

# Nepal's Tiger Population Triples in 13 Years

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Nepal has seen a big increase (1) in its tiger population (2), the prime minister recently announced (3). Over the past 13 years, the number of tigers has nearly tripled (4). In 2010, Nepal had only 121 tigers left in the wild (5), but thanks to efforts to protect them, their numbers have grown by 190%.

Several things have helped Nepal succeed, like making national parks, creating wildlife corridors with India, and stopping illegal (6) hunting (7). According to WWF Nepal's Country Director, Ghana S. Gurung, this success is because of the government's strong support (8) and the hard work of many people and organizations.

Field workers spent a total of 16,811 days counting tigers, covering (9) over 18,928 square kilometers (10) of land, which is about 12% of Nepal's total area. The goal to double the tiger population by 2022 was set in 2010 at the St. Petersburg International summit on tiger conservation.

Overall, the world's tiger population is growing. A recent assessment by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) shows a 40% increase since 2015. While tigers are still at risk, efforts to protect them are making a difference.