



● Tiger Q&A

What is a tiger's extinction risk?

Tigers are currently listed as endangered.

How many tigers are in the wild?

As few as 3,900 wild tigers currently exist in the wild. This number is very low, compared with their numbers at the turn of the 20th century, when there were approximately 100,000 wild tigers.

Where do tigers live?

Tigers are found in amazingly diverse habitats: tropical rain forests, evergreen forests, temperate forests, mangrove swamps, grasslands, and savannas.

There are currently 13 countries that tigers range across: Bangladesh, Bhutan, Cambodia, China, India, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, Nepal, Russia, Thailand, and Vietnam. While that may seem like a lot of countries, this doesn't mean tigers have a lot of range area left. Due to expanding human activity, tigers have lost 95% of the land where they used to range in these areas.

What is a tiger's weight?

220–660 pounds

How big is a tiger?

4–10 feet long

How many subspecies of tiger are there?

There are two recognized subspecies of tiger: the continental and the Sunda (island). All remaining island tigers are found only in Sumatra (popularly known as Sumatran tigers), with tigers in Java and Bali now extinct. The continental tigers currently include the Bengal, Malayan, Indochinese, and Amur (Siberian) tiger populations, while the Caspian tiger is extinct in the wild. The South China tiger is believed to be functionally extinct.