

## It's a *Grrreat* Day for Conservation! *Celebrate International Tiger Day!*

SEATTLE—As the month of July concludes, Woodland Park Zoo looks forward to celebrating International Tiger Day on July 29! On this day here at the zoo, take time to acknowledge these creatures by celebrating what's being accomplished through the Malayan Tiger Conservation Project in Peninsular Malaysia.



Do you want to see tigers in action? Woodland Park Zoo has Tiger Training Demonstrations at 11:30 a.m. every Friday, Saturday and Sunday. The zoo's animal keepers will show how they work with these enormous predators safely, as well as how these trainings allow the tigers to participate in their own health care.

As part of the zoo's Banyan Wilds exhibit, the zoo has two Malayan tigers, Bumi, 13, and Azul, 7. Malayan tigers are one of many species that are at risk of extinction and have lost over 95% of their population and habitat. The loss of the tigers' habitats and decreased population are mainly due to poaching, logging, climate change and other human activities. However, there's hope for these creatures. The population of Malayan tigers is slowly rising, but there's still work to do to keep their species alive.

Woodland Park Zoo partners with Department of Wildlife and National Parks Peninsular Malaysia, located in the Kenyir Core Area in Peninsular Malaysia, to keep these wild tigers safe from illegal poaching and other harmful activities. The Malayan Tiger Conservation Project helps protect the tigers by monitoring tigers and prey species, as well as building indigenous capacity to manage resources. A recent spotting of a tiger and her two cubs gives hope that the population will grow.

In 2012, Woodland Park Zoo created the Malayan Tiger Conservation Project and collaborated with in-country partners, Panthera and Rimba, to help these lovely felines. "Woodland Park Zoo is immensely proud of the great work our conservation partners are doing around the world. The Malayan Tiger Conservation Project has made great strides in protecting the critically endangered Malayan tiger, and the zoo is committed to continuing to support this important program," says Anji Moraes, Vice President of Conservation and Climate Initiatives at Woodland Park Zoo.

The zoo's research partners in Malaysia state that the population of Malayan tigers continues to rise in the Kenyir Core Area. Cubs have grown and are healthy, which is great progress for these great cats.

While this project is showing successes, tigers need you to do your part. Celebrate International Tiger Day by learning more about how you can participate in this movement!

### **How You Can Help Protect Tigers:**

- *Find certified, sustainable palm oil.* Palm oil is common in many candies, foods and household products. The Malayan tiger's habitat has been decimated by the creation of unsustainable palm oil plantations trying to keep up with global palm oil demand.

Fortunately, many companies have switched to using certified, sustainable palm oil. For sweet occasions, use this [treat shopping guide](#) that will delight your loved ones and save forests and wildlife a world away. The guide features companies that are actively working to make a difference.

- *See Bumi and Azul in action!* The zoo offers a Tiger Training Demonstration at 11:30 a.m. Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. Learn how animal keepers safely work with large, powerful predators and how the training allows tigers to participate in their own health care. Plus, you contribute to the zoo's conservation mission every time you visit the zoo.
- *Visit [www.zoo.org/tigers](http://www.zoo.org/tigers).* Learn more about the Malayan Tiger Conservation Project and the successes the program has already celebrated. If you'd like to make a gift to tiger conservation, please visit [www.zoo.org/donate](http://www.zoo.org/donate), where you can write "Malayan Tigers" in the notes of the designation box to make sure 100% of your gift goes to support this program.
- *Be a savvy traveler!* When looking for souvenirs abroad, remember that some jewelry and trinkets might be made from illegally poached animal parts. Don't be afraid to ask what the product is made of and where it came from. By making informed choices, you can avoid having your souvenir confiscated and you'll support wildlife conservation around the world. Visit [SEAsavvytravel.org](http://SEAsavvytravel.org) to take the savvy traveler pledge and pick up wildlife-friendly tips for your next adventure.
- *Adopt a tiger.* Show your love for tigers with a Malayan tiger adoption. The [ZooParent](#) program supports the zoo's animal care, education and wildlife conservation efforts in the Pacific Northwest and around the world.

Woodland Park Zoo offers a safe, outdoor experience for all. Visit [www.zoo.org](http://www.zoo.org) for information. Zoo hours: 9:30 a.m.–6:00 p.m. daily.

Accessibility: Information about accessibility and resources, one-to-one aides, sighted guides, mobility equipment rentals, and a sensory map and tools can be found at [www.zoo.org/access](http://www.zoo.org/access). For questions or to request disability accommodations for zoo programs or events, contact [zooinfo@zoo.org](mailto:zooinfo@zoo.org).

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