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Tiger SOS

The stunning Sumatran tiger is in danger, but YOU can help save it...

 Deep in the Harapan Rainforest, a beautiful big cat leaps through the thick jungle foliage and roars. It's a Sumatran tiger, the smallest and, sadly, the rarest member of the tiger family. "People get so excited about seeing the footprint of a tiger," says Muhammed Zubairin, of the Harapan Rainforest Project. "But seeing the animal itself is really something to get excited about."

Found only in Sumatra, a large island in western Indonesia, the Sumatran tiger population is estimated at just 400 to 500 animals – that could be the number of kids that go to your school! And even this small number is falling fast. The tigers have lived in the tropical jungles for over a million years, but now there are fears they could follow the Balinese, Javan and Caspian tigers and become extinct. But why...?

Fight for the forests

...Because these amazing beasts are being illegally hunted and their habitat is being destroyed. Unsustainable logging, where forests are cut down without enough time for them to grow back, means the tigers are running out of places to live. "We need to help the local people find other ways of making a living, so they don't have to chop down the forests – the tigers' home," Muhammed told NG Kids.



How can you help?

To play your part in protecting the Sumatran tiger, recycle your paper and only use products made from sustainable forests. Join the RSPB's campaign to save the Sumatran rainforest, too (see the box on the right). With your help, this incredible cat will live to roar another day!

Did you know...?
A tiger's stripes act as camouflage. The pattern of each animal's stripes is unique, just like our fingerprints!

Save the Sumatran tiger
To find out more about this awesome big cat, go to...
● www.rspb.org.uk
● www.panda.org
● www.tigersincrisis.com

