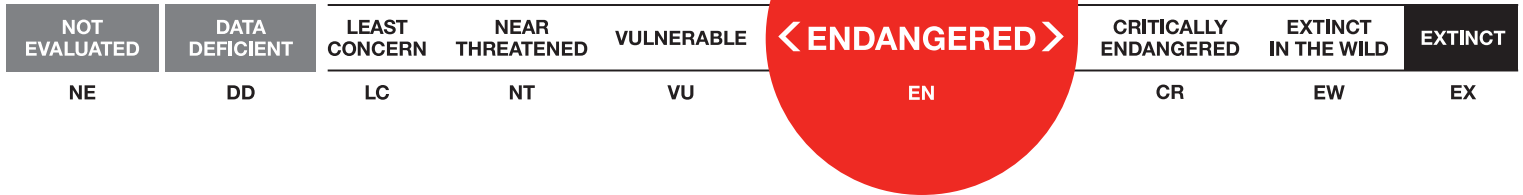




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Geographical range

## Amazing Species: Tiger

The **Tiger**, *Panthera tigris*, is listed as 'Endangered' on the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species™. The largest of all cats, the tiger once occurred throughout central, eastern and southern Asia. However, in the past 100 years, the tiger has lost more than 93 per cent of its historic range and now only survives in scattered populations in 13 countries, from India to Southeast Asia, and in Sumatra, China and the Russian Far East.

The Caspian, Javan and Bali Tigers are already extinct, and of the remaining six subspecies, the South China Tiger has not been observed for many years. Poaching and illegal killing are the major threats to the species, to meet an illicit demand in high-value tiger body parts for the Oriental medicine market. Habitat loss and overhunting of tigers and their natural prey have also caused a reduction in distribution and, over the past century, tiger numbers have fallen from about 100,000 individuals to an estimated 3,500.

Tigers are included on Appendix I of the Convention for International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES), prohibiting their international commercial trade. The future of this species also depends upon conserving and protecting large areas of suitable habitat with viable populations, while working with local communities to discourage retributive killings.

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