

FACT SHEET – HOW SAVING TIGERS SAVES HUMANS AND THE CLIMATE

Did you know that saving tigers and their forests is essential for YOUR future, too? Learn the facts, and then help politicians and developers hear the tiger’s simple message:

“LEAVE ME ALONE”

Fact #1: Tigers and humans are large mammals. Tigers and humans have similar needs.

Fact #2: Tigers need clean water and a stable climate. Humans need clean water and a stable climate.

Fact #3: Forests provide clean water and a stable climate, *ipso facto* tigers and humans need forests.

Fact #4: Forests serve as living sponges, capturing, storing, and slowly releasing rainwater. When forests are cut down, life-giving water sources dry up.

Fact #5: Undisturbed forests store carbon dioxide (a harmful climate change gas produced by industrial activity), in their biomass and soil. When forests are cleared, overused, or degraded, carbon dioxide is released into the atmosphere.

Fact #6: In addition to clean water and a stable climate, tigers need undisturbed forests for cover in which to stalk abundant prey animals that healthy forests provide. Healthy tiger populations = healthy, undisturbed forests. Healthy, undisturbed forests = healthy tiger populations.

Fact #7: If you want to save lots of biodiversity, saving tigers is an excellent way to go about it. Why? Tigers are apex predators. Because they are at the top of the food chain, and need undisturbed forests to survive, all of the forest that we save for the tiger protects every other plant and animal within it, and all those outside it that benefit from clean water and a stable climate.

Fact #8: Tigers are in their evolutionary prime. Everywhere that tigers have the undisturbed forests they need, they thrive.

Fact #9: Yet, tigers are endangered. Why? Because one other species – humans – hunt tigers and destroy their forests voraciously. People who harm tigers and forests, harm you, and harm their own and their children's futures.

Fact #10: If you join the **LEAVE ME ALONE** campaign, and amplify the tiger's plea, you will help tigers. And you will help yourself and your loved ones, since your needs and the tiger's are the same.

Join us in persuading politicians and developers to stop the destruction of the water-generating, climate-calming, biodiversity-protecting forests of India.

Help the tiger's voice be heard: **"LEAVE ME ALONE."**

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