

## Tigers information sheet

- 1) Tigers are the largest wild cats in the world. Adults can weigh up to **363kg** - that's about the same as a ten-year old child - and measure up to **3.3m**!
- 2) Tigers are **carnivores**, eating only meat. They mainly feed on large mammals such as **deer, wild pigs, antelope** and **buffalo**.
- 3) Tigers are hunters, and generally search for food alone at night. They quietly stalk their prey until they are close enough to pounce - then they kill their victim with a bite to the neck or back of the head. Ouch!
- 4) Unlike most members of the cat family, tigers like water. They are good swimmers and often cool off in pools or streams.
- 5) When a tiger wants to be heard, you'll know about it this is because their roar can be heard as far as **three kilometres** away.
- 6) They may be big and heavy, but tigers are not slow movers. In fact, they are fast, at full speed they can reach up to **65km/h**!
- 7) These fierce felines have walked the earth for a long time. **Fossil remains** of tigers found in parts of China are believed to be **2 million years old**. Yikes!
- 8) Every tiger in the world is unique - no two tigers have the same pattern of stripes.
- 9) Today, there are **five** different types of tiger: **Bengal, South China, Indochinese, Sumatran** and **Siberian**. Sadly, three of these have become extinct - **Caspian, Bali** and **Javan**.
- 10) Less than **100 years ago**, tigers could be found throughout Asia. Unfortunately, hunting and habitat loss have put populations at risk, and today their range has been reduced to around **7%** of its former size. That's why we need to do all we can to protect these beautiful beasts!
- 11) Wild tigers live in Asia. Larger subspecies, such as the Siberian tiger, tend to live in northern, colder areas, such as eastern Russia and northeastern China.
- 12) Tigers can live in a range of different habitats, these include rain forests, grasslands, savannas and even mangrove swamps.