**[Saving](https://www.pdza.org/saving-tigers-from-extinction/) Tigers from Extinction**

**Do you know what animal is the largest cat in the world and is doing a supreme job to keep our environment clean? This animal is found primarily in China and India. Its lifespan is approximately 15 years long in the forest; 20 years if in the zoo. It can reach an impressive length up to 12 feet long and is known for its aggressiveness. According to the book ‘Can We Save the Tiger?,’ there are less than 2,500 adult tigers lingering around in the wild. After calculating all this information, the answer is apparently the Panthera Tigris! However, the Panthera Tigris faces many challenges, including poaching for their body parts and habitat destruction. We will focus on these issues and explore ways to help this extraordinary species.**

**This world is such a vast place, but is that big enough for billions of people and numerous other kinds of living things too? We, humans, have changed the world a lot over the years. For example, we have turned forests into land and then built towns and cities for our homes. However, considerable numbers of animals and plants also share the Earth with us, but are they comfortable with all these changes? In fact, tigers have coped with the phenomenon terribly! According to the International Union for Conservation of Nature Red List, the global wild tiger population is estimated to number 5,574 individuals and is listed ENDANGERED**! **They are still around us, but only barely.**

**Tigers are grand, beautiful and fierce, but they are in danger of becoming extinct! Habitat and food are essential for tigers to survive in the wild. However, over the last century, tiger habitats have fallen by 95 percent, reports the World Wildlife Federation. Because tigers are big, they need plenty of space to move around. But the countries where they live are crowded with people, such as India and Indonesia. Also, tigers are also very beautiful, lots of people hunt them for their skins and transform them into luxurious fur coats and rugs for home decoration. Some people even kill them for their bones to use in traditional Chinese medicine. Moreover, tigers are capable of being violent and they don’t get along with humans very well. They usually eat wild animals, but some old or sick tigers end up eating people too. In addition, farmers might not be happy if there is a hungry tiger living nearby, so traps might be found due to cautious reasons, even if it is against the law.** **Now you understand why there are not too many tigers left in the world.**

 **To prevent tigers from becoming extinct, we must take action! We need to bring purchasing products made by any part of the tiger body to an end. There are many fashionable coats made out of tiger fur, and tiger teeth and claws are also used in jewelry. Although it is irresistible to say no in such glamorous beauty, the environmental impact is tragic.** **In addition, recycling and buying sustainable products are significantly crucial for preserving nature. Select recycled paper to avoid cutting down more forests and ruining more tigers’ habitats. Say NO to furniture made from wood because they actually come from rainforests trees. Instead, select products doing no harm to the environment such as bamboo to save forest species. Protecting rainforest also helps protect the prey that tigers need to survive. To help tigers conquer the obstacle of becoming extinct, avoid tiger products and choose sustainable alternatives.**

**In conclusion, tigers are powerful and magnificent wild creatures in the world, but they are one of the world’s most endangered species. Humans and all living things share this planet. However, the damage humans have done to the tiger is severe. To ensure a world with healthy populations of wild tigers, all we need to do is strive to end tiger poaching, protect their environments, and save tigers from extinction.**