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What's the problem with Tigers?

Some tiger populations have been on a massive decline over the last century. Some populations are on the rise or stable in India, Nepal, Bhutan, Russia and China. But **Amur Tigers** are **still** in crisis and declining in numbers.

Tigers have lost an estimated 95% of their historical range. Their habitat has been destroyed, degraded, and fragmented by human activities. The **clearing of forests for** agriculture and timber, as well as the building of road networks and other development activities, pose serious threats to tiger habitats. As forests shrink and prey becomes scarce, tigers are forced to leave protected areas in search of food and to establish territories. This takes them into human-dominated areas that lie between habitat fragments, where they hunt domestic livestock, that many local communities depend on for their livelihood. In retaliation, tigers are sometimes killed or captured.

How can we help?

We can help tigers by **only buying products that use sustainable palm oil.** The Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil (RSPO) certified palm oil producers that follow guidelines aimed at minimizing their impact on tigers, orangutans, and the environment.

You can help save wild Sumatran tigers by **paying attention to where your** coffee comes from and choosing only coffee grown in an environmentally friendly way.

The best way to help, is **spread the word.** Informing people about the loss of tiger habitats and prey, and educating them on ways we can help, are amazing way to help tigers.

Taking Action

You can make a <u>symbolic tiger adoption</u> to help save some of the world's most endangered animals from extinction and support WWF's conservation efforts.

You can also take action by supporting the **Big Cat Public Safety Act**. The bill is to prohibit the possession of lions, tigers, leopards, cheetahs, jaguars, cougars, or any hybrid of these species by individuals who are not licensed by the US Department of Agriculture.

Support my Instagram Page

I made an instagram page called <u>Save Tigers Today2020</u>, where I will be posting facts about tigers, and other organizations working to protect these magnificent creatures.

Thank you!