

Phone-in on Tiger Day



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In an effort to raise awareness for tiger conservation in the run up for the 'International Tiger Day' observation on July 29 also known as Global Tiger Day, [city](#) based biodiversity organization [Aaranyak](#) is presenting a Phone-in Programme in association with All India Radio Guwahati and Dibrugarh on tiger and forest conservation in Assam.

The tiger population is suffering from extreme habitat loss, depletion of prey population, poaching, man-tiger conflict and the ravages of climate change. Tigers in due time have been subjected to a loss of 93 per cent of their natural habitats due to unplanned urbanization and agriculture by humans. Humans and tigers are competing each other for space. WWF studies report that in the absence of mitigation efforts, projected sea [level](#) rise by nearly a foot by 2070 could destroy the entire Sundarbans, one of the world's largest tiger habitats in the world.

The majestic tiger of late is no longer burning bright in the forest of the night. It has become a matter of grave concern for conservationists world [over](#). The Royal Bengal tiger (*Panthera tigris tigris*) categorized as endangered on the [IUCN Red](#) List ([IUCN](#), 2008) is undergoing a declining [trend](#) in population. A conservation dependent species it is listed under Schedule-I of the [Wildlife](#) (Protection) [Act](#), 1972 in India and Appendix-I of the CITES. It is the most threatened large carnivore species in India. Tigers are under threat mainly due to habitat loss,.

Interested can participate in a live question and answer session directly with experts [over](#) phone. [Wildlife](#) Biologist M Firoz Ahmed, Utpal [Bora](#), IFS, Conservator of Forest, AFD, and Uttam Saikia, [Journalist](#), Bokakhat are the phone-in resource persons. All India Radio Guwahati and Dibrugarh stations will broadcast the programme on Tuesday, July 28, 2015 from 9.30 pm to [10.30](#) pm. The programme shall be available [over](#) DTH services as well.

Topic: Tiger and Forest [Conservation](#) in Assam

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