

Tigers4Ever Buffer Zone Anti-Poaching Patrols



A wild tiger cools off in a waterhole in Bandhavgarh National Park.

OUR AIM: To prevent wild tiger deaths due to poaching or poisoning.

HOW:

1. Provide Buffer Zone Anti-Poaching Patrols to protect wild tigers; remove snares/other traps and report illicit forest activities.
2. Educate villagers on the consequences of their actions in the forest and on personal safety for themselves/their livestock.
3. Work with local communities to ensure they benefit from wild tiger survival.



A hole caused by an anchored wire snare placed on a tiger trail in Bandhavgarh National Park.

The Poaching of wild tigers has increased in tiger reserves around India over the last 15 years with more than 300 of 573 tigers killed being at the hand of poachers. Wire snare traps are an increasingly common method used by poachers and are frequently found tethered to electricity cables resulting in tigers being both snared and electrocuted. Between 90-95% of all wild tiger deaths, throughout India, due to poaching/poisoning occur in buffer forests which surround otherwise protected tiger reserves. In Bandhavgarh National Park, Madhya Pradesh, India 22 tigers died in wire snare traps between March 2012 and June 2015.



The paw of a wild tiger caught in a wire snare tethered to an overhead electricity supply.

Tigers4Ever has been equipping forest patrollers who protect the tigers in the core forests of Bandhavgarh, since 2010. However, a lack of human and financial resource meant that the tigers which wandered out of the core area in search of prey/territory were vulnerable to attacks by poachers or poisoning. In July 2015, Tigers4Ever launched a first of its kind Buffer Zone Anti-Poaching Patrol, in Bandhavgarh, to protect wild tigers and other wildlife in its buffer forests. More than two-thirds of Bandhavgarh's wild tigers roam in the buffer forests surrounding the core area. Prior to the launch of the Tigers4Ever Buffer Zone Anti-Poaching Patrols those tigers were not protected by patrols. Tigers4Ever Buffer Zone Anti-Anti-

Poaching Patrols successfully protected Bandhavgarh's wild tigers for the last 28 months. During which time we have doubled our Anti-Poaching Patrols to cover larger areas and help prevent poaching and poisoning incidents alongside other miscreant activities.

Tigers4Ever is happy to report that there have been no tiger deaths due to retaliatory poisonings since the launch of our patrols; however, we are saddened to report that 2 tigers have lost their lives in snares in this period (1 on 11 November 2016 and the other on 18 October 2017). **Since the launch of our patrolling there has been a 91% reduction in wild tiger deaths due to poaching (2 deaths, compared with 28 deaths in the corresponding 28 months prior to launch) and a 100% reduction in wild tiger deaths due to retaliatory poisonings (no deaths, compared with 15 deaths in the 28 months prior to our project launch).**



The Tigers4Ever night patrolling team take a meal break in Bandhavgarh National Park.

Tigers4Ever anti-poaching patrollers are recruited from villages around Bandhavgarh, which historically, have been those most affected by incidents of human-tiger conflict. Tigers4Ever provides training, uniforms, equipment, food and transport for the patrollers who undertake Day/Night Patrols on foot and by vehicle in the buffer forests searching for poachers' traps and other illicit activities.

Tigers4Ever uses local suppliers to equip its Anti-Poaching Patrollers which also provides local employment and continues Tigers4Ever's commitment to community focused projects to enable those living with wild tigers to benefit from the tigers' survival.



Tigers4Ever Anti-Poaching Patrols search on foot for signs of poachers and other miscreant activities in the buffer forest of Bandhavgarh National Park.

We need to raise at least £720 (around US\$955) monthly to continue to fund this vital wild tiger conservation work. Every donation really does make a difference no matter how large or small.

- £5 will provide 3 hot meals a day for 1 Poaching Patroller protecting wild tigers.
- £16 will provide First Aid kits for 2 Poaching Patrollers.
- £19 per month will help to pay 1 Poaching Patroller for a year.
- £22 will pay a Anti- Poaching Patrol team for 1 day.
- £65 will provide a head-torch or bicycle for 1 Poaching Patroller.
- £114 will provide a uniform and full equipment for 1 Anti-Poaching Patroller.



Tigers4Ever Anti-Poaching Patrols search on bicycles for signs of poachers and other miscreant activities in the buffer forest of Bandhavgarh National Park.

PLEASE HELP TIGERS4EVER TO KEEP THESE VITAL ANTI-POACHING PATROLS IN BANDHAVGARH'S BUFFER FORESTS.

