

Singapore Tiger Week 2023

Singapore and Malaysia, Saving the Malayan Tiger Together

Combating Illegal Wildlife Trade and Poaching



Organised by Singapore Wildcat Action Group in conjunction with Heart for Nature

Supported by National Parks Board, Singapore and Centre for Nature-based Climate Solutions, National University of Singapore

GOAL

The primary goal is to raise awareness on the illegal wildlife trade and poaching that is decimating tiger populations across Asia, and closer to home, the Malayan tiger is on the brink of extinction. Secondly, it aims to strengthen the cooperation and collaboration between Singapore and Malaysia towards saving the Malayan tiger from its imminent extinction.

AUDIENCE

Stakeholders in combatting illegal wildlife trade and poaching, conservation community and the supporting agencies, embassies of ASEAN countries based in Singapore, other international embassies who might be interested in contributing to tiger conservation, a private sector keen on biodiversity conservation, press and the general public.

INTENTION

With better understanding of the main threat to tigers and networking with the relevant stakeholders across the two nations, the target audience will strengthen tiger conservation by responding to the call to specific actions and making leads for future actions.

PROGRAMME

Day 1: 7th October, 8.30 am – 4.30 pm

9.00 am	Welcome Remarks Singapore Wildcat Action Group and Our Wild Neighbours Campaign
9.15 am	Venn Diagram Rachel Lim Poet Critters Connect! Maureen Yeo Children's Author
9.30 am	Opening Speech Co-existence Adrian Loo Botanist Fellow, National Parks Board, Singapore

9.40 am	<p>Keynote Address</p> <p>What Will It Take for Us to Stem the Illegal Wildlife Trade?</p> <p>Anbarasi Boopal</p> <p>Co-CEO, Animal Concerns, Research & Education Society (ACRES)</p>
10.00 am	Coffee Break
10.20 am	<p>Threat to Tigers 1. Illegal Wildlife Trade: Asia's Tiger Crisis – Can We Prevent It from Extinction?</p> <p>Kanitha Krishnasamy</p> <p>Regional Director, TRAFFIC Southeast Asia,</p> <p>Member of MYCAT, Malaysia</p>
10.45 am	<p>Threat to Tigers 2. Poaching: Silence of the Snares</p> <p>Sera Brown</p> <p>Illegal Wildlife Trade Programme Lead,</p> <p>WWF-Singapore</p>
11.10 am	<p>Singapore's Responsibilities and Action: Legislation and Enforcement on Wildlife Trade</p> <p>Ryan Lee</p> <p>Group Director, Wildlife Management, and National Biodiversity Centre,</p> <p>Senior Curator, Istana National Parks Board, Singapore</p>
11.35 am	<p>Malaysia's Strategic Actions for the Conservation of the Malayan Tiger</p> <p>YBhg. Dato' Fakhru bin Musa</p> <p>Deputy Director General (Conservation),</p> <p>Department of Wildlife and National Parks (PERHILITAN),</p> <p>Peninsular Malaysia</p>
12.00 noon	Lunch
1.00 pm	<p>Tiger Conservation across the Border</p> <p>Mark Rayan Darmaraj</p> <p>Director, Wildlife Conservation Society,</p> <p>Member of MYCAT, Malaysia</p>
1.25 pm	<p>Indigenous Community Conservation in Perak</p> <p>Lara Ariffin</p> <p>Director, Rimau, Malaysia</p>
1.50 pm	<p>A Missing Link in Saving Tigers</p> <p>Vilma D'Rozario</p> <p>Co-Director, Singapore Wildcat Action Group</p>
2.15 pm	<p>Beyond the Jungle: Taking Action for Malayan Tigers through Ex Situ Conservation</p> <p>Abraham Mathew</p> <p>Deputy Vice President of Conservation, Research and Veterinary,</p> <p>Mandai Wildlife Reserve</p>
2.40 pm	<p>Tea Break</p> <p>and</p> <p>Tour Heart for Nature Exhibition and nature-focussed booths organised by Our Wild Neighbours Campaign</p>

3.20 pm	A Thousand Footsteps in the Mist <i>Song</i> Faith Tan, Ho Sze Koy, Regina Lai, Julian Lee, Raphael Moey, Adrian Loo, Leon Lim
3.25 pm	Closing keynote by His Royal Highness, the Regent of Pahang, Crown Prince Tengku Hassanal Ibrahim Alam Shah Ibni Al-Sultan Abdullah Ri’ayatuddin Al-Mustafa Billah Shah What the Malayan tiger means to me and Malaysia, aspired future, how I envisage the two nations can work together; the pledge.
3.40 pm	Closing keynote by Minister Desmond Lee, Minister for National Development, Singapore.
3.55 pm	Gift Presentation and Group Photo
4.30 pm	End of Day 1

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Day 2: 8th October, 8.30 am – 12.30 pm (Press invited for Plenary Sessions from 9am till 10.30am)

9.00am	Plenary: Silent Forests in Asia By Audrey Tan, Centre for Nature-based Climate Solutions (CNCS), National University of Singapore & Anton L. Delgado Rainforest Investigation Fellow, Pulitzer Center Q & A
10.00am	Coffee Break
10.30am	<u>CLOSED DOOR PANEL</u> <u>Illegal Wildlife Trade: Closing the Gaps</u> Panel on Legislation, Detection and Enforcement Panel Members Anna Wong, Director, Wildlife Trade, National Parks Board Singapore Barbara Lira, Team Manager, RisikoTek Pte. Ltd. Dawn Barriteau, Regional Attache, DHS/Homeland Security Investigations, US Embassy, Singapore Andrew Douglas, Regional Senior Security Manager, Asia Pacific Global Security Team, Maersk Safety & Resilience Moderator: Carmen Pang, Co-Director, Singapore Wildcat Action Group
12.00pm	Group Photos and Closing Remarks
12.30pm	End of Conference
	Lunch for Speakers at Hotel Fort Canning