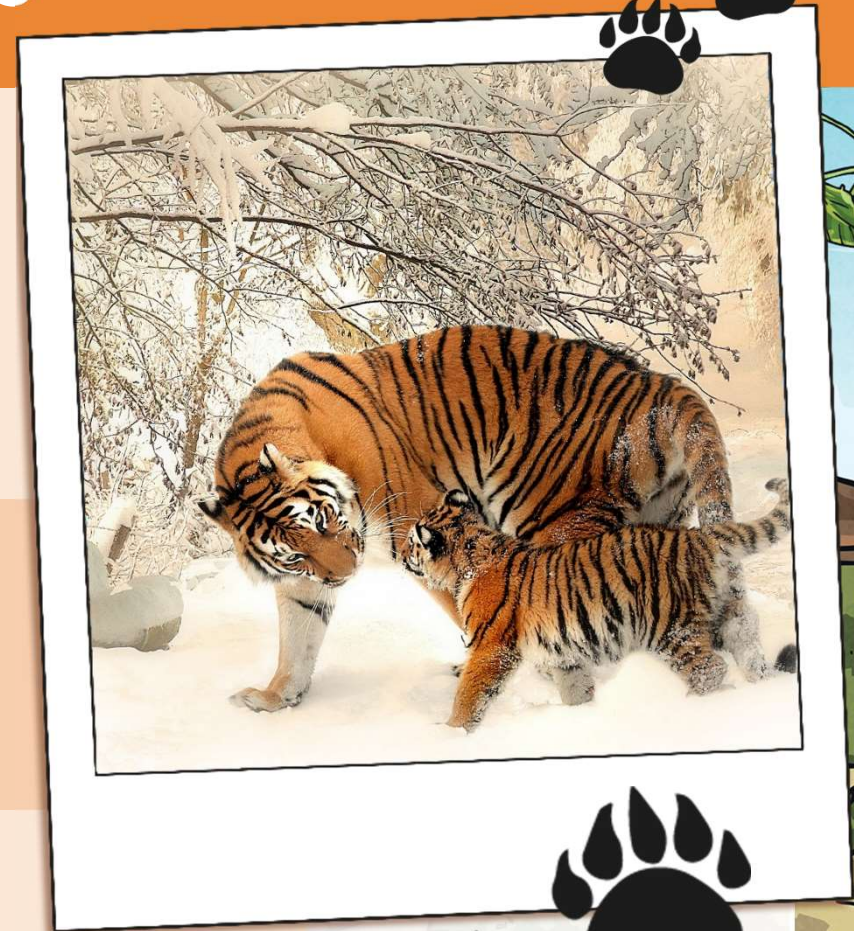
They have razor sharp teeth to help tear the flesh of their prey, and their huge clawed paws helps them to keep hold of the animal and prevent it from escaping. Remains of their kill may be dragged into bushes to hide it from scavengers so they can have more later.



# Cubs



Tiger cubs are blind when they are first born. At around one to two weeks old, their eyes will begin to open.



Cubs stay with their mother in their den until they are approximately eight weeks old. At this age, they will leave the den but stay close to their mother. At two years old, the cubs will leave their mothers' side and venture out on their own.



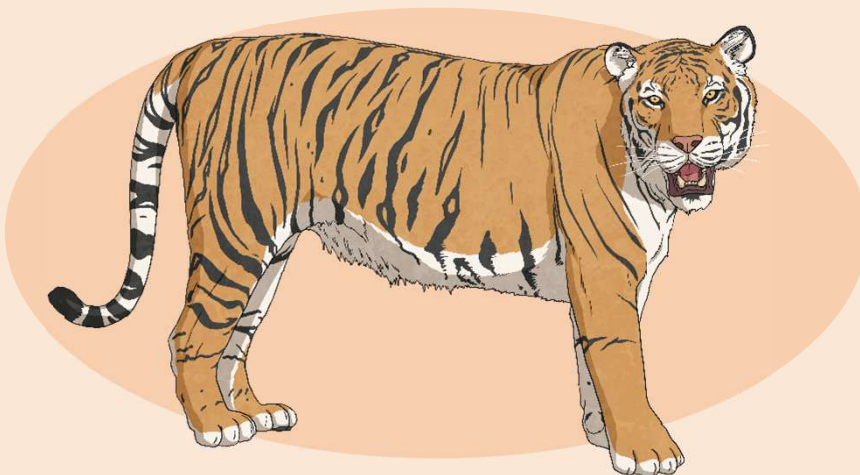


# Endangered Species

Sadly, tigers are an endangered species, under serious threat of going extinct. It is believed that there are as few as 3000 tigers left in the wild today.

Three species of tigers have already become extinct – Caspian tigers, Javan tigers and Bali tigers.

Tigers face a number of threats, including deforestation leading to the destruction of their habitat, and being hunted as trophies and for their fur.





# Conservation

Numerous places around the world, such as wildlife parks, zoos and national parks, are working together to try and help the population numbers of tigers recover.

Out in the wild, tigers are a protected species and there are laws against hunting tigers, trading tiger furs and destroying their habitats.

Investigations are also continually ongoing to try to stop poaching or to bring poachers to justice. Some wild tigers have also been fitted with trackers so they can be monitored remotely.



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# Fun Facts!



Tigers are one of only four types of cat that can roar.



A tiger's stripes are unique! No tiger has the same stripes as another.



Tigers can live to around 25 years old.



White tigers are not a separate subspecies – their colour comes from a genetic mutation.

