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Bengal Tiger

The Bengal Tiger resides in several countries; India, Bangladesh, Nepal, and Bhutan. The population is quite small, estimated at 1,706–1,909 in India, 440 in Bangladesh, 163–253 in Nepal and 67–81 in Bhutan. Tigers like forest habitats and many of them live in national parks. Tigers are also really special, because they are the national animal of both India and Bangladesh, as well as the mascot for many sports teams and companies.

Tigers are really big! Males are on average 110 to 120 inches long and about 35 to 43 inches tall. Females are 94 to 104 inches long. Females weigh about 220 to 350 pounds and males weigh about 400 to 570 pounds!

Bengal Tigers usually live in moist and dry forests and grasslands. Many of the reserves meant just for them are located in these areas. Tigers are carnivores, which means they eat meat! They prey on ungulates, hog deer, sometimes even porcupines,



and much more. They rarely hunt humans, and only attack when provoked.

Most tiger young are born in December and April. When they are 2 or 3 years old, they start to branch off from the family group to find an area to claim as their own territory.

Poaching is a very big problem for tigers. They are often used as hunting prizes, and their fur is valuable. Many reserves lost large populations of their tigers due to humans hunting them. The total population of Bengal tigers in the world has shrunk significantly over the years. This means that they are an endangered species and efforts are taken to protect them.

Did You Know?

-A tiger's roar can be heard up to two miles away!

-No two tigers have the same stripes! Every tiger is different.

-A Bengal tiger can eat up to 21 kg in one night! That's almost 50 pounds!

