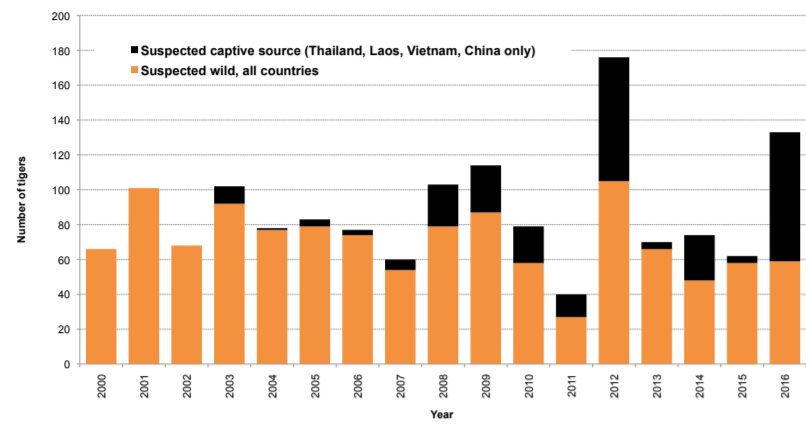


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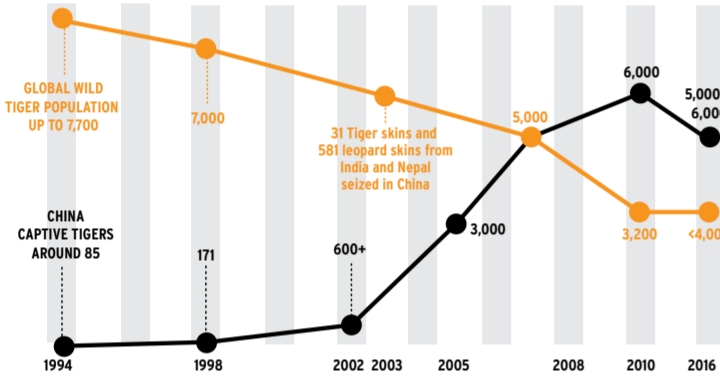
1. Growing international commercial trade in captive tiger specimens: Between 2010 and mid-2016, nearly 35% of tigers seized were suspected to be sourced from captive tigers with approx. 220 suspected captive source tigers seized.

TIGERS INTERCEPTED IN TRADE, 2000-MID 2016



2. Growing population of tigers in commercial breeding operations: The problem of trade in captive tiger specimens will be increasingly difficult to tackle as new captive tiger facilities are established and existing facilities expand. There are now an estimated 7,000 - 8,000 tigers in captivity in 240 facilities in South-East Asia and China. There are 280 tigers in 44 facilities in South Africa. During 2006 - 2015, a total of 212 live tigers, 25 tiger "trophies" and 20 tiger skins were exported from South Africa.

TIMELINE OF TIGER POPULATIONS



3. Involvement of organised crime: Transnational organised criminal networks involving repeat offenders are profiting from the tiger trade from both licensed and unlicensed facilities breeding tigers.

4. Laundering of illegal tiger specimens through captive-breeding facilities: In the absence of completed DNA and stripe-pattern databases and rigorous monitoring and enforcement there is significant scope for laundering illegal tiger specimens through the captive trade. This represents a major gap in ensuring compliance and enforcement of CITES.

5. Failure to adopt a trade ban: International commercial trade in parts and derivatives from either wild or captive-bred tigers is prohibited by CITES and countries are also urged to implement internal trade prohibitions. Of serious concern is the legal trade in skins of captive-bred tigers in the key destination country of tiger parts, namely China. Poaching of wild tigers will decrease only if trade bans are fully implemented.



Tiger skin rug sourced from a captive bred-tiger accompanied with a permit issued by the State Forestry Administration, China. This legal trade is fraught with loopholes enabling laundering of illegal tiger parts.

6. Legal captive tiger trade exacerbates the endangered conservation status of tigers: Legalizing trade in captive tiger parts and derivatives runs the strong risk of increasing demand and poaching pressure, and expanding opportunities to sell illegal tiger products.

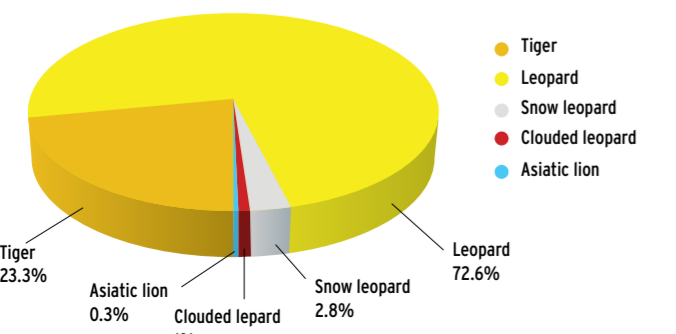


Tigers kept in these conditions in Sri Racha Tiger Zoo in Thailand serve no conservation purpose. © Faith Delaney/EIA

7. Captive breeding for commerce not conservation: Many of the facilities that keep and breed tigers in Thailand, Lao PDR, Vietnam and China are purely commercial ventures, where the management practices do not constitute "conservation breeding". "Farming" tigers has been widely discredited and rejected by scientists and other experts as a conservation solution. The IUCN has recognized "tiger farming" as "a serious threat" to the conservation of wild tigers.

8. Other Asian big cats are also under threat: The same market demand that leads to tiger poaching also fuels poaching of other Asian big cats such as leopards and snow leopards for use in taxidermy, luxury home décor and the bone trade.

PROPORTION OF ASIAN BIG CATS IN TRADE BY SPECIES, 2000-MID-2016



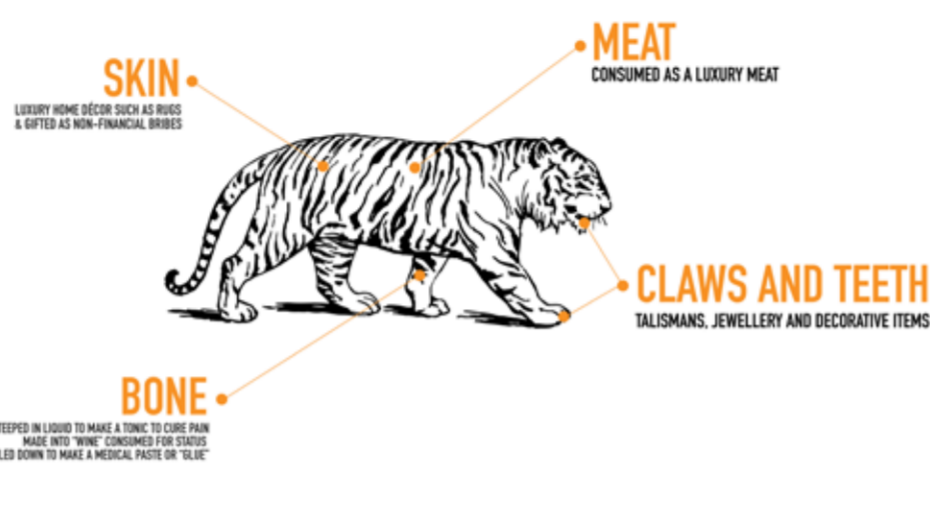
WHERE ARE THE TIGERS? CAPTIVE TIGERS AND TRADE

The map shows tigers in captivity, facilities implicated in trade, planned tiger facilities and seizures of captive-sourced tigers (mapped to province or local level, dependent upon reporting).

It is based on openly available information and is not an exhaustive list of facilities with captive tigers. Note that not all tiger facilities are implicated in trade.

For further information see the interactive resource <https://eia-international.org/where-are-the-tigers>

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- SEIZED TIGER LEOPARD SPECIMENS SUSPECTED TO BE CAPTIVE SOURCED
- FACILITIES IMPLICATED IN TRADE
- PLANNED FACILITIES

NUMBER OF TIGERS IN CAPTIVITY

5 ●●●●● 1300 ●●●●●

Map not to scale, borders not authenticated