1014 Royal Bengal Tigers, few elephants

Save wildlife

Save tigers, elephants

I am also unique. Save me. Or else I will also go extinct. Tiger population in 30 Tiger reserves in the country have dwindled to 1,411 at present from the 1,800 in 1972,

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according to statistics.   
  
The country had 40,000 tigers in 1900, statistics released by CPR Environmental Education Centre (CPREEC), which is organising an exhibition titled "Tiger Tiger", on Sunday said.   
  
"The habitats have been lost due to severe deforestation, contributing to the dwindling tiger numbers," it said.   
  
Non-forestry activities, fragmentation of forest patches were the major causes for the dwindling tiger population, it said. The exhibition sought to raise awareness about the need to save the tiger.   
  
"This would also provide a complete overview of the National animal -- its evolution, behaviour, social structure, cultural role, ecological significance, human impact upon it and what should be done to conserve it," it said.

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<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/earth/earthnews/3348683/African-elephants-face-extinction-by-2020-conservationists-warn.html>

**Poaching driven by increasing demand for tiger parts**

One of most deadly threats facing the tiger in India poaching for tiger parts. According to the [Times of India](http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/news/sunday-toi/special-report/This-may-be-the-last-time-you-see-a-tiger/articleshow/4872542.cms), a single tiger “ground down and separated into various medicines” brings in around $50,000. Belinda Wright of the Wildlife Protection Society of India said in the article that poachers use Nepal to move between India and China, where increasing demand for tiger parts is driven by rising affluence:

<http://delhigreens.com/2009/07/23/top-five-reasons-for-why-must-you-act-to-save-the-tiger/>

<http://ecolocalizer.com/2009/08/09/whats-behind-the-decline-in-indias-tiger-population-and-what-can-be-done-about-it/>

. It’s a real shame that we have disgraced Mother Nature and are incessantly robbing her of her aura. Never have we found time to stop and think where is it leading us to? But then what about our nature? Isn’t our nature entwined with the Nature around us? Creativity, culture, society, traditions, religion, science and what not started off from the Terra Firma. In pursuit of exploiting Nature to the farthest extent, we have forgotten that this has lead to our plight. And now it’s the battle for our own existence.

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1400 Tigers left in natural habitat in India; elephants of Africa predicted to go extinct by 2020. Causes, both human and inhuman.

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But they are not the only species that need help and I think they should grow up to take care of themselves before it’s too late. The apes realized this and made themselves worthy of being the test subjects in laboratories. Now they are bred in captivity, so no extinction issues.

Meanwhile, I too am facing serious extinction issues. These issues occupy my otherwise vacant mind for hours. This particular homo-sapiens genus of hominini tribe has learned a lot. But only a small lot amongst this group knows its roots, it’s Terra Firma. They have forgotten that everything new doesn’t pour out from the sky. It is learnt from the roots, from the basics. Science as we call it.

They taught me words after teaching me the alphabets, and then I made sentences, convinced that these were mere arrangements of words. From sentences emerged emotions. But now, it is all history. Today, they rough me up through superconductivity course without telling me if it is a special case of conductivity. Schrodinger equations are used like (x+y) and we are expected to know it all. They have made education a compulsion for me, not a delight. The best subject, mathematics, was transformed from a deep reasoning subject to mere cramming of rules and results. Electrostatics, electromagnetic fields and antennas are taught as if they are all different fields of study.

Just to show how they have stopped using their upper storey, let me narrate to you a personal experience. In a lecture on ‘Growth of Industrial Sociological Approach’, the lecturer explains how F.W. Taylor propounded ‘Scientific principles of Management’, the first one being ‘Science, not the rule of the thumb’ [*[More Info]*](http://www.rajputbrotherhood.com/knowledge-hub/business-studies/scientific-management.html). But the comma after ‘Science’ was missing and turned this statement into ‘Science not the rule of the thumb’. And our respected lecturer explained it as such, though the lecturer was an MBA graduate from a top institute. The statement that was supposed to mean, use science and not the rule of the thumb, was transformed into, science is not the rule of the thumb. F.W. Taylor’s spirit would have died again of a heart attack if it was wandering around us.

Is this how they are going to treat the lone piece of my kind? Is this how they intend to curb me and my natural instincts? Foundations of science – What, how and why, are reserved and forbidden words. I ask too much, they screw my grades. I ask too little, I’d rather suffocate. A few understand my situation, fewer help, others encourage me to join ranks.

By making me like themselves, they think they can save me from extinction. But when they could not save their original self from extinction and succumbed to the tyranny of the system, how can they do justice to me?

A single poached tiger “ground down and separated into various medicines” brings in around $50,000. A kilogram of Ivory can fetch you around [700$](http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=6677444). Neither my bones nor my skin would fetch you anything greater than a trifle.

Though my extinction might not disturb the ecosystem, I might not be the bringer of rains, I might be adding just one species to the biodiversity, but still I am unique, am I not?

So save Tigers, save elephants and SAVE ME!

\*Note: We all are unique in some way or the other. Only a few exist in the world who shall try to make us climb the glory mountain. Rest are there to push us down into the well of obscurity and ordinarity. God gave us brains not to preserve but to use to help ourselves and those mute animals who cannot speak for themselves.