



RESOLUTION #27

TITLE:

Protection of Bengal Tigers



WHEREAS

Tigers are in sharp decline across their range in Asia on account of the twin-threats of (i) habitat destruction at the hands of expanding agriculture, commercial infrastructures, mines, dams and linear intrusions including canals, roads and railway lines that fragment tiger habitats, and (ii) targeted killing by poachers as part of the illegal, global wildlife trade, which is in turn connected to national and international criminal networks, insurrectionists and terror groups.

THEREFORE

RECOGNISING that India represents the world's best hope to keep *Panthera tigris* alive in the long term, since roughly half of all living wild tigers are found in India; and

KNOWING that the tiger's wild forest habitats offer incalculable ecological services including the sequestration and storage of carbon, the supply of fresh water that feeds over 600 Indian rivers, and a climate moderation services that help temper the impact of both floods and droughts;

As delegates of WILD10, gathered here in Salamanca, Spain, we are:

RESOLVED TO

URGE the governments of tiger range countries to unite, cooperate and assist each other to arrive at a common global strategy for tigers; to call a halt to the conversion and/or degradation of tiger habitats, and cut off or dismantle the supply chains that feed the demand for tiger bones and parts, and share intelligence and strategies to effectively counter the wildlife trade, which is relentlessly driving all wild tigers, everywhere, to extinction;

CALL UPON all governments to support and encourage the governments of tiger range countries, in particular India, to strictly protect extant tiger wildernesses through well-equipped, specialised field staff

and to support the rewilding of former tiger habitats so as to connect islanded tiger populations through the creation of community-owned nature conservancies on marginal farms and wastelands adjoining Protected Areas, so as to allow tigers and the wild plants and animals naturally associated with them to regenerate and recolonise such lands and thus ensure the long-term survival of *Panthera tigris*

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