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Section I. Project Information	
Project Title: Amur Tiger and Amur Leopard Conservation in Russia	
Grantee Organisation: Phoenix Fund	
Location of project: N 43.22.18., E 133.54.22 The project is implemented in Primorsky Krai	
Size of project area (if appropriate): 18,822 km ² (1,882,242 ha)	No of tigers and / or Amur leopards in project area, giving evidence & source: The Amur tiger (<i>Panthera tigris altaica</i>) - 540 individuals (2015 tiger census in Primorsky and Khabarovsk krais, Amurskaya and Jewish autonomous provinces). The Amur leopard (<i>Panthera pardus orientalis</i>) – 121 individuals (2021 camera trap monitoring in Land of the Leopard National Park)
Partners: <i>(Please give details of partners, including communities, academic institutions etc. for this project.</i> The Phoenix Fund has been closely cooperating with the following partners: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. United direction of Land of the Leopard National Park and Kedrovaya Pad Nature Reserve2. Ussuriisky Nature Reserve3. Sikhote-Alin Biosphere Nature Reserve4. Bikin National Park5. Pervotsvet eco-centre6. Uragus eco-centre7. Rodnichok eco-centre8. Green Whirl eco-theatre9. The Wildlife Conservation Society	
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Actual start date of project: <i>(if different from 1st February)</i> 1 st February	
Reporting period: 1 st February, 2022 – 31 st July, 2022	

Section II. Project Progress

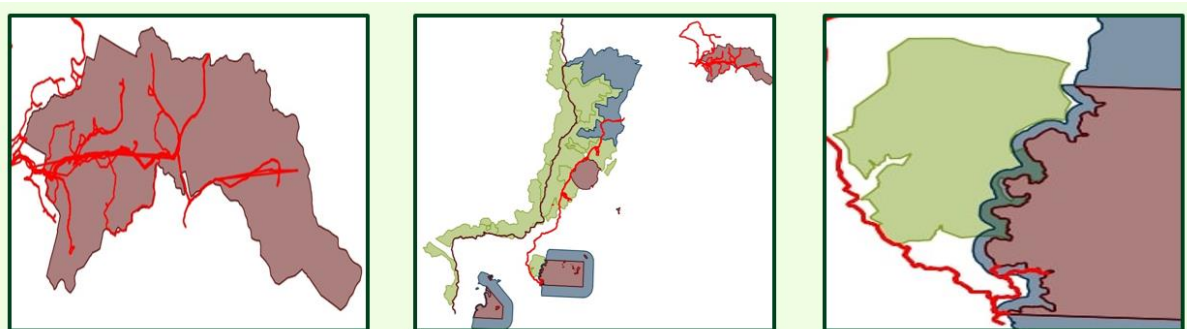
Summary of progress for the first 6 months: *(please provide a summary for use in our communication materials)*

In 2022, we continued providing our assistance to five (5) protected areas in Primorsky Krai to work with SMART, hold feedback meetings with rangers, discuss patrol performance and options for improvement and provide new patrol targets for the next period. The rangers carried on patrolling the assigned areas and successfully prevented wildlife crimes.

We have also implemented educational activities, namely the 17th art contest with publication of wall calendars and children's paintings, and eco-classes at four eco-centres in Primorsky Krai. Preparatory work has been done for celebration of Tiger Day Festival in Primorsky Krai and Jewish Autonomous Province.

Details of activities and results to date: *(Please give details of progress made towards the objectives & outputs of your Logframe, and activities included in your Workplan. Please add any relevant charts, maps and images.*

SMART in five protected areas - During the reported period, we continued supporting SMART sites, namely Sikhote-Alin Nature Reserve, Bikin National Park, and the United direction of Land of the Leopard National Park, Kedrovaya Pad Nature Reserve, Ussuriisky Nature Reserve and Far Eastern Marine Reserve. The anti-poaching teams protected the wildlife and the habitat through regular patrols (on foot, by motorized vehicles, boats, etc.) on the assigned territories. Phoenix in close cooperation with ANO WCS continued holding feedback meetings between protected area management staff and rangers in order to discuss patrol efforts and results and options for improvement. Overall patrol quality at existing SMART sites remains good. SMART allows effectively use human and material resources for patrolling PAs and combating poaching. We motivated rangers to work with SMART and improve their efforts. For excellent performance, the rangers were provided with incentives.



Maps with patrol routes in Land of the Leopard National Park, Ussuriisky Nature Reserve and Far Eastern Marine Reserve

Additionally, thanks to camera traps installed by ANO WCS in PAs, the rangers managed to prevent and reveal violations, or catch violators red-handed. The photos from camera traps are sent automatically to rangers' mobile phones. Promptly after a photo with potential violators moving into or out of a protected area was received, the rangers were sent out to camera trap location. For example, on June 16 at 4 a.m. a camera trap produced a photo of a man with a gun entering protection zone of Sikhote-Alin Nature Reserve. Immediately, the rangers rushed to the spot and found a wooden boat supposedly abandoned by a violator. It was decided to set an ambush in the immediate vicinity of the boat. At 8:56 a.m. a camera

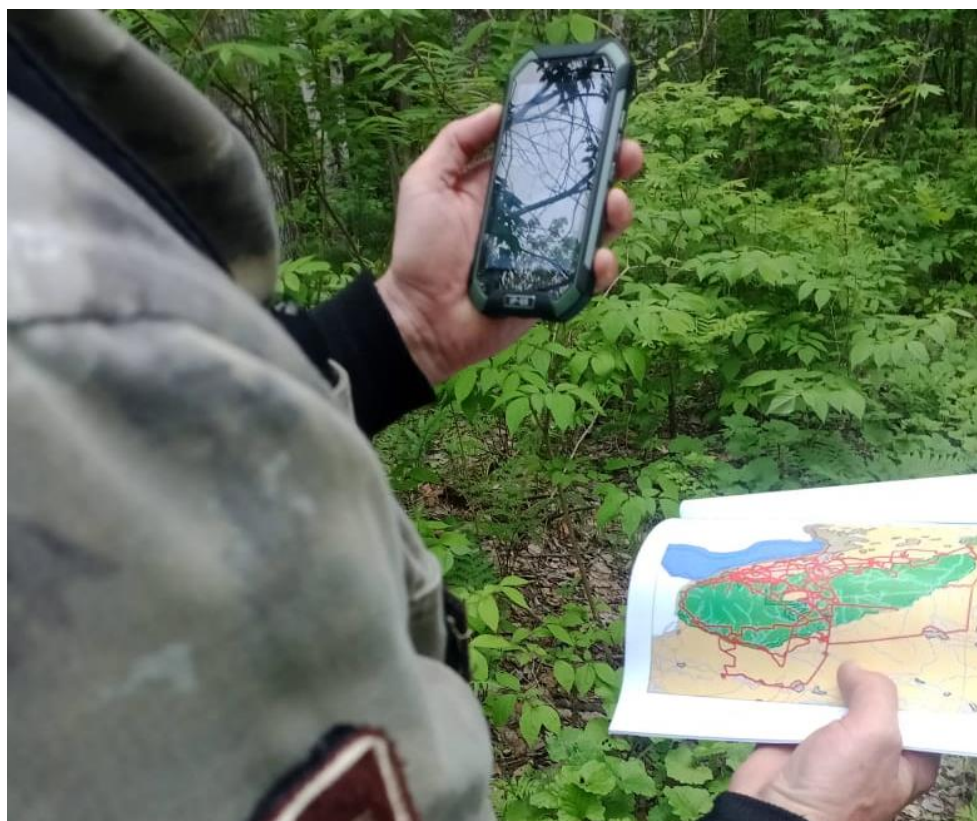
trap produced a photo of the same man with a gun and a backpack. At 9:16 a.m. the man returned to the boat and was apprehended by rangers. His backpack was full of wild meat of a sika deer. An administrative citation was issued upon the violator; meat and gun were seized.



Photos produced by camera traps © ANO WCS

The results of law enforcement efforts achieved in PAs during the reported period are being processed and analysed and will be presented later.

Patrol efforts in PAs during 1 st half of 2022	Foot patrols, km	Motorized patrols, km	Snowmobile patrols, km	Quadbike patrols, km	Boat patrols, km
Bikin NP	4003	20182	18902	603	19763
Sikhote-Alin NR	1096	83863	4975	1574	492
Land of the Leopard NP (including Kedrovaya Pad NR, Ussuriisky NR and Far Eastern Marine Reserve)	3160	57901	243	82	6139





Anti-poaching patrols in Sikhote-Alin Nature Reserve © Sikhote-Alin Nature Reserve

WildCats Conservation Alliance, (formerly ALTA & 21st Century Tiger) is a wild tiger and Amur leopard conservation initiative between Dreamworld Wildlife Foundation and Zoological Society of London, (UK charity # 208728).

- Tiger Day Festival in Primorye and Jewish Autonomous Province – During the reported period, we were busy preparing for the Tiger Day: we have produced and purchased additional gifts and prizes (T-shirts, bags, magnets, etc.) for children. This year, we together with our partner – Vladimir K. Arseniev Museum of Far East History would like to organize educational and entertainment activities, including interactive games, quizzes, sports competitions, face painting, and master classes in Vladivostok on September 25. Additionally, in September-October 2022, the Phoenix Fund will help organize Tiger Day in Primorsky Krai (Novopokrovka, Arseniev, Ternei, and Kirovsky towns), Khabarovsk Krai (Sovetskaya Gavan), and Jewish Autonomous Province. Now, we are getting approvals from our main partners in the mentioned above settlements.



International Tiger Day at the Sails of Hope Children at Risk Centre © Phoenix Fund

In July 2022, in the run-up to International Tiger Day that is celebrated annually on July 29, the Phoenix Fund together with the *Sails of Hope* Children at Risk Centre organized Tiger Day celebrations. Children are hosted in this shelter for various reasons, most common are vagrancy, home negligence, family violence, parental alcoholism or drug abuse, parental unemployment or loss of residence due to family poverty. Due to family problems, these children are rarely able to attend any entertainment events such as Tiger Day Festival, and we decided to hold a special event for them. During the celebration on July 27-29, over 60 children watched videos about tigers, learned amazing and funny facts about striped predators, their range, threats to their survival and research and conservation methods. With great enthusiasm and happiness, the children participated in various contests and won memorable prizes.

- Art contest for children to promote conservation of Amur tigers and Amur leopards - In 2022, Phoenix held the 17th annual art contest for children with the purpose of promoting careful and respectful attitude towards the Amur tiger and Amur leopard at young age.



2022 art contest winners © Phoenix Fund

The theme of the contest always concerns two big cats: the Amur tiger and the Amur leopard. This year, children sent entries on two topics: “The Tiger and All, All, All -2023” and “The Leopard and All, All, All - 2023”.

We received 1,831 drawings from children between 5 and 18 years of age from Primorsky, and Khabarovsk krais, Novosibirskaya, Rostovskaya, Amurskaya and Jewish Autonomous provinces, Saint Petersburg, Donetsk People’s Republic, and Mongolia. The jury consisted of representatives of Russian protected areas and educators. The best drawings were chosen to appear on the 2023 wall calendar. All contestants received certificates of participation and got his/her copy of the calendar. The remaining copies we are going to use as gifts during various contests, events, and festivals devoted to Amur tiger and leopard conservation.

- Environmental education and outreach in Slavyanka, Luchegorsk, Terney and Vladivostok - During the reported period, the Phoenix Fund continued assisting the educators working in administrative districts of Primorye, namely Pozharsky, Khasansky, and Terneisky, and in Vladivostok city. Experienced educators held eco-lessons, exhibitions, art contests and other events/actions related to tiger and leopard conservation. In addition, they visited remote villages to give lectures, show slide-presentations and video on animals and organize various ecological contests, games, quizzes, and exhibitions.



Ecological drama lessons and performances © Phoenix Fund

During eco-lessons, children learnt about extinct and endangered species and explored how climate change, habitat loss, pollution, and other facts contributed to these species' population loss. The educators taught children to have empathy for living creatures, encouraged children to form sustainable habits, and explained how it is important to be eco-friendly consumers. The teachers used games as fun and interesting ways to engage kids of all ages. While having fun, children developed skills and gained knowledge about the Amur tigers, Amur leopards, and other wildlife of the region. Using games teachers conveyed complex concepts and relationships found in ecosystems. Besides indoor classes, the teachers took children outside into nature - in a local park or the wild outdoors – so that they could learn so much about nature from seeing it and being part of it. For example, in

Terney, children visited the Sikhote-Alin Nature Reserve, observed wildlife at special observation decks and installed wildlife cameras to document the activity of rarely seen wildlife and to monitor animals without disturbing them.

During the reported period, the kids were involved in various ecological actions, such as cleaning ponds, tree planting, making bird feeders, etc.



Children during eco-lessons, field trips, meetings with ecologists, and wildlife observations
© Phoenix Fund

Additionally, the seniors helped the teachers to teach preschoolers. They devised fun quests, held contests, created games, read fairy tales, and showed theatrical performances on ecological topics to help preschoolers understand environmental protection.

From February through July 2022, the teachers gave 603 lessons and nature-oriented events for 6,023 children. In addition to eco-classes at schools and eco-centres, 16 drama lessons were given at the Eco-Theatre in Vladivostok and 10 theatrical eco-performances were showed.

Give details of any obstacles to success that the project has encountered over the last 6 months.

(Please provide detailed examples, explain what impact these will have on the project results and the changes to the budget and timetable of project activities)

We originally planned to hold a workshop for educators in March, but since we have not received full financial support for this event yet, the workshop was postponed to October 2022.

Budget: Is the spend on target? **If not, please give details and provide an updated budget sheet.**

The spend is on target.

Media: Please provide a list of recent publications and media both local and national which mentions the work funded by this project and/or mentions WildCats Conservation Alliance

<https://fundphoenix.org/en/results-of-17th-annual-art-contest-announced/>

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WildCats Conservation Alliance asks for at least 5 relevant high-resolution jpeg files of images of the project activities during this time period.