

Amur Tiger - Habitat



Habitat: Key habitats for the Amur tiger are forests which have a complex composition and structure, resulting in a mosaic of forest types that vary with elevation, topography and history. The Amur tiger is the only subspecies that has adapted to live in the harsh, cold northern climate.

History: The Amur tiger's range once included former Manchuria in China and the Korean peninsula. The Amur tiger has since become extinct in South Korea, and while its status in North Korea is unknown, it is unlikely that more than a few, if any, animals remain.

In China, the Amur tiger is dependent on the small source population in the Amur leopard's range across the border in SW Primorye in Russia. With support from WCS and WWF, in 2001 China established the Hunchun Tiger Leopard Reserve along the border. Large tracts of suitable forest habitat remain in NE China, and with improved forest management and anti-poaching we can expect the Amur tiger and leopard to make a comeback there. There are clear indications that tiger and leopard populations in NE China have started to recover.



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