



**Integrated
Tiger Habitat
Conservation
Programme
(ITHCP)**

**PHASE II, PHASE III AND
PHASE IV PROJECT PROFILES**

TRANSCENDING BOUNDARIES FOR TIGER RECOVERY: THE CHITWAN-PARSA-VALMIKI COMPLEX IN NEPAL AND INDIA

ITHCP PHASE II

Lead partner: WWF Germany
Budget: 1,714,908 EUR
Location: Nepal and India
Duration: July 2021 – September 2025

This project is the continuation of the ITHCP Phase I project *Transcending Boundaries for Tiger Recovery: The Chitwan-Parsa-Valmiki Complex in Nepal and India*, which was implemented between 2016 and 2020.

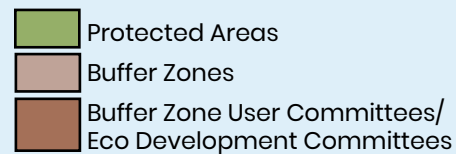
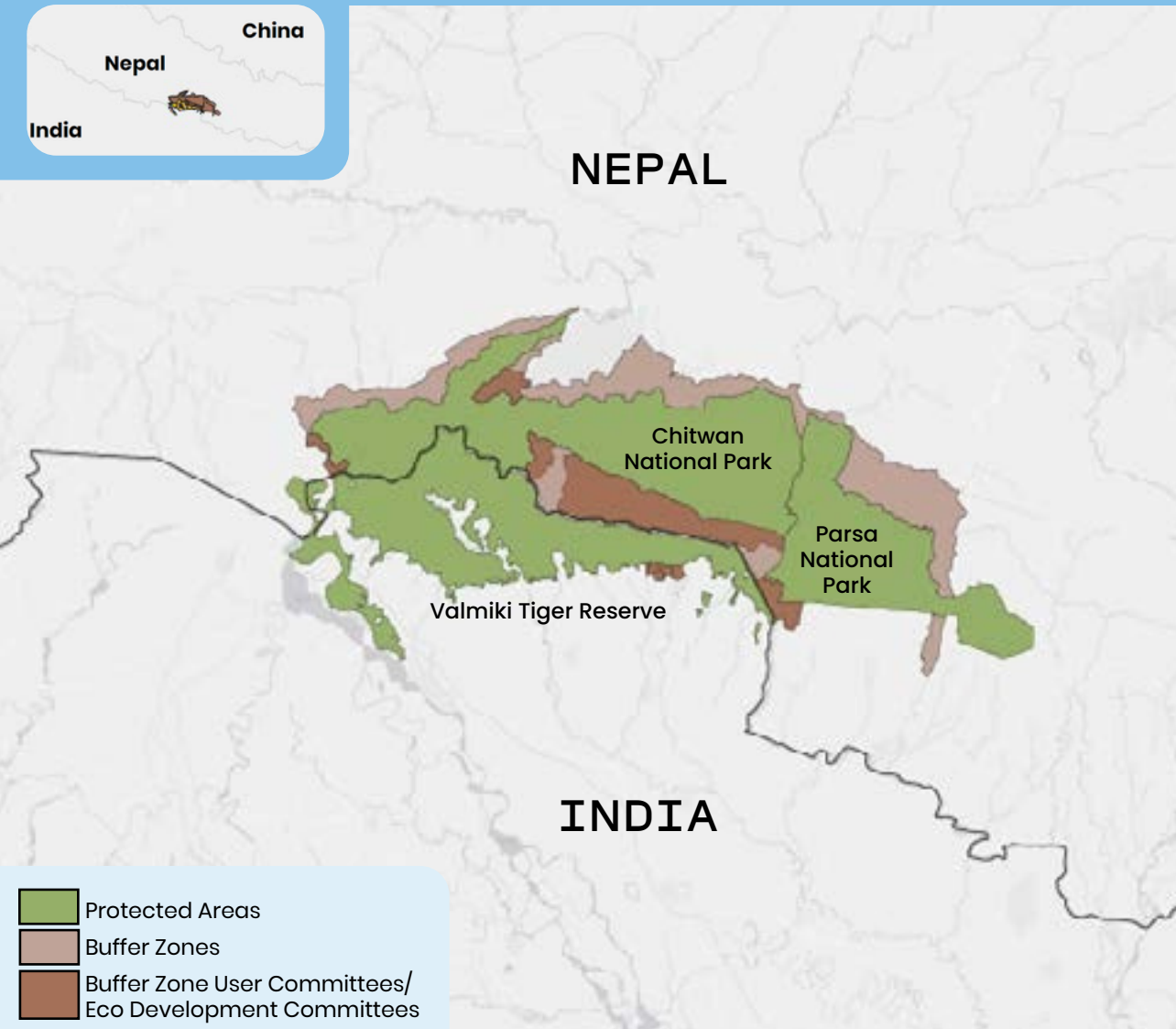
The project is implemented in the buffer and core area of Chitwan National Park, Parsa National Park and Valmiki Tiger Reserve.

OVERALL OBJECTIVE:

To maintain the tiger number in Chitwan-Parsa-Valmiki Complex.

PROJECT ACTIVITIES:

- Strengthen transboundary cooperation between Nepal and India;
- Maintain transboundary connectivity through habitat restoration, management and monitoring activities;
- Promote human-wildlife conflict preventive measures and awareness raising;
- Strengthen community engagement and support implementation of alternative livelihoods development activities.



Project partners: WWF Nepal and WWF India
Map sources: WWF Germany, WWF Nepal and WWF India



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SUPPORTING TRANS-BOUNDARY TIGER RECOVERY IN INDIA AND NEPAL

ITHCP PHASE II

Lead partner: Zoological Society of London
Budget: 1,200,000 EUR
Location: Nepal and India
Duration: May 2021 – July 2023

This project is the continuation of the ITHCP Phase I project *Supporting Trans-boundary Tiger Recovery in India and Nepal*, which was implemented between 2016 and 2019.

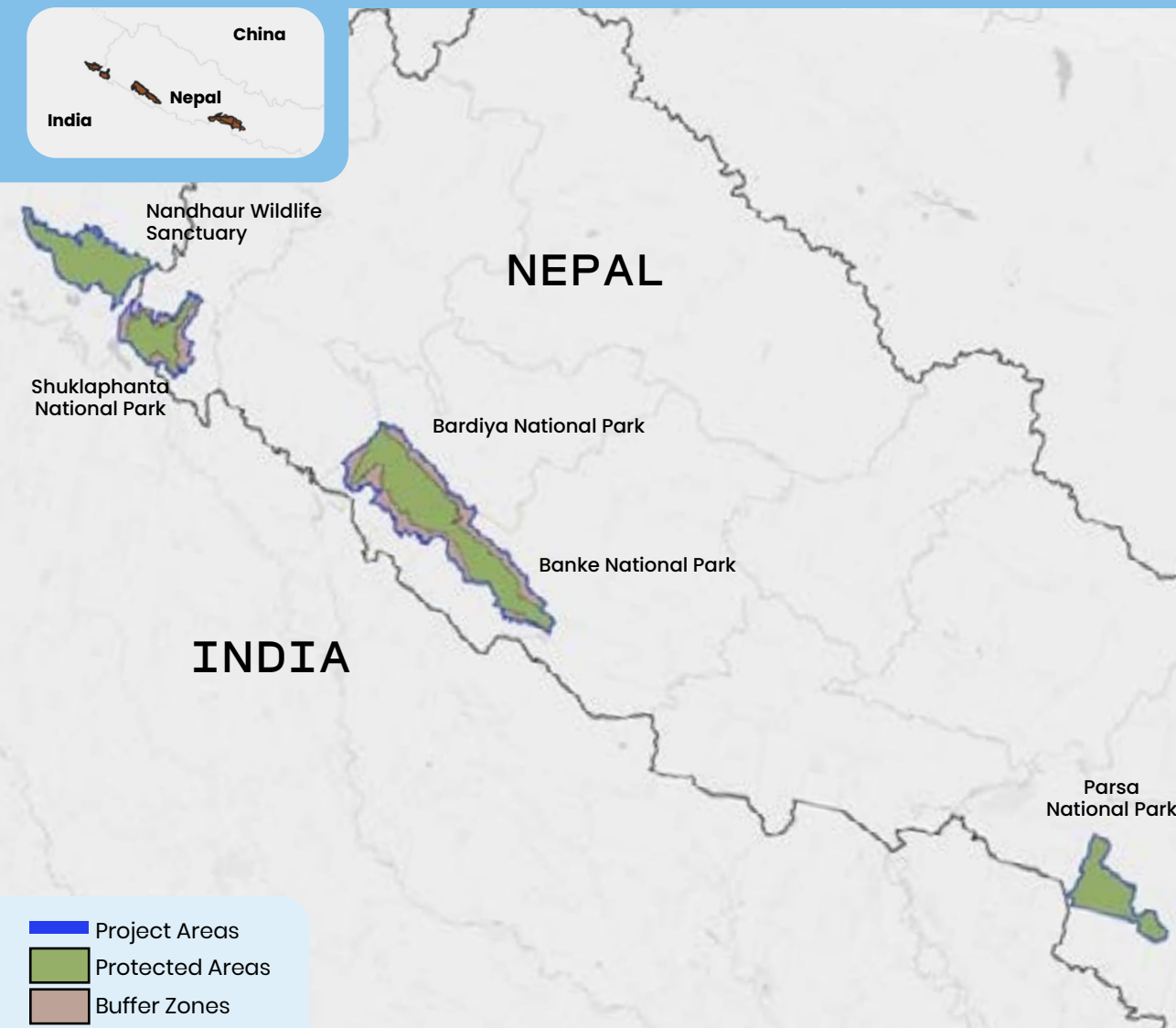
The project covers five protected areas of the Terai Arc Landscape and their buffer zone communities.

OVERALL OBJECTIVE:

To maintain the viability of the tiger meta-population in the Terai Arc Landscape, supporting the sustainable development of local communities and promoting positive human-wildlife coexistence.

PROJECT ACTIVITIES:

- Strengthen protected area management effectiveness and support tiger and prey-base monitoring;
- Support effective grassland and waterhole management;
- Establish human-wildlife co-existence cooperatives and quick-relief mechanisms to compensate victims of human-wildlife conflict;
- Establish livelihood cooperatives and deliver training programmes to promote sustainable livelihood options;
- Strengthen participatory management of natural resources.



Project partners: Himalayan Nature; National Trust for Nature Conservation; Wildlife Institute of India
Map sources: Zoological Society of London

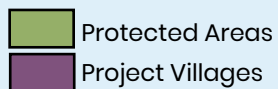
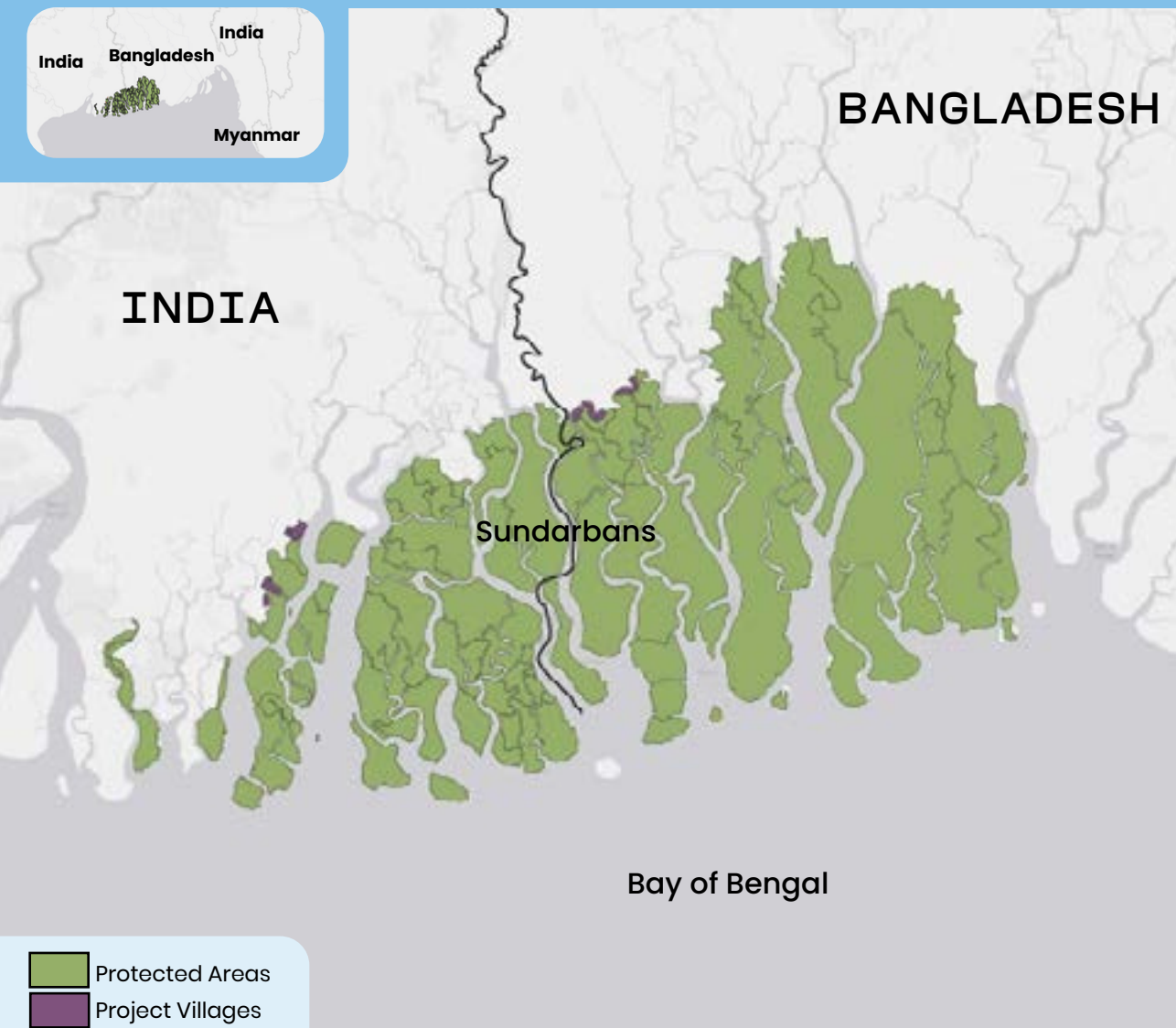


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PROTECTING TIGERS, PEOPLE AND THEIR VITAL HABITATS IN THE SUNDARBAN DELTA IN INDIA AND BANGLADESH



Project partners: WildTeam, Jahangirnagar University and Lokamata Rani Rashmoni Mission
Map sources: Wildlife Trust of India and WildTeam

ITHCP PHASE II

Lead partner: Wildlife Trust of India
Budget: 1,326,313 EUR
Location: India and Bangladesh
Duration: May 2021 – October 2025

This project is the continuation of the ITHCP Phase I project *Protecting Tigers, People and their Vital Habitats in the Sundarbans Delta in India and Bangladesh*, which was implemented between 2018 and 2020.

The project covers selected village areas of the Sundarbans Biosphere Reserve in India and Sundarbans Reserve Forest in Bangladesh.

OVERALL OBJECTIVE:

To effectively reduce human-tiger conflict and develop positive attitudes towards tiger conservation.

PROJECT ACTIVITIES:

- Develop infrastructure and mobilize response teams to mitigate human-tiger conflict;
- Provide improved cook stoves to reduce fuelwood consumption;
- Deliver skills development training to ensure sustainable forest resource collection;
- Conduct awareness raising initiatives with local communities;
- Develop two Sundarbans Education Centres to further learning and knowledge sharing across borders;
- Assess the current status of tiger prey species in Bangladesh Sundarbans.



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BRIDGING PROJECT FOR COMMUNITY-BASED TIGER CONSERVATION

ITHCP PHASE II

Lead partner: Fauna & Flora International
Budget: 99,982 EUR
Location: Myanmar
Duration: July 2022 – February 2024

This project is the continuation of the ITHCP Phase I project *Tanintharyi Tiger Conservation Landscape* Project, which was implemented between 2015 and 2020.

The project focuses on selected target villages surrounding the Ngawun/Lenya forest complex and Ywahilu area.

OVERALL OBJECTIVE:

To monitor tigers and their prey as well as wildlife crime through community-based networks, and to improve livelihood opportunities of local village communities to reduce dependency on natural resources.

PROJECT ACTIVITIES:

- Support community-based wildlife crime monitoring and community patrolling;
- Monitor tigers and their prey through camera trapping;
- Monitor landscape-level threats through remote sensing;
- Establish livelihoods development support for community groups in forest-fringe villages to reduce the dependency on forest resources.



MYANMAR

Thein Kun Reserve Forest

Ngawun Reserve Forest

Lenya Reserve Forest

THAILAND

 Project Area

COMMUNITY-BASED CONSERVATION OF TIGER IN TANINTHARYI LANDSCAPE

ITHCP PHASE II

Lead partner: Fauna & Flora International
Budget: 99,985 EUR
Location: Myanmar
Duration: November 2024 – October 2025

This project is the continuation of the ITHCP Phase II project *Bridging Project for Community-based Tiger Conservation*, which was implemented between 2022 and 2024.

The project focuses on four villages surrounding the Ngawun/Lenya and Ywahilu forest areas in Southern Tanintharyi, Myanmar.

OVERALL OBJECTIVE:

To ensure the stability and protection of tiger and prey populations within the Ngawun/Lenya and Ywahilu forest areas in Southern Tanintharyi.

PROJECT ACTIVITIES:

- Support community-based wildlife crime monitoring and community patrolling;
- Monitor tigers and their prey through camera trapping;
- Monitor landscape-level threats through remote sensing;
- Establish livelihoods development support for community groups in forest-fringe villages to reduce the dependency on forest resources.



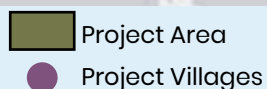
MYANMAR

Thein Kun Reserve Forest

Ngawun Reserve Forest

Lenya Reserve Forest

THAILAND



KAREN WILDLIFE CONSERVATION INITIATIVE (KWCI): CONSERVING TIGERS AND INDIGENOUS KNOWLEDGE IN THE DAWNA-KAREN HILLS



MYANMAR

THAILAND

Yomujoh Wildlife Sanctuary

Klermu Thoopli Wildlife Sanctuary

Salween Peace Park

Project Area



Project partners: Karen Environmental and Social Action Network, Karen (Kawthoolei) Forestry Department
Map sources: Wildlife Asia

ITHCP PHASE II

Lead partner: Wildlife Asia
Budget: 100,000 EUR
Location: Myanmar
Duration: October 2022 – June 2024

This project is the continuation of the ITHCP Phase I project *Karen Wildlife Conservation Initiative (KWCI): Conserving Tigers and Indigenous Knowledge in the Dawna-Karen Hills, Myanmar*, which was implemented between 2017 and 2019.

The project is implemented in Klermu Thoopli Wildlife Sanctuary and the Yomujoh proposed Protected Area.

OVERALL OBJECTIVE:

To support local partners to protect core tiger forest habitat lying within the Salween Peace Park, a 5,400 sq km indigenous landscape initiative to promote peace-building, ethnic-led self-governance and environmental conservation.

PROJECT ACTIVITIES:

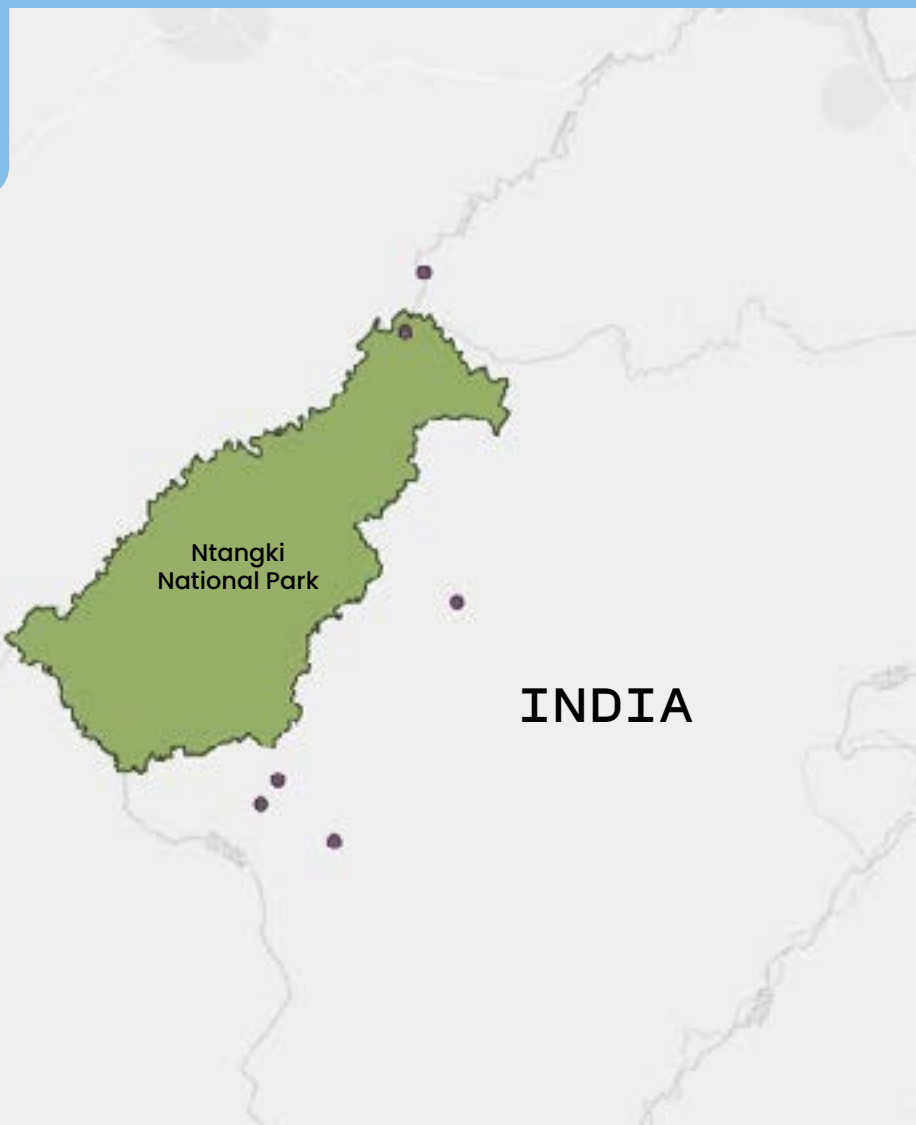
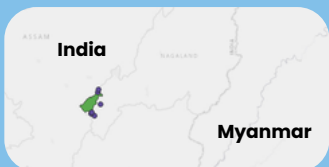
- Establish baseline data on tiger populations and prey species;
- Establish community ranger teams to protect their surrounding forests and wildlife against illegal activities;
- Support sustainable livelihood activities to improve agricultural practices.



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PARTNERING WITH COMMUNITIES TO STRENGTHEN CONSERVATION OF CRITICAL TIGER HABITATS IN NORTHEAST INDIA



ITHCP PHASE II

Lead partner: Wildlife Conservation Society India
Budget: 420,518 EUR
Location: India
Duration: September 2023 – October 2025

The project is implemented in a tiger corridor of community owned forests on the fringes of Ntangki National Park, in Nagaland, North East India.

OVERALL OBJECTIVE:

To sustain community-led tiger habitat conservation through enhancing livelihood for local communities.

PROJECT ACTIVITIES:

- Support local communities in developing local governance for tiger and species conservation;
- Develop sustainable livelihoods in six prioritised villages in consultation with local communities;
- Conduct community-led landscape-level mapping of tiger habitat;
- Conduct camera trapping in the community forests to monitor tigers and other wildlife; Implement human-wildlife conflict mitigation measures;
- Increase awareness among local communities about tiger conservation and biodiversity issues;
- Engage with communities for better natural-resources management.

 Protected Areas
 Project Villages



Project partners: N/A
Map sources: Wildlife Conservation Society India



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SUPPORTING TRANS-BOUNDARY TIGER RECOVERY IN INDIA AND NEPAL

ITHCP PHASE III

Lead partner: Zoological Society of London
Budget: 1,115,000 EUR
Location: Nepal and India
Duration: June 2022 – March 2025

This project is the continuation of the ITHCP Phase I project *Supporting Trans-boundary Tiger Recovery* in India and Nepal, and it runs in parallel to the corresponding Phase II project by ZSL, through the implementation of complementary activities and targeting additional communities.

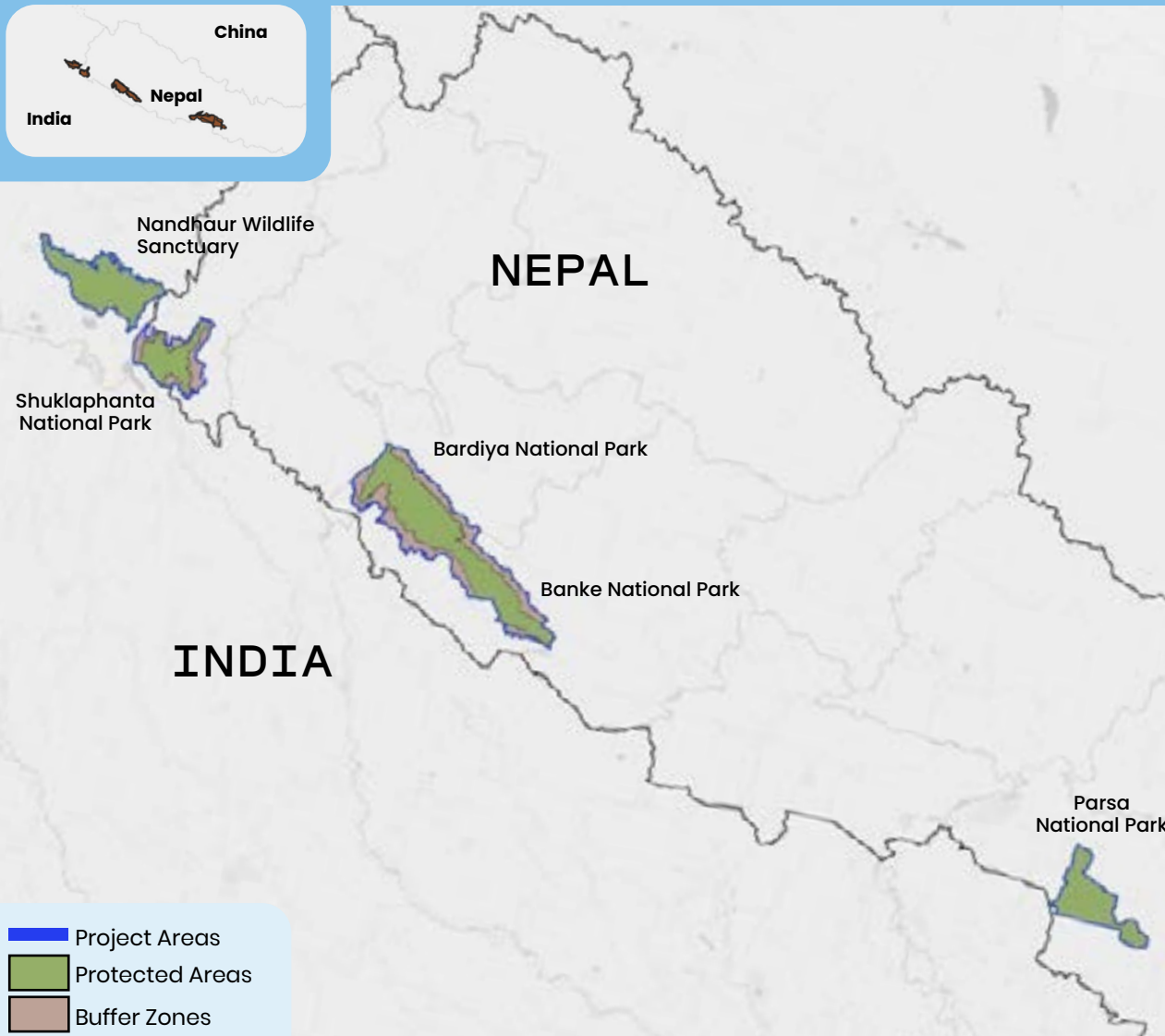
The project covers five protected areas of the Terai Arc Landscape and their buffer zone communities.

OVERALL OBJECTIVE:

To maintain the viability of tiger meta-population in the Terai Arc Landscape through securing viable tiger habitat and corridors, while minimizing human-tiger conflict and increasing community participation in tiger conservation.

PROJECT ACTIVITIES:

- Promote effective protected area management through habitat management practices to increase prey densities;
- Strengthen national and transboundary cooperation by facilitating exchange visits and conducting stakeholder meetings;
- Develop the capacity of protected area staff in habitat management and biological monitoring; Implement human-tiger conflict mitigation measures and a wildlife relief fund to strengthen communities' capacity to cope with conflicts;
- Promote sustainable livelihoods opportunities and strengthen participatory management of natural resources.



Project partners: Himalayan Nature; National Trust for Nature Conservation; Wildlife Institute of India
Map sources: Zoological Society of London

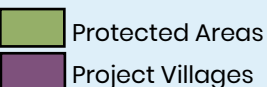


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ADVANCING HUMAN AND TIGER HARMONY IN RIMBANG BALING WILDLIFE RESERVE, CENTRAL SUMATRAN TIGER LANDSCAPE



Project partners: INDECON and Forum HarimauKita
Map sources: Yapeka

ITHCP PHASE III

Lead partner: Yapeka
Budget: 909,895 EUR
Location: Indonesia
Duration: August 2022 – March 2025

This project is the continuation of the ITHCP Phase I project *Communities for Tiger Recovery in Rimbang Baling: the Beating Heart of the Central Sumatran Tiger Landscape*, which was implemented between 2016 and 2020.

The project covers Rimbang Baling Wildlife Reserve in Central Sumatra.

OVERALL OBJECTIVE:

To help the people in Rimbang Baling landscape recognise the value of and actively engage in protecting tigers, as a result of inclusive conservation and improved human well-being.

PROJECT ACTIVITIES:

- Establish and operate a community-based forest survey group to engage local people in community-based patrolling and monitoring of tiger and prey populations;
- Promote sustainable livelihoods by improving capacity of local communities for the development of sustainable products and ecotourism;
- Promote effective governance of Rimbang Baling Wildlife Reserve through the strengthening of a multi-stakeholder platform, to facilitate collaborative planning and implementation;
- Enhance public awareness about tigers and habitat conservation.

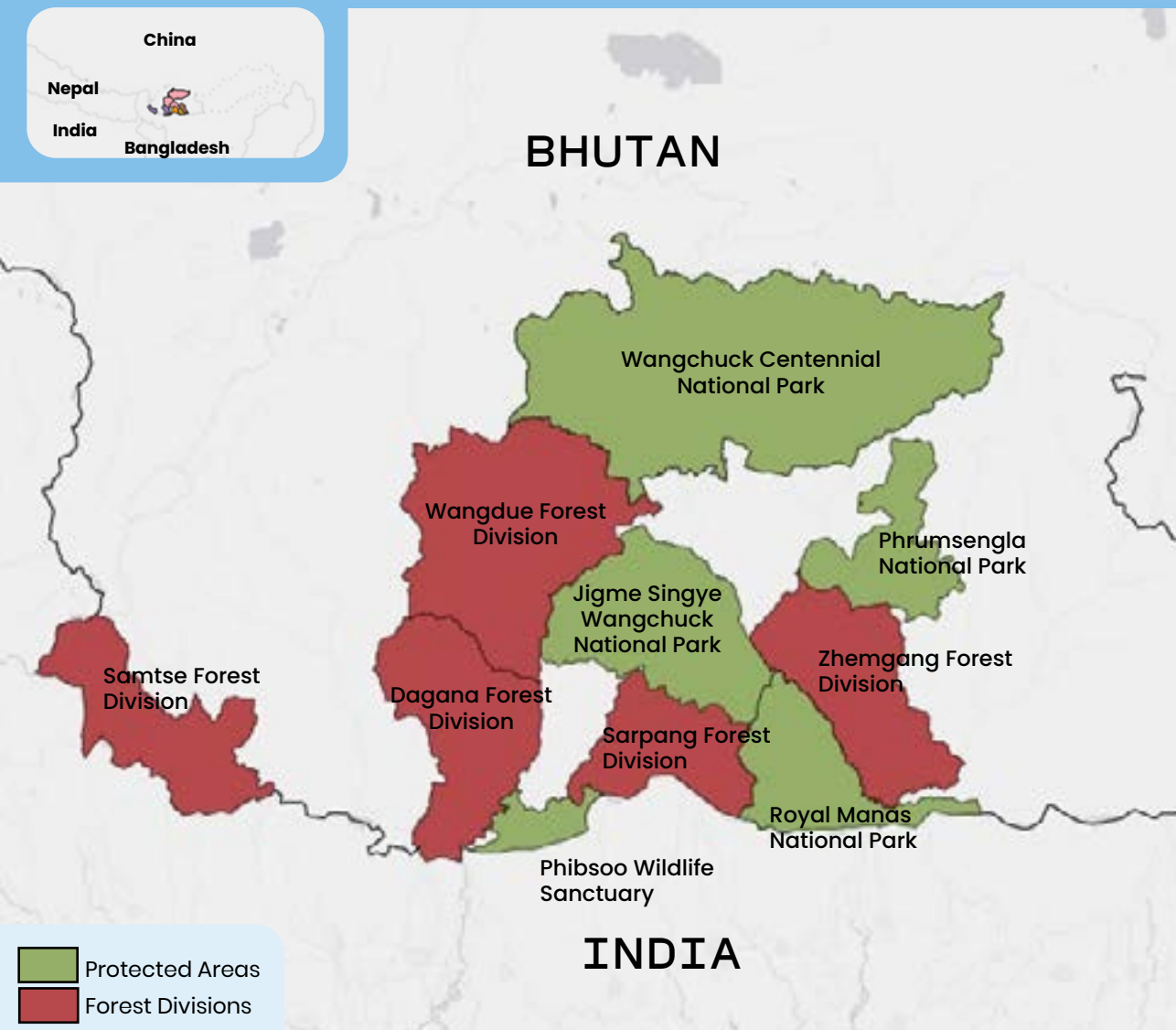


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STRENGTHENING THE LONG-TERM PERSISTENCE OF TIGERS IN THE HIGH ALTITUDES OF BHUTAN



ITHCP PHASE III

Lead partner: Bhutan Department of Forests and Park Services

Budget: 650,000 EUR

Location: Bhutan

Duration: December 2023 – December 2025

This project is one of three ITHCP projects implemented in high-altitude areas, aimed at ensuring the long-term survival of tigers in the broader Indo-Himalayan region.

The project is implemented in five Protected Areas and five Forest Divisions in Bhutan.

OVERALL OBJECTIVE:

To secure the future of tigers in Bhutan and adjoining landscapes.

PROJECT ACTIVITIES:

- Establish long-term standard tiger population monitoring program;
- Strengthen anti-poaching capacity of frontline rangers;
- Reduce impact of human-tiger conflict;
- Stabilise tiger and prey population through habitat restoration;
- Establish community-based ecotourism programmes;
- Educate local communities on tiger conservation; Facilitate joint transnational actions in high- altitude landscapes.



Project partners: N/A
Map sources: Bhutan Department of Forests and Park Services



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INVESTIGATING AND ADDRESSING TIGER CONSERVATION IN SIKKIM-THE EASTERN HIMALAYAS



Project partners: N/A
Map sources: Global Tiger Forum

ITHCP PHASE III

Lead partner: Global Tiger Forum
Budget: 498,500 EUR
Location: India
Duration: June 2023 – June 2025

This project is one of three ITHCP projects implemented in high-altitude areas, aimed at ensuring the long-term survival of tigers in the broader Indo-Himalayan region.

The project is implemented in the Northern and Eastern regions of Sikkim, Northeast India.

OVERALL OBJECTIVE:

To establish and standardize protocols at an early stage of tiger conservation in the state while ensuring community participation and their gains through livelihood.

PROJECT ACTIVITIES:

- Establish long-term tiger, competing predators and prey population monitoring program;
- Pilot human-wildlife conflict prevention and livelihood compensation measures;
- Improve monitoring of protected areas in
- the landscapes and provide anti-poaching infrastructure and training for frontline staff; Coordinate with other high-altitude projects
- in Bhutan and Nepal to foster effective implementation, share knowledge and best practices.



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STRENGTHENING TIGER CONSERVATION INITIATIVES IN HIGH ALTITUDE LANDSCAPES OF WESTERN NEPAL

ITHCP PHASE III

Lead partner: National Trust for Nature Conservation
Budget: 429,217 EUR
Location: Nepal
Duration: June 2023 – October 2025

This project is one of three ITHCP projects implemented in high-altitude areas, aimed at ensuring the long-term survival of tigers in the broader Indo-Himalayan region.

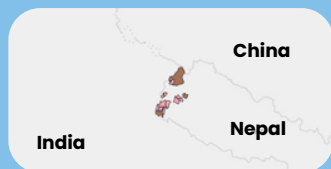
The project is implemented in three protected areas and community forest forests in Sudurpashchim province, located in the far west of Nepal.

OVERALL OBJECTIVE:

To ensure current growth rate of tiger and co-predators in high altitude landscape of Sudurpashchim province.

PROJECT ACTIVITIES:

- Develop landscape-level conservation strategy along with the updated tiger and prey base status in Sudurpashchim province and status of critical habitats, bottlenecks and corridors;
- Develop management plans of Khaptad National Park and Api Nampa Conservation Area with focus on adaptation to climate change;
- Secure livelihood of tiger and co-predator-affected households through human-wildlife conflict; mitigation measures and livelihood opportunities;
- Establish well-equipped and dedicated unit active in wildlife rescue and rehabilitation;
- Increase the knowledge of local communities on human-wildlife conflict co-existence;
- Communicate and coordinate among buffer zone institutions to manage human-wildlife conflict, increase wildlife conservation and promote alternative livelihoods.



Project partners: N/A
Map sources: National Trust for Nature Conservation



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SECURING POPULATION OF TIGERS, HABITATS AND BIOLOGICAL CORRIDORS IN ASSAM, INDIA

ITHCP PHASE IV

Lead partner: Aaranyak
Budget: 1,030,000 EUR
Location: India
Duration: October 2022 – November 2026

This project is the continuation of the ITHCP Phase I project *Securing Source Population of Tiger, Prey and Habitats in Indo-Bhutan Manas Landscape*, which was implemented between 2015 and 2021.

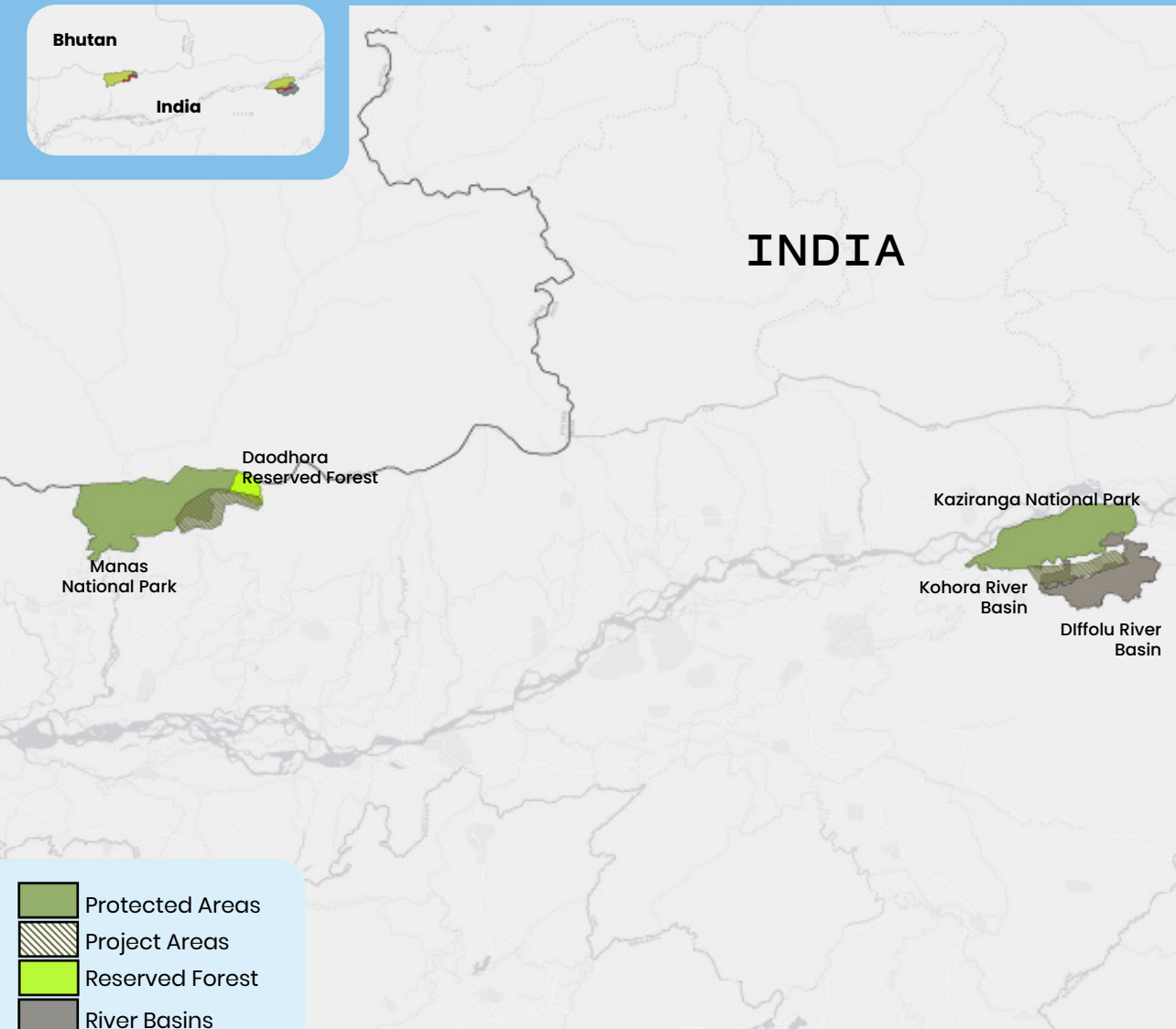
The project is implemented in the Manas Landscape and the Kaziranga-Karbi Anglong Landscape in north-east India.

OVERALL OBJECTIVE:

To secure tiger populations, their prey species and their habitats in two globally significant Tiger Conservation Landscapes by implementing sustainable alternative livelihoods.

PROJECT ACTIVITIES:

- Promote alternative sustainable livelihoods through capacity building, support for micro entrepreneurship and set up of resource centre; Support value addition and marketing of community products;
- Develop community-based plant nursery for agroforestry and eco-restoration activities;
- Support participatory monitoring of human-wildlife conflict and interventions to promote co-existence; Promote community empowering and capacity building for natural resource management planning and development;
- Conduct awareness and communication events to increase awareness on conservation of target species and natural resources.



Aaranyak

Project partners: N/A
Map sources: Aaranyak



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DELIVERING A SCALABLE INTEGRATED TIGER CONSERVATION AND LIVELIHOOD DEVELOPMENT MODEL FOR SUMATRA LANDSCAPES

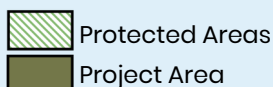


Malaysia

Indonesia

Gunung Leuser
National Park

INDONESIA



Project partners: Leuser Conservation Forum and University of Syiah Kuala, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine
Map sources: Wildlife Conservation Society

ITHCP PHASE IV

Lead partner: Wildlife Conservation Society
Budget: 1,000,000 EUR
Location: Indonesia
Duration: October 2022 – September 2025

This project is the continuation of part of the ITHCP Phase I project Safeguarding Indonesia's Priority Tiger Conservation Landscapes, which was implemented between 2016 and 2019.

The project focuses on Gunung Leuser National Park and Forest Management Unit VI.

OVERALL OBJECTIVE:

To empower local government and community partners to secure forests and corridors that are of high value for conservation, thereby supporting recovery of the resident tiger population.

PROJECT ACTIVITIES:

- Develop the first fully operational Forest Management Unit in Aceh with trained and equipped staff, offices, and a comprehensive forest management plan;
- Identify and protect priority wildlife corridors within the FMU;
- Extensive outreach with forest-edge communities to improve animal husbandry, address wildlife trade and human-wildlife conflict to boost community livelihoods and wellbeing.
- Develop and implement a full Environmental and Social Safeguards Management System and support safeguard instruments to cover all activities in the landscape.



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ENHANCING SUMATRAN TIGER CONSERVATION EFFORTS IN THE BERBAK SEMBILANG LANDSCAPE



ITHCP PHASE IV

Lead partner: Komunitas Konservasi Indonesia Warsi
Budget: 711,470 EUR
Location: Indonesia
Duration: August 2025 – January 2028

This project implemented in the Greater Berbak Sembilang Landscape aims to conserve one of the last strongholds of the Critically Endangered Sumatran tiger through habitat restoration, strengthened protection and community-led conservation in eastern Sumatra.

OVERALL OBJECTIVE:

To secure the long-term survival of Sumatran tigers in the Greater Berbak Sembilang Landscape by strengthening habitat protection, reducing threats and promoting sustainable, community-based conservation and livelihoods.

PROJECT ACTIVITIES:

- Restore and protect Sumatran tiger habitat through collaborative management, reforestation, SMART patrols and wildlife monitoring.
- Strengthen community capacity through training on forest management, sustainable enterprises and human-tiger conflict mitigation.
- Support sustainable livelihoods, raise public awareness, and promote long-term conservation through climate-smart agriculture, improved market access and Payment for Ecosystem Services initiatives.



Project partners: Wahana Mitra Mandiri
Map sources: Komunitas Konservasi Indonesia Warsi

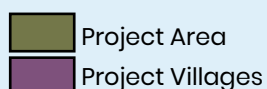


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EXPANDING THE WILD CAT FRONTIER: RESTORING TIGERS, LEOPARDS, AND CLOUDED LEOPARDS IN WESTERN THAILAND



Lead partner: Panthera Corporation
Budget: 1,999,923 EUR
Location: Thailand
Duration: September 2025 – February 2028

This project supports tiger recovery across Thailand's Western Forest Complex and Mae Ping Forest Complex by strengthening protection, restoring habitats, and fostering collaboration between communities, government agencies, and conservation partners.

OVERALL OBJECTIVE:

To enable the long-term recovery and expansion of tiger populations across the Dawna–Tenasserim Landscape by strengthening habitat connectivity, prey populations, protection, and community-supported conservation.

PROJECT ACTIVITIES:

- Strengthen habitat and protected area management through improved livestock practices, participatory natural resource management and enhanced wildlife monitoring.
- Support tiger recovery by improving understanding of tiger, leopard, clouded leopard and prey populations, while strengthening conservation management.
- Promote human–tiger coexistence through wildlife-friendly livelihoods, community and school outreach and conservation awareness initiatives.



Project partners: WWF Thailand
Map sources: Panthera Corporation



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SCALING UP AN INTEGRATED CONSERVATION MODEL FOR TIGERS AND SUSTAINABLE LIVELIHOODS IN SOUTHERN SUMATRA

ITHCP PHASE IV

Lead partner: Wildlife Conservation Society
Budget: 1,584,689 EUR
Location: Indonesia
Duration: October 2025 – April 2028

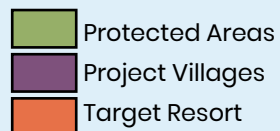
This project supports the conservation of the Critically Endangered Sumatran tiger in Bukit Barisan Selatan National Park, Indonesia, by strengthening protected area management, promoting sustainable livelihoods, and fostering coexistence between people and wildlife.

OVERALL OBJECTIVE:

To secure the long-term survival of Sumatran tigers in Bukit Barisan Selatan National Park by strengthening protection, restoring habitat connectivity, supporting sustainable community livelihoods and reducing human-tiger conflict.

PROJECT ACTIVITIES:

- Strengthen and expand SMART patrols across the park through training, improved capacity, and collaboration with the Park Authority.
- Promote sustainable coffee farming and agroforestry by training 300 farmers and establishing an inter-village farmer knowledge exchange forum.
- Integrate human-tiger conflict mitigation into local development planning and strengthen project monitoring and evaluation.



Project partners: Leuser Conservation Forum and University of Syiah Kuala, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine
Map sources: Wildlife Conservation Society

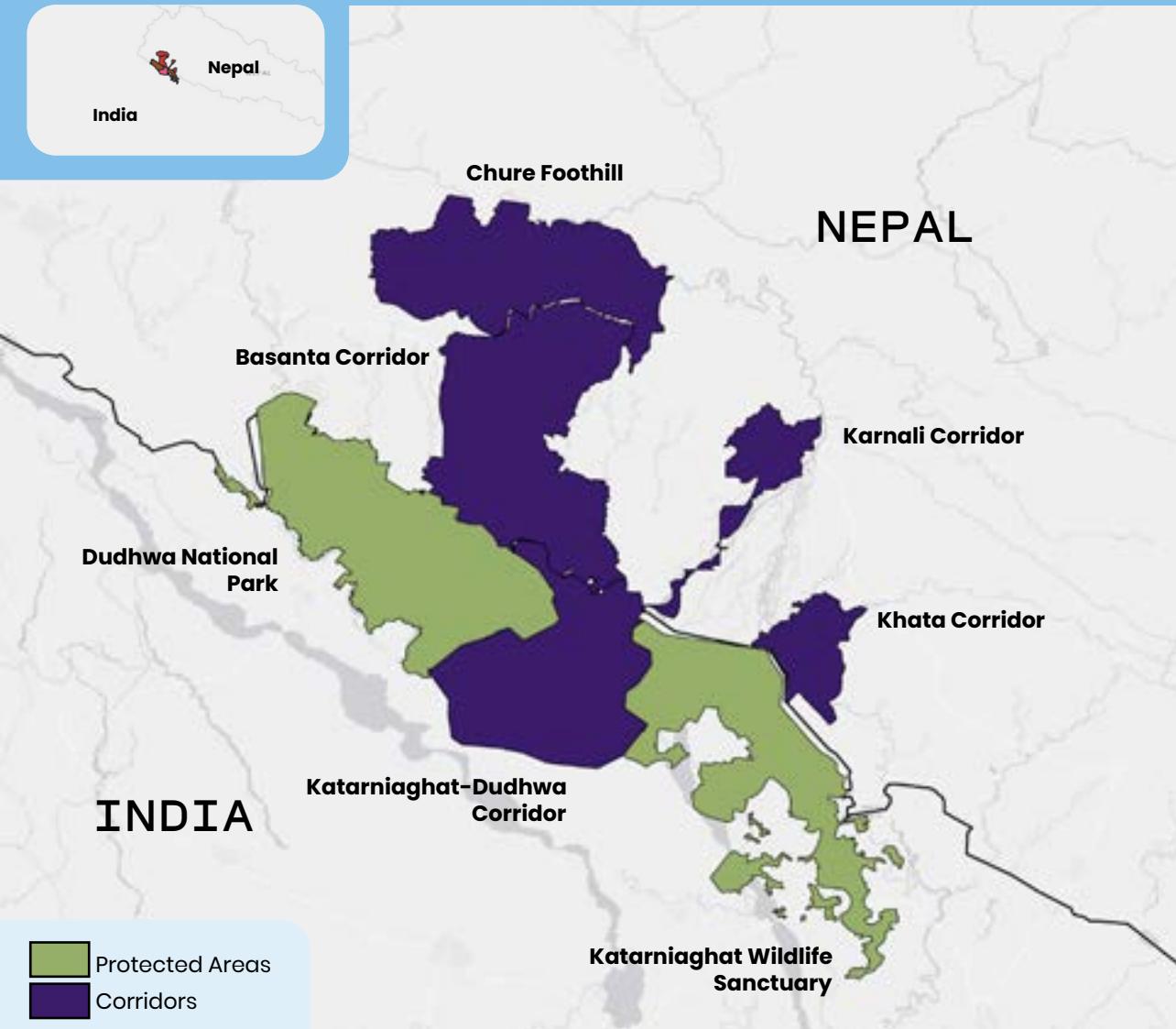
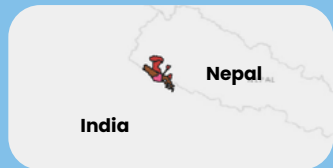


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SECURING CORRIDORS FOR TIGER AND PEOPLE: LEVERAGING TRANSBOUNDARY COOPERATION FOR TIGER CONSERVATION IN THE KHATA-BASANTA-DUDHWA COMPLEX



ITHCP PHASE IV

Lead partner: WWF Germany
Budget: 1,122,690 EUR
Location: Nepal & India
Duration: December 2025 – June 2028

This project is implemented in the transboundary Khata-Basanta-Dudhwa Complex in Nepal and India and aims to strengthen habitat connectivity, enhance protection, and promote community-led conservation across one of the Terai Arc Landscape's most important tiger corridors.

OVERALL OBJECTIVE:

To secure the long-term recovery of tigers across the Khata-Basanta-Dudhwa landscape by improving habitat connectivity, strengthening transboundary conservation, and enabling sustainable coexistence between people and wildlife.

PROJECT ACTIVITIES:

- Supporting habitat management (e.g. invasive species management).
- Capacity building for monitoring wildlife (e.g. Bagh Mitras)
- Enhancing corridor functionality through agricultural practices.
- Enabling transboundary cooperation.
- Diversifying sustainable livelihoods (e.g. handicrafts, homestays).



Project partners: WWF Nepal and WWF India
Map sources: WWF Germany, WWF Nepal and WWF India



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BEYOND BORDER: SECURING BIG CATS AND THEIR HABITATS ACROSS THE CHITTAGONG-LUSHAI TRANSBOUNDARY LANDSCAPE OF BANGLADESH AND INDIA



ITHCP PHASE IV

Lead partner: Arannayk Foundation
Budget: 1,899,610 EUR
Location: Bangladesh & India
Duration: October 2025 – March 2028

This project is implemented in the Chittagong-Lushai transboundary landscape of Bangladesh and India and aims to conserve endangered big cats through habitat restoration, community-led conservation and cross-border collaboration.

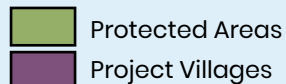
OVERALL OBJECTIVE:

To secure the long-term survival of endangered big cats across the Chittagong-Lushai transboundary landscape by combining science-based conservation, habitat restoration, community-led stewardship, sustainable livelihoods, and cross-border collaboration.

PROJECT ACTIVITIES:

- Strengthen transboundary collaboration, ecological monitoring, and anti-poaching efforts to improve protection of big cats and their habitats.
- Restore fragmented habitats and enhance ecological connectivity to support big cat populations and their prey.
- Reduce human pressure on forests through sustainable livelihoods and effective human-wildlife conflict mitigation.

ENHANCING THE FUNCTIONALITY OF THE TRANSBOUNDARY KAMDI-SUHELWA COMPLEX FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF DISPERSING TIGER POPULATIONS



Project partners: Wildlife Institute of India (WII), Community Forest Coordination Committee Mahdevpuri (CFCC Mahadevpuri), Environment and Rural Development Center (ENRUDEC) and National Trust for Nature Conservation (NTNC)
Map source: Zoological Society of London

ITHCP PHASE IV

Lead partner: Zoological Society of London
Budget: 1,940,000 EUR
Location: India & Nepal
Duration: December 2025 – May 2028

This project aims to strengthen coexistence between people and large carnivores while securing wildlife movement across the transboundary Kamdi-Suhelwa landscape of Nepal and India, a critical corridor within the Terai Arc Landscape (TAL) for tigers, leopards, and their prey.

OVERALL OBJECTIVE:

To strengthen transboundary coexistence between people and large carnivores across the Kamdi-Suhelwa landscape by reducing human-wildlife conflict, promoting sustainable livelihoods, enhancing habitat management, and building collaborative conservation capacity between India and Nepal.

PROJECT ACTIVITIES:

- Promote sustainable livelihoods and human-wildlife conflict mitigation to strengthen community resilience and coexistence with large carnivores.
- Restore and manage habitats, wildlife corridors, and monitor tiger, leopard, and prey populations to support long-term conservation.
- Strengthen transboundary conservation capacity through training, coordination, and knowledge exchange across the Terai Arc Landscape.



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STRENGTHENING HUMAN-TIGER COEXISTENCE IN THE INDIAN SUNDARBAN

ITHCP PHASE IV

Lead partner: Wildlife Trust of India
Budget: 200,000 EUR
Location: India
Duration: July 2026 – June 2028

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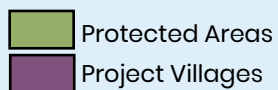
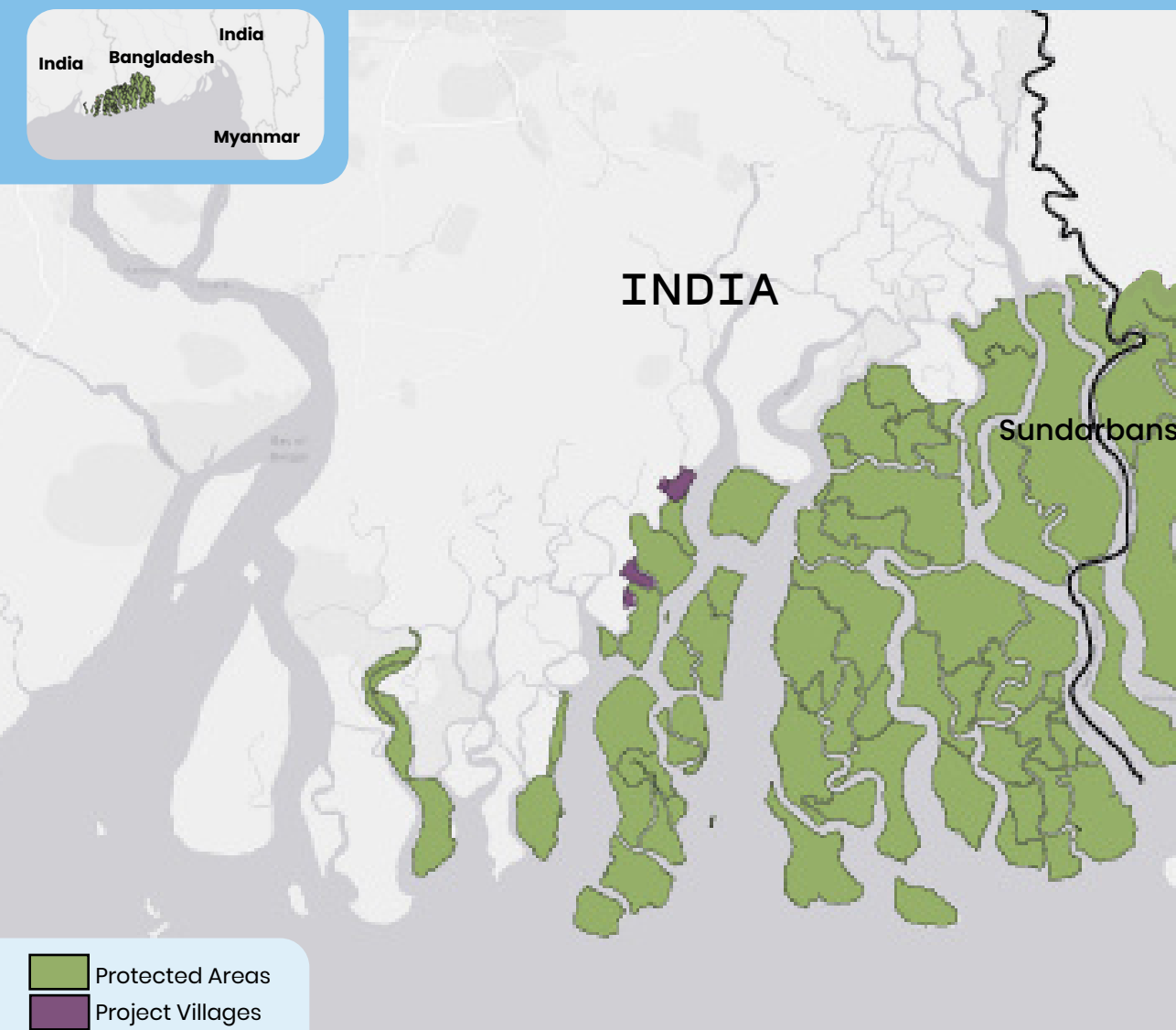
The project covers selected village areas of the Sundarbans Biosphere Reserve in India.

OVERALL OBJECTIVE:

To reduce human–tiger conflict by strengthening community-led prevention, rapid response, inclusive stewardship and coordination with government authorities.

PROJECT ACTIVITIES:

- Respond rapidly to tiger incursions through trained field teams and community Primary Response Teams.
- Identify conflict hotspots and install targeted mitigation and early warning measures.
- Strengthen emergency response through boat patrols, rapid deployment and monitoring.
- Expand and train Primary Response Teams, with at least 50% women members.
- Strengthen local conflict management plans with communities and the Forest Department.
- Document and share lessons to promote human–tiger coexistence.



Project partners: N/A
Map sources: Wildlife Trust of India



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STRENGTHENING COMMUNITY-LED TIGER CONSERVATION IN THE SUNDARBANS DELTA

ITHCP PHASE IV

Lead partner: WildTeam
Budget: 200,000 EUR
Location: Bangladesh
Duration: July 2026 – June 2028

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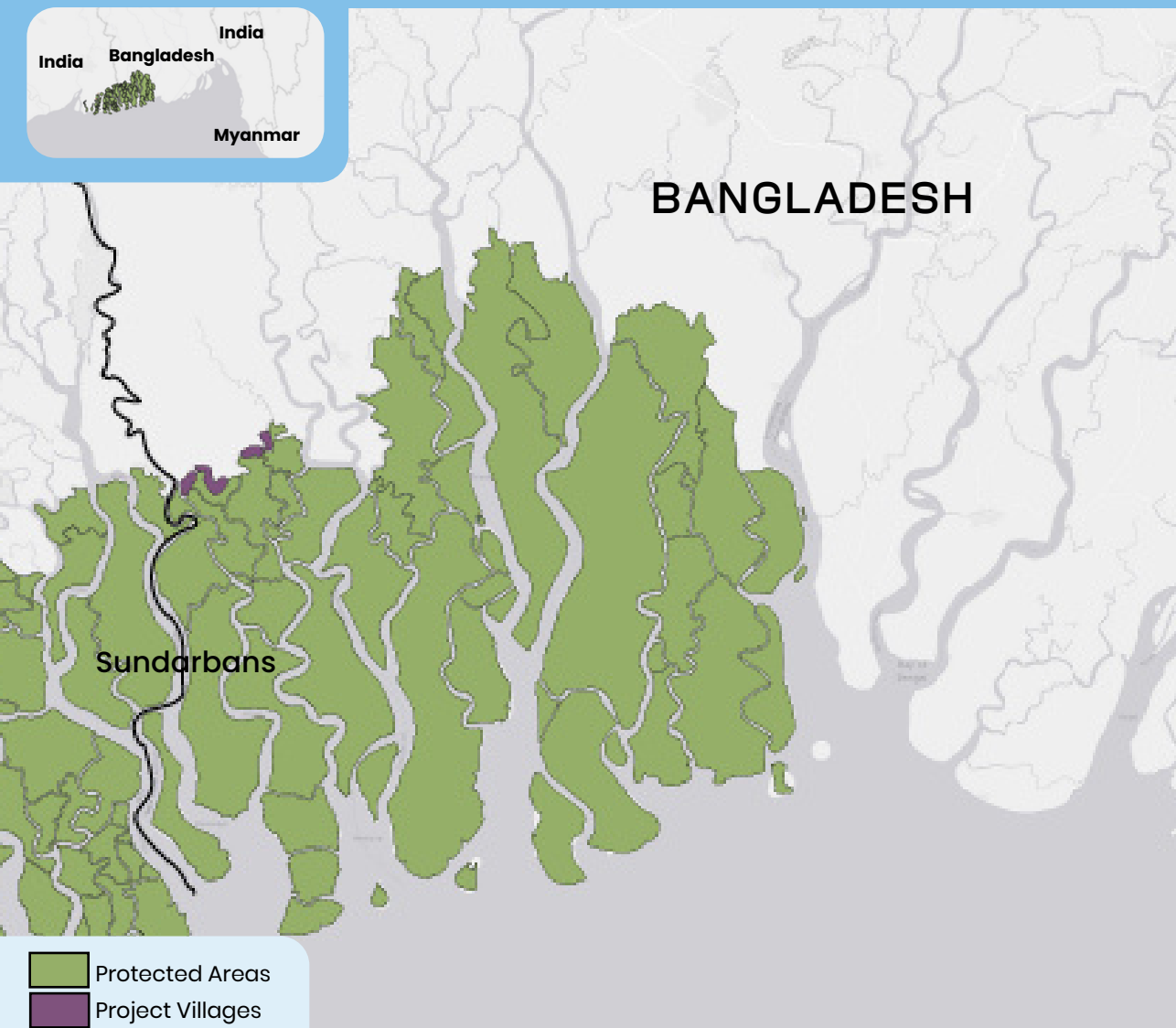
The project covers selected village areas of the Sundarbans Reserve Forest in Bangladesh.

OVERALL OBJECTIVE:

To reduce human–tiger conflict in the Sundarbans by strengthening community safety, conflict response, local stewardship and sustainable resource use.

PROJECT ACTIVITIES:

- Install solar streetlights in human–tiger conflict hotspots and assess their effectiveness in reducing tiger incursions.
- Provide 200 households with improved cookstoves to reduce fuelwood use and pressure on the Sundarbans.
- Mobilise BaghBandhu groups and TigerScouts and support conservation activities through Sundarbans Education Centres.
- Equip and mobilise Village Tiger Response Teams to support rapid, safe responses to wildlife emergencies.
- Provide 200 forest resource collectors with safety training and equipment.
- Procure a high-speed boat to strengthen the Forest Tiger Response Team's emergency response capacity.



Project partners: N/A
Map sources: WildTeam



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RIMBA TIGER – RIMBANG BALING INTEGRATED MONITORING, BIODIVERSITY PROTECTION, AND COMMUNITY LIVELIHOODS FOR TIGER CONSERVATION



ITHCP PHASE IV

Lead partner: Yapeka
Budget: 200,000 EUR
Location: Indonesia
Duration: July 2026 – June 2028

This project is the continuation of the ITHCP Phase III project *Advancing human and tiger harmony in Rimbang Baling Wildlife Reserve, Central Sumatran Tiger Landscape*, which was implemented between 2022 and 2025.

The project covers Rimbang Baling Wildlife Reserve in Central Sumatra.

OVERALL OBJECTIVE:

To strengthen Sumatran tiger conservation through improved monitoring, habitat protection, anti-poaching efforts and sustainable community-based ecotourism.

PROJECT ACTIVITIES:

- Conduct community-based SMART patrols to monitor wildlife, detect threats and strengthen protection across the reserve.
- Carry out camera-trap surveys to improve understanding of Sumatran tiger and prey populations and support evidence-based conservation.
- Strengthen anti-poaching and habitat protection measures in key areas for tigers and their prey.
- Develop and expand community-based ecotourism as a sustainable source of income for local communities.
- Build local capacity to manage and promote ecotourism initiatives and strengthen their long-term commercial viability.