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ON ACTIVITIES FOR STRENGTHENING IN-SITU CONSERVATION
AND PROTECTION OF ASIAN BIG CATS

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1. Assisting Tiger Range Countries (TRCs) for Strengthening Field Protection

- Evolving protocol for security audit of Tiger Reserves in India
- Implementing Security Audit of select Tiger Reserves in India through independent teams

2. Facilitating Bilateral consultations between TRCs for strengthening Tiger/wildlife protection across borders and preventing trafficking of wildlife body parts and derivatives

- Facilitating bilateral consultations between India and adjoining tiger range countries (Bangladesh, Bhutan and Nepal)
- Process underway for structuring bilateral instruments between India and Myanmar, and Myanmar and Thailand

3. Facilitating TRCs in evolving state of the art Tiger Conservation Plan (TCP) for strengthening Tiger conservation in field formations with enhanced protection

- Facilitating Myanmar in the preparation of Tiger Conservation Plan for Htamanthi Wildlife Sanctuary in collaboration with USAID
- Facilitating India in preparation of Tiger Conservation Plan for Tiger Reserves apart from management plan for other protected areas (six)
- Mission visits to Tiger Range Countries for appraisal of tiger status, including status of field protection (Malaysia, Bhutan, Thailand, Nepal, Indonesia, Laos, Cambodia, Vietnam, Russia)

4. Enhancing Management Effectiveness of Field formations in TRCs

- Implementing Conservation Assured Tiger Standards (CA|TS) in collaboration with WWF across select tiger landscapes

5. Welfare and Capacity Building of frontline

- Collaborated with WWF and Apple Inc. for appraisal of frontline working conditions (India)
- Evolved 5 field manuals under the aegis of the Global Tiger Initiative Council (GTIC), along with technical partners (Wildlife Institute of India, Global Snow Leopard and Ecosystem Protection Program, Indian Institute of Forest Management, WWF, WCT) with support from the World Bank, after intensive consultations with Tiger/Snow Leopard Range Countries
 - Technical Guidelines for Habitat, Prey and Tiger Recovery across Tiger Range Countries
 - Protocols for monitoring Habitat Quality and Wildlife Populations (Tiger Landscapes)

- Protocols for Monitoring Habitat Quality and wildlife populations in Snow Leopard Landscapes
- Technical Guidelines for Habitat and Prey Restoration in Snow Leopard Landscapes
- Valuation of Ecosystem Services from Tiger and Snow Leopard Landscapes

(The above manuals are available on <http://globaltigerforum.org/resources/>)

- Organized workshop on “Landscape Level Planning” with support from USAID for Myanmar officials at the Wildlife Institute of India
- Process underway for organizing landscape level planning for officials from Malaysia and Thailand with support from USAID
- Collaborating with the U.S. Tiger University Consortium
- Provided technical inputs on tiger reintroduction planning in Cambodia

6. Appraisal of Tiger Status in High Altitude ecosystems of Bhutan, India and Nepal

- Implementing a multi-agency IUCN-KfW supported collaborative project involving the Wildlife Institute of India for determining status of Tiger in high altitude ecosystems (of Bhutan, India and Nepal)

7. Reviewing progress of the Global Tiger Recovery Program (GTRP) as an implementing arm of the GTIC

- Process underway for GTRP review with TRCs in December 2018

8. Tiger Atlas and Action Tiger

- Updating Global Tiger Atlas with inputs from TRCs for Tiger status
- Updating “Action Tiger” with inputs from TRCs to reflect ongoing initiatives, achievements and gaps

9. Disseminating tiger crime related media coverage among TRCs

- Media coverage on Tiger in TRCs are published in a six-monthly newsletter for dissemination to Tiger range countries