

# A programme of



WORKING  
TOGETHER TO  
SAVE MALAYAN  
TIGERS IN THE  
BELUM-TEMENGOR  
FOREST COMPLEX



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## STRATEGY

The Strengthening Tiger Conservation in the Belum - Temengor Forest Complex” programme is underpinned by the following 3 core strategies:

### Protection

- ❖ Advocate for greater effectiveness in management and protection of the Belum-Temengor Forest Complex by introducing a set of minimum protected area standards for tigers.
- ❖ Introduce SMART patrolling in Royal Belum State Park and Temengor Forest Reserve to ensure that the Belum-Temengor Forest Complex would be effectively managed and protected.

### Monitoring

- ❖ Monitor the population status of tigers and their prey to evaluate if the population has increased/decreased.
- ❖ Improve knowledge on tigers and their prey to allow the assessment of the effectiveness of conservations measures implemented.

### Community Engagement

- ❖ Increase communities’ awareness and participation in anti-poaching initiatives.
- ❖ Develop potential sustainable livelihood revenue generation model to reducing the community dependencies on natural resources from tiger habitat.

## CONTEXT

Maybank Foundation and WWF-Malaysia have partnered to conserve tigers in the Belum-Temengor Forest Complex, a priority site for Malayan tigers under the National Tiger Conservation Action Plan. Maybank Foundation has allocated RM5 million for this partnership over four years starting from 2016, subject to an annual review of the results.

The intent behind the initiative is for the Belum-Temengor Forest Complex in north Malaysia to be better protected through SMART patrolling, and via the pursuance of CA|TS (Conservation Assured Tiger Standards) for Royal Belum State Park - the highest global standards of tiger protection. WWF-Malaysia will also lobby for conservation measures such as better protection of critical tiger prey resources, controlled access into the forest, enhancement of ecological linkages and better logging practices.

Being one of its kind, this is the only NGO-led tiger conservation programme in the site with the highest tiger density in Malaysia. Scientific research will be conducted through camera-trapping to monitor the tiger population status and assess whether conservation measures have been successful. WWF-Malaysia also engages with the local indigenous communities in the Belum-Temengor Forest Complex to raise their awareness and explore sustainable livelihoods for their long-term benefit.

This programme will take steps to ensure the long-term viability of tigers within the larger Northern Borneo Titiwangsa, one of the largest contiguous forest complex in Peninsular Malaysia. This will be done through collaborations with the Malaysian Department of Wildlife and National Parks (PERHILITAN), Perak State Parks Corporation, the Forestry Department of Perak, and the Economic Planning Unit of Perak.





## OUTCOMES

A systematic list of key indicators and outputs per year as a progressive measure of evaluating success for the programme:

- Gradually increase patrolling efforts from 1,500 km to 3,500 km per year.
- Reduce poaching threats and report wildlife crime cases to PERHILITAN.
- Train a minimum of 15 enforcement agency staff from PERHILITAN and Perak States Park Corporation.
- Lobby for implementation of CA|TS and other conservation recommendations such as protecting saltlicks and closure of old logging roads
- Obtain baseline conservation awareness levels of the indigenous Orang Asli communities.
- Engage with the Orang Asli communities to form a core group of sustainable livelihood participants.

## ABOUT US

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## ACHIEVEMENTS TO DATE

We are currently in Year 4 of the programme. The outcomes of the programme to date:

- 14,333 km of dense forest has been covered via foot patrols.
- 228 active wire snares have been found and deactivated, there by potentially saving 228 large animals, including tigers and its preys
- 834 old snares, 133 old mist nets, 41 hunting hides and 33 bullet shells were recorded.
- 121 wildlife crime cases were reported to PERHILITAN, where 49 cases were acted upon.
- 18 high level meetings were held to lobby for implementation of CA|TS.
- 64 other major meetings were conducted to lobby for other conservation recommendations in Belum-Temengor and strengthening enforcement efforts.
- 28 major events were held to raise the Orang Asli's awareness level, which includes mini booths targeting encroachers / poachers, community meetings and a football tournament.

