

### INFORMATION ON TIGER RESERVES

| No. | Name of Tiger Reserve            | Year of Creation [D,E&H] | State         | Date of Notification of Core/Critical Tiger Habitat [D,E&H] | Core Area (Sq km) [D&E] | Buffer Area (Sq km) [D&E] | Total (Sq km) | No. of Villages [F] | No. of Families [F] | MEE Assessment NTCA 2010-11 [A&B] | Estimated Tiger Density (per 100 sq km) [C&G] | Est. Tiger Nos. [C] | Wildlife Tourism in Core Area [pers. comm.] |
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| 1   | Nagarjunasagar                   | 1982-83                  | Andhra Pr.    | 20.12.2007  | 2527                    | NA                        | 2527          | 27                  | 102                 | Good <                            | Low (1.5)                                     | ~60                 | Yes, minimal <sup>1</sup>                   |
| 2   | Namdapha                         | 1982-83                  | Arunachal Pr. | 24.12.2007  | 1807.82                 | NA                        | ~1808         | 8                   | 84                  | Satisfactory                      | Low   | N/A                 | No, inaccessible                            |
| 3   | Pakke                            | 1999-2000                | Arunachal Pr. | 24.12.2007  | 683.45                  | NA                        | ~683          | Nil                 | Nil                 | Good                              | Good (7.13)                                   | N/A                 | Yes, minimal <sup>2</sup>                   |
| 4   | Kaziranga                        | 2008-09                  | Assam         | 20.12.2007  | 625.58                  | 548                       | ~1174         | Nil                 | Nil                 | Very Good                         | Good (15.92)                                  | ~106                | Yes, high**                                 |
| 5   | Manas                            | 1973-74                  | Assam         | 20.12.2007  | 840.04                  | 2310.88                   | ~3151         | 32                  | 912                 | Good                              | Low   | ~9 (LS)             | Yes, minimal                                |
| 6   | Nameri                           | 1999-2000                | Assam         | 20.12.2007  | 200                     | 144                       | 344           | Nil                 | Nil                 | Satisfactory                      | (7.13).                                       | N/A                 | Minimal, foot trails                        |
| 7   | Valmiki                          | 1989-90                  | Bihar         | Not yet notified  | 840*                    | NA                        | 840*          | Nil                 | Nil                 | Satisfactory                      | Low (1.8)                                     | ~9                  | NA, minimal                                 |
| 8   | Achanakmar                       | 2008-09                  | Chhattisgarh  | 20.02.2009  | 626.195                 | 287.822                   | ~914          | 25                  | 1774                | Satisfactory                      | Low (0.01)                                    | ~12                 | Yes, religious**                            |
| 9   | Indravati                        | 1982-83                  | Chhattisgarh  | 20.02.2009  | 1258.37                 | 1540.7                    | ~2799         | 56                  | 993                 | Poor <                            | N/A   | N/A                 | Disturbed Area                              |
| 10  | Udanti - Sitanadi                | 2008-09                  | Chhattisgarh  | 20.02.2009  | 851.09                  | 991.45                    | ~1843         | 45                  | 3138                | Poor <                            | Low   | N/A                 | Disturbed Area                              |
| 11  | Palamau                          | 1973-74                  | Jharkhand     | 31.12.2007  | 414.08                  | NA                        | ~414          | 3                   | 105                 | Poor <                            | Low   | ~10                 | Disturbed Area                              |
| 12  | Bandipur                         | 1973-74                  | Karnataka     | 20.12.2007  | 872.24                  | 584.06                    | ~1456         | Nil                 | Nil                 | Very Good                         | Good (14.04)                                  | N/A                 | Yes, high**                                 |
| 13  | Bhadra                           | 1998-99                  | Karnataka     | 20.12.2007  | 492.46                  | 571.83                    | ~1064         | 4                   | 81                  | Very Good                         | Low   | ~40 (LS)            | Yes, moderate                               |
| 14  | Biligiri Ranganatha Temple (BRT) | 2011-12                  | Karnataka     | 24.01.2011  | 359.1                   | 215.72                    | ~575          | N/A                 | N/A                 | Not assessed                      | N/A   | N/A                 | Yes, religious <sup>3</sup>                 |
| 15  | Dandeli - Anshi                  | 2008-09                  | Karnataka     | 20.12.2007  | 814.884                 | 282.63                    | ~1098         | 52                  | 4725                | Very Good                         | Low   | N/A                 | Yes, moderate                               |
| 16  | Nagarhole                        | 2008-09                  | Karnataka     | 20.12.2007  | 643.35                  | NA                        | ~643          | 45                  | 1353                | Good                              | Good  | N/A                 | Yes, high**                                 |
| 17  | Parambikulam                     | 2008-09                  | Kerala        | 16.12.2009  | 390.89                  | 252.77                    | ~644          | 6                   | 299                 | Very Good                         | Mod. (6.61)                                   | ~34 (LS)            | Yes, minimal <sup>4</sup>                   |
| 18  | Periyar                          | 1978-79                  | Kerala        | 31.12.2007  | 881                     | NA                        | 881           | 1 (large)           | 100                 | Very Good                         | Low[?] (5.41)                                 | ~38 (LS)            | Yes, high & religious** <sup>5</sup>        |
| 19  | Bandhavgarh                      | 1993-94                  | Madhya Pr.    | 24.12.2007  | 716.903                 | 820.03509                 | ~1537         | 14                  | 2164                | Very Good                         | Good (16.25)                                  | ~59                 | Yes, high**                                 |
| 20  | Bori - Satpura                   | 1999-2000                | Madhya Pr.    | 24.12.2007  | 1339.264                | 794.04397                 | ~2133         | 41                  | 2693                | Very Good                         | Low (2.66)                                    | ~43                 | Yes, minimal                                |
| 21  | Kanha                            | 1973-74                  | Madhya Pr.    | 24.12.2007  | 917.43                  | 1134.361                  | ~2052         | 26                  | 1828                | Very Good                         | Good (8.7)                                    | ~60                 | Yes, high**                                 |
| 22  | Panna                            | 1994-95                  | Madhya Pr.    | 24.12.2007  | 576.13                  | NA                        | ~576          | 5                   | 2811                | [Very Good]                       | Extinct 2009                                  | [4]                 | Yes, moderate                               |
| 23  | Pench                            | 1992-93                  | Madhya Pr.    | 24.12.2007  | 411.33                  | 768.30225                 | ~1180         | Nil                 | Nil                 | Very Good                         | Good[?] (3.62)                                | ~54                 | Yes, high**                                 |

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| 24  | Sanjay - Dubri                | 2008-09                  | Madhya Pr.  | 23.02.2011  | 812.571                 | 861.931                   | ~1675         | 47                  | 3256                | Satisfactory                      | Low   | ~5 (LS)             | Yes, minimal                                |
| 25  | Melghat                       | 1973-74                  | Maharashtra | 27.12.2007  | 1500.49                 | 1268.03                   | ~2769         | 31                  | 5835                | Good                              | Low (3.04)                                    | ~35                 | No  |
| 26  | Pench                         | 1998-99                  | Maharashtra | 27.12.2007  | 257.26                  | 483.96                    | ~741          | 1                   | 85                  | Good                              | Moderate                                      | ~11                 | Yes, minimal                                |
| 27  | Sahayadri                     | 2009-10                  | Maharashtra | 05.01.2010  | 741.22                  | NA                        | ~741          | 83                  | 2309                | Satisfactory                      | Moderate                                      | ~21 (LS)            | Not known <sup>6</sup>                      |
| 28  | Tadoba - Andheri              | 1993-94                  | Maharashtra | 27.12.2007  | 625.82                  | 1101.771                  | ~1728         | 5                   | 924                 | Good                              | Mod. (5.29)                                   | ~69 (LS)            | Yes, increasing**                           |
| 29  | Dampa                         | 1994-95                  | Mizoram     | 28.12.2007  | 500                     | NA                        | 500           | 1                   | 224                 | Good                              | Low   | ~5                  | Minimal - foot trails                       |
| 30  | Satkosia                      | 2008-09                  | Orissa      | 31.12.2007  | 523.61                  | 453.25*                   | ~977          | 5                   | 77                  | Poor                              | Low   | ~8                  | Yes, moderate <sup>7</sup>                  |
| 31  | Similipal                     | 1973-74                  | Orissa      | 31.12.2007  | 1194.75                 | 1555.25                   | 2750          | 6                   | 221                 | Satisfactory <                    | Low   | ~23                 | Yes, minimal <sup>8</sup>                   |
| 32  | Ranthambore                   | 1973-74                  | Rajasthan   | 28.12.2007  | 1113.364                | NA                        | ~1113         | 55                  | 6124                | Good                              | Good (9.75)                                   | ~31                 | Yes, high & religious** <sup>9</sup>        |
| 33  | Sariska                       | 1978-79                  | Rajasthan   | 28.12.2007  | 681.1124                | NA                        | ~681          | 28                  | 2254                | [Satisfactory]                    | Extinct 2005                                  | [5]                 | Yes,religious** <sup>9</sup>                |
| 34  | Anamalai                      | 2008-09                  | Tamil Nadu  | 31.12.2007  | 958                     | NA                        | 958           | 33                  | 94                  | Very Good                         | Moderate                                      | N/A                 | Yes <sup>10</sup>                           |
| 35  | Kalakad-Mundanthurai          | 1988-89                  | Tamil Nadu  | 31.12.2007  | 895                     | NA                        | 895           | 8                   | 245                 | Very Good                         | Low[?] (4.62)                                 | N/A                 | Yes, minimal <sup>11</sup>                  |
| 36  | Mudumalai                     | 2008-09                  | Tamil Nadu  | 31.12.2007  | 321                     | NA                        | 321           | 30                  | 449                 | Very Good                         | Mod.[?] (11.06)                               | N/A                 | Yes, high**                                 |
| 37  | Dudhwa (including extensions) | 1987-88                  | Uttar Pr.   | 24.12.2007  | 1093.79                 | NA                        | ~1094         | 18                  | 1475                | Good                              | Good (6.22-7.91)                              | ~112(LS)            | Yes, moderate                               |
| 38  | Corbett                       | 1973-74                  | Uttarakhand | 24.12.2007  | 821.99                  | 466.32                    | ~1288         | 2                   | 71                  | Good                              | Good (17.83)                                  | ~214                | Yes, high**                                 |
| 39  | Buxa                          | 1982-83                  | West Bengal | 06.08.2009  | 390.5813                | 367.3225                  | ~758          | 19                  | 1744                | Good                              | Low   | 15+                 | No  |
| 40  | Sunderbans                    | 1973-74                  | West Bengal | 18.12.2007  | 1699.62                 | 885.27                    | ~2585         | Nil                 | Nil                 | Very Good                         | Good  | ~70                 | No**  |
|     |                               |                          |             |   | <b>33,251.36</b>        | <b>18,675.80</b>          | <b>51,928</b> | <b>770</b>          | <b>48,549</b>       |                                   |   |                     |   |

NA = Notification awaited \* = Not yet notified (LS) = Landscape tiger population N/A = Not available

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9 Tiger Reserves that have a high density of wild tigers and a large number of day-time wildlife tourists in the Core Area.

#### Notes on Tiger Reserves:

\*\* Tiger Reserves (TRs) with a **high density of wildlife tourism** (100,000 <) and/or TRs heavily visited for **religious tourism**.

It appears that only NAMDAPHA, BUXA, SUNDERBANS & MELGHAT TRs **do not allow tourism in Core Areas**. Of these, only Sunderbans has high tourism in the Buffer Zone.

A number of TRs have Forest Dept. rest houses and State Tourism **facilities inside Core Areas** (e.g. Manas, Palamau, Bandipur, Bhadra, Periyar, Kanha, Dudhwa and Corbett).

There are virtually **no private resorts situated inside TR Core Areas**.

< SIMLIPAL, INDRAVATI, PALAMAU & UDANTI-SITANADI Tiger Reserves are in areas **disturbed by insurgents**.

Most of the TRs have **public roads (including National Highways)** running through them. These include Corbett (SH 4), Dudhwa, Sariska (two SHs), Indravati (NH 16), Pench MP (NH 7), Pench Maha. (NH 7), Kanha, Bandhavgarh, Tadoba-Andhari, Panna (SH 6), Melghat, Achanakmar, Udanti-Sitanadi, Bandipur, Nagarjunasagar, Palamau, Valmiki, Buxa (NH 31C), Nameri, Dampa and Namdapha. A number of tigers and many other wildlife species have died in accidents on these roads.

TRs that have **railway lines** running through them include Palamau, Dudhwa, Valmiki and Buxa Tiger Reserves.

- 1 NAGARJUNASAGAR TR is now free from insurgency problems. It has little wildlife tourism but a popular temple inside the TR creates heavy vehicular and foot traffic on a metal road (the road is closed to night traffic). There is also an irrigation township at Sundipenta in the heart of the TR that is expanding rapidly.
- 2 PAKKE TR has negligible tourism. Local people have recently constructed huts outside the Core Area on RF land for limited tourism, in agreement with the Forest Dept.
- 3 BIIGIRI RANGANATHA TEMPLE (BRT) has limited wildlife tourism. Accommodation is provided within Core Area by Jungle Lodges Ltd. (a Karnataka State Govt. enterprise).
- 4 PARAMBIKULAM TR tourism is highly regulated. It caters mainly to those who come to stay at rest houses run by the Forest Dept. and an Eco Development Committee.
- 5 PERIYAR TR has considerable tourism, including lakhs of religious tourists annually to the Sabarimala pilgrimage area.
- 6 SAHAYADRI TR is beset with problems and disturbances, including nearby mining, windmills, lack of enforcement, encroachment, and tree felling in private forests.
- 7 SIMLIPAL TR has minimal wildlife tourism in the Core Area, at Chahala.
- 8 SATKOSIA TR used to have a tented camps inside the Core. Currently tourists are allowed in boats inside the Mahanadi Gorge which is inside the Core Area.
- 9 RANTHAMBHORE & SARISKA TR both have lakhs of religious tourists that annually visit the Ganesh Temple and a temple at Pandupole, respectively.
- 10 ANAMALAI TR tourism is centred mainly around Top Slip. There is Forest Dept. accommodation inside the TR.
- 11 KALAKAD-MUNDANTHURAI TR has a small amount of wildlife tourism, mainly on the Mundanthurai side, and pilgrimage pressure due to a temple inside the TR.

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