



Thanks to everyone's support, we have been able to achieve these results. Thank you very much.

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### Past challenges

India is home to 3,000 tigers, more than 80% of the world's tiger population. Preventing poaching and illegal trade of tigers and their prey along the corridors that tigers use to move between protected areas, as well as mitigating conflicts between tigers and local residents, are pressing issues.

## Tiger Habitat Support Project in India

### Results Achievement

#### 01 Training workshop on wildlife crime prevention held in Nawegaon-Nagjira Tiger Reserve (Maharashtra ) Training workshop on wildlife crime prevention held in Achanakumar Tiger Reserve (Chhattisgarh)

A three-day Wildlife Crime Prevention Workshop was held for 46 Forestry Department staff from March 1st to 3rd, and after the workshop, training kits and participation certificates were distributed. Participants were given comprehension tests before and after the training. It was notable that the percentage of participants who scored above 75% increased significantly. Many participants expressed a desire for more research like this to be conducted in the future.



#### 02 Wildlife Crime Prevention Training Workshop Conducted in Kanha Tiger Reserve

A three-day training program from June 29th to July 1st. The Protected Area Director (who oversees the core area of the protected area) and Deputy Protected Area Director (who oversees the buffer zone) also participated. Before the training, the average correct answer rate on the comprehension test was 54%, but after the training, one-third of the participants scored over 75%, and the remaining participants scored over 70%. After the program ended, the Deputy Protected Area Director sent a letter of thanks, stating that the program had been very helpful in building the capacity of Forest Department staff.



#### 03 Initiation of forest corridor survey between Achanakumar Tiger Reserve and Kanha Tiger Reserve to ensure long-term survival of tigers

By preserving an environment where tigers can move freely between these two protected areas, which are considered particularly important in central India, we can ensure the long-term survival of tigers. To achieve this, it is necessary to gather data that will serve as the basis for preserving the forest corridors that tigers use for dispersal and migration. First, we interviewed relevant people in villages around the bottleneck where the corridor between the two protected areas narrows and is on the verge of breaking. In the future, we will conduct a scientific survey of the frequency of tiger sightings along the corridor.



### Remaining challenges

- Tiger reserves form the core of India's tiger habitat. As of 2010, the number of tiger sanctuaries had increased from 38 to 58. The challenge is for the forest department staff working there to constantly update their knowledge and hone their skills in order to prevent poaching and illegal trade. Also, working closely with local residents to ease conflicts between tigers and local people that occur in various locations is the first step toward them accepting coexistence with tigers. The most important thing is that these activities be "continuous."
- The corridor survey between Kanha and Achanakumar started this year . It is a big project that will take several years. We would like to continue supporting it until it is completed.

We appreciate your continued support.



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you very much!

### India Elephant Habitat Support Project

### Domestic Ivory Market Closure Project

#### Past challenges

In Wayanad district, Kerala state, southern India, conflicts between elephants and local residents are becoming more intense. Forest department staff and local residents are responding to urgent requests for assistance.

#### Past challenges

The Japanese government has not yet moved to close the domestic ivory market, contrary to international trends. The Tokyo Metropolitan Government continues to provide subsidies to the Tokyo Ivory Association to stabilize its business, while calling on the national government to strengthen regulations on ivory trade.

#### Results Achievement

Providing equipment to "emergency response teams" to prevent conflicts between elephants and local residents

Wayanad North Forest is one of the oldest forests in Kerala and is also dedicated to wildlife conservation. In recent years, conflicts between humans and elephants have become frequent, so "emergency response teams" have been formed to deal with conflicts that occur within the forest. This time, the necessary equipment was provided to seven teams in the Wayanad North Forest.

#### Results Achievement

01

Participated as an observer and expressed opinions at the 78th Standing Committee of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) in Geneva

On February 3, he participated as an observer in the 78th Standing Committee of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) held in Geneva, Switzerland. He spoke on behalf of 12 NGOs from around the world, emphasizing that data released this year by the Convention Secretariat proves that Japan's open domestic ivory market is "contributing" to the international trade of illegal ivory.

02

Petition signature campaign and lobbying the Diet to close the domestic ivory market

In cooperation with three other organizations, we launched a campaign to submit a petition to the Diet calling for the closure of the domestic ivory market.

国内象牙市場閉鎖に関する請願署名  
アフリカのゾウを象牙密猟から守るために  
象牙の消費国：日本にいる私たちができること



On February 22nd, the Kick Off Symposium was held (Minato Ward, Tokyo), inviting shamisen players and people who manufacture and sell alternative materials for koto accessories to discuss how to close the ivory market in a way that also gains the understanding of traditional ivory users.

As a result of the campaign, a total of 5,745 signatures were collected and accepted by the House of Representatives during the regular Diet session in fiscal 2025. Questions about the closure of the domestic ivory market were also raised in the House of Representatives Environment Committee and the House of Councillors Budget and Accounts Committees, demonstrating growing public opinion in favor of closing the domestic ivory market.



Campaign Kick-Off Event Symposium

03

In response to the JTEF opinion, Tokyo suspends subsidies to expand ivory demand and resume imports.

Last year, JTEF and EIA submitted a letter of opinion calling for a review of the subsidies, and in response, the Tokyo Metropolitan Government revised its subsidy guidelines, suspending subsidies aimed at restarting international ivory trade and increasing demand for ivory products.

#### Remaining challenges

At the CITES CoP20 (starting November 24th), a motion calling for the closure of the Japanese market is scheduled to be discussed. It is necessary to further strengthen pressure on the Japanese government. There are still problems with the Tokyo Metropolitan Government's ongoing support for the Ivory Association, albeit on a reduced scale. Further improvement is needed.



Equipment provided: 1x animal capture tool, 4x protective gloves, 10x torches, 15x headlamps, 1x GPS, 1x chainsaw, 2x sprinklers, 2x camp tents, 15x sleeping bags, 20x backpacks



The equipment presentation ceremony was held at the Forest Department office in Mananthavady on December 28, 2024.

#### Remaining challenges

Conflicts between local residents and elephants are becoming more intense. To protect forest corridors that allow elephants to move safely and achieve coexistence, an emergency response team in which the Forest Department and local residents work together is effective. Strengthened support is needed to set up teams at small scale in each area.

Thank you for your continued support!



YMurata Yuki

### Past challenges

Traffic accidents involving Iriomote cats have increased sharply since the 2000s, with a record nine accidents occurring in 2018. In recent years, driving manners have been improving, with no accidents recorded for two consecutive years in 2023 and 2024. However, on August 2, 2025, the first traffic accident in 952 days occurred in Mihara. In particular, there have been frequent sightings of "road-accustomed individuals" that do not flee even when approaching cars on the north coast road, and the risk of traffic accidents involving Iriomote cats remains high.

### Results Achievement

#### 01 Continued nighttime patrol activities

Night patrol activities have been ongoing since 2011. In 2024 (April 2024 to March 2025), a total of 137 patrols were conducted in two sections (North Coast Road and Western District) where road accidents involving wild cats frequently occur. Traffic surveys conducted in conjunction with patrols showed that average speeds were at their lowest ever on both the North Coast Road and Western District sections. Safe driving, with an awareness of wild animals jumping out into the street, is becoming the norm on the island.

#### 02 Raising awareness at locations where wildcats are frequently spotted

A recent problem in road accidents involving wildcats is the appearance of "road-familiar individuals" that repeatedly appear on the roads to eat small animals that have been hit by road traffic. Even if "road-familiar individuals" are chased away, they continue to appear on the roads, making it difficult to deal with them through regular patrols. Therefore, when a specific wildcat is confirmed to be appearing on the roads multiple times, LED signs and flags are erected at locations where it is frequently spotted to directly warn drivers. Traffic surveys conducted at the same time have shown that drivers' driving speeds are even slower than those observed during night patrols, demonstrating that direct warnings are effective in reducing speeds.



Warning activities conducted near Noharazaki (October 10, 2025)

#### 03 Weeding work at a spot where wildcats are frequently spotted

When grass and shrubs grow thick on the side of the road, it becomes difficult for drivers to notice a wild cat suddenly jumping out. Also, providing places for wild cats to hide can encourage them to stay on the road for longer periods of time. The Wild Cat Patrol continues to cut grass in areas where Iriomote wild cats are frequently spotted, and also works in collaboration with the Ministry of the Environment, the Forestry Agency, and volunteers from Iriomote-Ishigaki National Park.



Grass-cutting work carried out by the Ministry of the Environment, the Forestry Agency, park volunteers, and Yamaneko Patrol (April 16, 2025)

#### 04 Living with Wildcats Lessons

In 2024, classes were held at five schools: Uehara Elementary School, Shirahama Elementary School, Iriomote Elementary School, Ohara Elementary School, and Ohara Junior High School. Classes at Ohara Elementary School and Ohara Junior High School were held for the first time since the COVID-19 pandemic, and the island-wide wildcat class implementation system has been reinstated. The above five schools are planning to hold classes again in 2025, and classes at Shirahama Elementary School have already begun (as of October 10, 2025). Meanwhile, the annual teacher training seminar, which is co-hosted with the Taketomi Town Board of Education, was unfortunately canceled due to bad weather caused by the approaching typhoon.



Ohara Junior High School's first lesson on living with wildcats since the COVID-19 pandemic (December 9, 2024)

#### 05 "Iriomote Wildcat Day" (April 15th) Event

To commemorate the 60th anniversary of the discovery of the Iriomote wildcat in 2025, a photo exhibition was held (April 15th to April 29th) organized by the Wildcat Patrol and the Ministry of the Environment's Iriomote Wildlife Conservation Center at two locations: the center and the Euglena Ishigaki Port Remote Island Terminal. The photographs on display were taken by island-resident photographer Yuki Murata, who created and exhibited 10 new panels in addition to his existing works. Visitors were also given a free explanatory booklet on the Iriomote wildcat, "Revised Edition: Life with Wildcats." The production of the photo panels and booklet was supported by a grant from the JAC Environmental Animal Protection Foundation.



Display at Ishigaki Port Remote Island Terminal



"Life with Wildcats" distributed for free

#### Remaining challenges

•An Iriomote cat was involved in a road accident in Mihara on August 2nd, the first time it had occurred in over two years. The accident occurred in an area where sightings had been increasing, raising concerns that the cat may have become accustomed to the roads. •Camping and bonfire tours promoted by the Ministry of the Environment and Taketomi Town on Iriomote Island have been lifted. The plan goes against current tourism management policy, and there are concerns about the impact of fires on the ecosystem. We are demanding its withdrawal.



The scene of a traffic accident in Mihara on August 2, 2025 (Photo courtesy of the Ministry of the Environment, Iriomote Wildlife Conservation Center)

Thank you for your continued support!

JTEF's support in FY2024

As of October 31, 2025. Excluding management fees.

- Supporting tiger habitats in India	¥6,497,203
•Supporting elephant habitats in India	¥5,363,804
•Support for Iriomote cat habitat	¥7,125,275
- Policy proposals (closing the domestic ivory market, etc.) - Educational outreach projects	¥6,078,776

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\*The final financial results (November 1, 2024 - October 31, 2025) will be reported in the Annual Report, scheduled to be published in February 2026.

Event Report

On November 25, 2024, Chairman Togawa gave a lecture on "Wild Animals" at the Suginami Animal Counselor Course at Suginami Regional University, sponsored by the Japan Animal Welfare Association. This was one of eight lectures in the series.

January 8, **online**  
2025 JTEF 9th Online Event "Protecting African Elephants from Ivory Poaching - 2025-2026 is the Last Chance to Close the Domestic Ivory Market" We spoke about what we can do now, as this is an opportunity to put an end to the ivory trade problem in Japan. Number of participants: 28

2/8 Participated in the 30th Taketomi Town Yamaneko Marathon and set up a booth. At the time of the marathon, it was 9 degrees, but the actual temperature was 4 degrees, and despite being buffeted by strong winds, they managed to complete the race! Yamaneko goods are also selling well.



3/3 Workshop "Become a Tiger Doctor" In collaboration with Ueno Zoo, an event was held on World Wildlife Day to allow children to learn more about tigers and their conservation.

March 8-9 We set up a booth at the Nogeeyama Zoo in Yokohama's "Animals' SOS Exhibition: Protect Biodiversity" to introduce a petition campaign calling for the closure of the domestic ivory market.

April 19-20 We set up a booth at Yoyogi Park for Earth Day Tokyo 2025, and together with the African Elephant's Tears and Wildlife Conservation Research Group, we called for people to sign a petition calling for the closure of the domestic ivory market.



On May 2nd, Kawasaki FM's environmental education program, TO THE NATURE, featured JTEF's activities and aired the Earth Day campaign for two weeks.

May 22nd Fundraising by JTEF Goodwill Ambassador Takamasa Segi



They raised funds through a solo live concert of the zampoña and quena at the Shibuya Cerulean Hotel.

Donated product to the Yamaneko Patrol on June 1st: "Okinawa Brown Sugar Brown Meow" sold nationwide ("Neko Neko" / All Hearts Company). Made possible with the cooperation of cat illustrator Coony.



June **online**  
27th: "Report on the signature campaign to close domestic ivory markets and explanation of illegal trade cases" hosted by JTEF and 3 other organizations

July 16th Chairman Togawa introduces JTEF activities at the Toranomon 100-person meeting @ Toranomon, Minato Ward

7/17 Wildlife Support Goods Yui begins selling special T-shirts commemorating 60 years since the discovery of wildcats through crowdfunding in support of Yamapato.



August 12th: Exhibiting a booth at the "Elephant Night" event at Kanazawa Zoo in Yokohama City, a commemorative event for World Elephant Day

August 14-15: Booth exhibit at Tama Zoological Park's "Night Zoo" World Elephant Day commemorative event



October 31st: Co-hosted the Wildlife Conservation Study Group's "Ivory-Free Koto Concert - An Evening of Koto Music Overlooking the Horizon"

8/16 "Become an Elephant Ambassador" (Day 1 @ Kanazawa Zoo) A two-day environmental education program (for 4th to 6th grade elementary school students who apply in advance) held in collaboration with Kanazawa Zoo and Yokohama Zoo Zoorasia in Yokohama City. On this day, after seeing the elephants at Kanazawa Zoo, the children played a game where they tried to become wild elephants. They had fun learning about the social relationships of elephants, whose behavior differs depending on their age and gender.



8/23 "Become an Elephant Ambassador" (Day 2 @ Yokohama Zoo Zoorasia) After observing elephants, the children once again assumed the role of elephants, escaping traps and crossing railroad tracks to experience the threat posed by humans. They then role-played as people living in a village where elephants come. They played the roles of people in trouble because their fields have been destroyed, or poachers who have come from the city, and considered coexistence with elephants. After the event, messages from the children who have been appointed "Elephant Ambassadors" will be exhibited in the two zoos (scheduled for early November).

September 27-28: Booth exhibit at Namaste India (Yoyogi Park)

10/12 Commemorating the 60th anniversary of the discovery of the Iriomote cat, Yamapato local manager Yuki Murata gave a lecture at the Ministry of the Environment Iriomote Wildlife Conservation Center



A presentation introducing the creatures of Iriomote Island and the activities of the Wildcat Patrol will be held at the Inokashira Park Zoo's Wildcat Festival from October 18th to 19th. There will also be booth displays and a picture-story show.



Tokie Aizawa (Animal portrait artist), Harumi Arai (Actor), Taku Ikeda (Singer-songwriter), Nana Inoue (Contemporary artist), Yoshihiro Iwata (Advisor to the Society for Children and Nature), Mineo Ushigoe (JPSA, Japan Professional Surfing Association)

Honorary Advisor to the Federation, Omori Susumu (former professor at Hokkaido University of Education), Okada Akinobu (advisor to the owner of the Hanshin Tigers baseball team), Ogawa Kiyoshi (professor emeritus at Tokyo Gakugei University), Kato Tokiko (singer-songwriter), Kanie An (printmaker), Kenjo Mieko (vice president of Aomori University and essayist), Kose Noriko (composer and pianist), Kobayashi Yuji (painter), Gondo Masayoshi (former chairman of the Hyogo Nature Conservation Association and former director of Kobe Oji Zoo), Sakamoto Miu (musician), Sawada Kenji (singer), Seki Takamasa (musician and JTEF wildlife goodwill ambassador), Tanaka Toyomi (animal painter), Tanaka Yuko (actor), Tabata Naoki (chairman of the Japan Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals), Doi Toshimitsu (former director of Ueno Zoo and Japan Panda Conservation Association), Namiki Misako (Specially Appointed Professor at Teikyo University of Science), Nemoto Mio (Freelance Caster and Weather Forecaster), Minaminu Fujin Ma-chan U-po (Sanshin Artist), Hayama Shinichi (Professor at Nippon Veterinary and Life Science University) Passed away on July 1st, 2025. We would like to express our deepest condolences and our sincere gratitude for the kindness shown to us up until now. Hisakunihiko (Manga Artist), Fukui Takato (Art Director), Fukuda Yutaka (Director of Ueno Zoo), Fujiki Hayato (Shiisaa) (Rakugoka), Furusawa Kosuke (Visiting Professor at Kokugakuin University,

Representative Director of the Japan Center for the Study of an Environment and a Sustainable Society (JACSES), Maekawa Takayuki (Animal Photographer), Matsuda Yoko (Singer-songwriter, Public Relations Committee Member for the United Nations High Commissioner for UNHCR)

Masahiro Mizuno (CEO of TREE Inc., General Producer of SDGs.TV), Hatsuo Mitsubishi (Professor Emeritus, Tokyo Gakugei University), Minoru Miyashita (Honorary Director of Tokiwa Zoo, former Professor at Kinki University, Honorary Director of Tennoji Zoo, Osaka), Koichi Murata (Chairman of the Japan Association of Zoos and Aquariums, Specially Appointed Professor at the College of Bioresource Sciences, Nihon University), Jun Morikawa (Professor Emeritus, Rakuno Gakuen University), Juichi Yamagiwa (Director of the Research Institute for Humanity and Nature, former President of Kyoto University, Professor Emeritus of Kyoto University/Evolution, Ecology, Environmental Biology, Zoology), Kaoru Yamazaki (Chairman of the Board of Directors of Yamazaki Gakuen Educational Corporation) In alphabetical order

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