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## I. Project Overview

Since the year of its establishment in 1998, the Phoenix Fund has been carrying out nature conservation projects in the south of the Russian Far East, including anti-poaching, forest protection, ecological education and outreach projects. Many of the damaging human activities result from ecological ignorance of the local people sharing an uneasy coexistence with large predators. With less than 500 Amur tigers left in the wild, environmental education and outreach can play an important role in tiger conservation and preventing the species extinction by mobilizing support to tiger conservation projects from the local people and raising nature-oriented generation in the region. That is why many of our project activities are focused on local people and younger generations.

Phoenix thinks that the best way to reach the adults is through the children. Besides, it is today's children who will decide the future of endangered wildlife of the region; if we want to ensure the future for the endangered wildlife of the region, the education, re-education and community outreach should be done today. Keeping all that in mind we developed a new approach, a new environmental education and outreach project that started in 2005 with support from the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Tiger and approval of the state education institutions. The project is aimed at conservation of the endangered wildlife of the region under the umbrella of the Amur tiger.

This project is focused on two districts of Primorye: Pozharsky and Partizansky, main Amur tiger habitat. The goal of the project is to strengthen Amur tiger conservation in the Russian Far East through conservation education and outreach activities.

We strongly believe that the continuous education and outreach will help ensure sound protection for the tiger habitat and populations.

## II. Project Implementation

### 2.1. Education and outreach activities

#### Eco-centre in Partizansk city and environmental education in Partizansky district

"Rostok" (*Sprout*) eco-centre was founded in Partizansk city, Southern Primorye in 1994 with the main purpose of gathering the youth of Partizansky district to discuss local ecological issues and find solutions. Since 2001, Rostok eco-centre has been ranked as a legal entity, supporting and developing



youth movement of Southern Primorye and operating as a resource centre on ecological education and outreach programs. It closely cooperates with 38 NGOs of Partizansky, Shkotovsky, and Lazovsky districts of Primorye. More than 6,000 children from 14 schools of Partizansk city, over 5,000 pupils from 15 schools of Partizansky district, and about 1,000 children from kindergartens visit the eco-centre annually. "Rostok" develops, publishes and distributes diverse educational materials, such as ecological newsletters, newspapers, leaflets and guidebooks on animals and plants.



Thanks to support from the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Tiger, “Rostok” eco-centre managed to continue its work in 2007, expanded its educational programs by including lectures on Amur tiger and leopard conservation, and established close relations with other eco-centres of Primorye.

“Rostok” education program with focus on Amur tiger conservation has been designed to target students from the 1<sup>st</sup> to the 11<sup>th</sup> forms, generally ranging between 6 and 17 years old. For the reported period the educator delivered lectures highlighting the current plight faced by a number of endangered and charismatic species in the Russian Far East, especially Amur tiger and leopard, Asiatic black and brown bears and other. The education program has been designed to make young people understand that without a reduction in deforestation, poaching, forest fires, numerous endangered species may become extinct. The educators sent an important message to the children: “When a species is lost from the forest, it affects all other species... including us”.

During the reported period the educators of “Rostok” eco-centre conducted 62 eco-classes for 1,443 children on the following themes: “Tiger family”, “Getting acquainted with Amur tiger”, “Let’s save tiger together” “Let’s save tiger together”, “Amur tiger is a beauty and pride of Ussury taiga”, and “Human behaviour in tiger habitat” etc. In addition, schoolchildren played various ecological games, such as “Who lives under the Korean pine?”, “Guess who I am”, and “Patrol in taiga”. The eco-movie classes “Ussury taiga is a home of Amur tiger” included the following films: “Who is the most important in taiga?”, “Tigrovaya Pad nature reserve”, “Tiger hunt”, “The Kedrovaya Pad nature reserve”, and “Nature monument “Waterfall on the Kamenka”.

The educators conducted the interregional art contest “Wildlife of the region”. Over 289 children from Partizansky and Lazovsky districts of Primorye took an active part in the contest; 69 best paintings were sent to the Interregional Children’s Art Contest in Novosibirsk city.

On August 02-09, a special summer camp was organized at Kozmino Bay by Lubov Samchinskaya, a teacher and leader of “Rostok” eco-centre. Fourteen schoolchildren and students, two scientists from Biology and Soil Institute and Marine Biology Institute and some adults lived in tents and devoted much time to collecting samples of water and soil in the vicinity of



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Schoolchildren collect samples of water and soil in the vicinity of the Kozmino Bay

the Bay, observed what animal, plant and insect species inhabited the area; found sources of fresh water and cleared the coastline drawing conclusions on what type of garbage predominated there and what its origin was. As a result, 106 plants, 33 green, red and brown algae, 36 sea inhabitants (molluscs, sea-urchins, etc), 6 bird species were identified. Keeping in mind that in a couple of years a large oil terminal and a refinery will be built in Kozmino, it is vital to register what biodiversity was have no and what we take risks to lose if leadership of “Transneft” oil and gas company does not take adequate measures to avoid damage to nature.

On October 06, the educator organized Tiger Day Festival in Partizansk town. For the holiday description please read “Tiger Day Festival” section below.

For the period January 01-December 31, 2007 the educators successfully delivered 62 ecological lessons to more than 1,443 schoolchildren.

*Eco-centre in Luchegorsk city*

Thanks to support from 21<sup>st</sup> Century Tiger,



the Phoenix Fund continued supporting "Pervotsvet" (*Spring flower*) ecological centre in Luchegorsk city, Northern Primorye in 2007. The eco-centre delivers classes for eco-groups "Vesnyanka" ("Caddis fly") and "Robinsons", organizes excursions for residents of Luchegorsk city, and issues of "SHIP'ovnik" newspaper with young journalists' articles on the Green page section. Attending special classes ("Ship" youth television and newspaper club) at "Pervotsvet" eco-centre, the schoolchildren gain computer skills and learn to make short TV programs/news on local ecological issues. There are many pets at the eco-centre and children enjoy taking care of the animals there. During the lessons the teachers told about negative influence of woodcutting, forest fires and poaching on Amur tiger habitat. Sometimes, during the lesson the children gave slide-presentations devoted to rare and endangered species. Such lessons are very important to raise nature-friendly generation. While preparing for slide presentations, children extend their knowledge and influence on children's level of comprehension during the lesson.

From January 01 to December 31, 2007 the educators carried out eco-classes on the following themes:

- "Let's learn how to protect the environment",
- "Cedar is a tree of life",
- "Human behaviour in tiger habitat",
- "Lazovsky nature reserve",
- "We learn how to save the nature",
- "Forest fires",
- "Amur tiger",
- "Amur leopard",
- "Korean pine is a tree of life",
- "Who needs a leopard?",
- "First spring flowers",
- "Large felines of Primorye".

Children of "Robinsons" and "Path of life" eco-groups, active participants of ecological lessons in the eco-centre, often hike and participate in camping trips in Amur tiger habitat. That is why they must learn to co-exist with the predator and prevent tiger attack. During the lesson the children watched a film "Hunters" by Zov Taigi and discussed main rules of human behaviour in tiger habitat, studied rules of eco-tourism and learnt to treat the nature with care. In January the children participated in "Lesnaya olimpiada" (Forest Olympiad) and International Research Contest "Junior-2007" and were awarded with prizes and diplomas.

On September 15, children from "Pervotsvet" eco-centre, various schools and educational institutions, citizens and guests of Luchegorsk city celebrated the fifth anniversary of the Tiger Day Festival. For the holiday description please read "Tiger Day Festival" below.

For the reported period over 1,594 schoolchildren visited the eco-centre and attended 60 eco-classes.

#### Children's art contest devoted to tigers

Art contest devoted to Amur tiger and its conservation was carried out at the target schools in winter 2007 in Northern Primorye. Children were asked to paint life of a tiger, its prey base, and habitat. Phoenix staff received 214 tiger paintings



from Terneisky, Krasnoarmeisky, Lazovsky, Partizansky and Pozharsky districts of Primorye and chose 16 best tiger paintings for the calendar.

Design and publication of the calendar with children's paintings of tiger



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Back cover of the calendar

In January 2007, the Phoenix Fund announced a children's art contest devoted to Amur tiger and its conservation at target schools of Northern Primorye. As a result, Phoenix received 214 tiger paintings from Terneisky, Krasnoarmeisky, Lazovsky, Partizansky and Pozharsky districts. It was very hard to choose the best works. Though Phoenix chose 16 paintings for the calendar. The calendar (1,500 copies) was published in April 2007. It contains tiger paintings by schoolchildren and information on Amur tiger, threats to survival and conservation efforts. The Phoenix Fund will distribute the calendars among schools and eco-centres of Primorye and use the calendars as memorable prizes for young activists and winners of ecological contests.

Journalists' Award

In 2006, the Phoenix Fund and its partners announced the Journalist Awards in order to attract more attention to Amur tiger conservation. As a result, the journalists covered this conservation issue broadly and attracted local people's attention to

problems Amur tiger faces nowadays. Incidentally, numerous human-tiger conflict cases occurred in autumn 2006 – winter 2007. The cases were covered broadly to raise people's awareness about the state of Amur tiger population, its habitat and prey, to teach people how to behave in the forest to prevent tiger attacks, etc. Phoenix, together with other local environmental NGOs, evaluated the articles and news stories and organized the award ceremony on June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2007. Thanks to support from the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Tiger and other partners, a special award for winners, a cut-glass ginseng, was designed and produced and many other encouragement prizes were purchased. As a result, thirty-three journalists and twenty-two mass media agencies of Primorsky and Khabarovsk krais, Amurskoy and Jewish Autonomous oblasts took part into the contest. The Jury reviewed 42 TV features and radio-materials and 84 articles in newspapers and magazines. The best articles and TV



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Sergei Bereznuik (left) gives Award to Natalia Drobysheva (right)

features on Amur tiger conservation were awarded with memorable prizes.

Tiger Day Festival

In January 2007 the Phoenix Fund started preparations for Tiger Day Festival in Primorye that was to take place in September – October 2007. A Tiger Day Steering Committee was established to help develop a holiday statute, inform all school authorities about the terms of participation in Tiger Day celebration, organize



preliminary contests and choose the winners, etc. The Committee members are representatives of the local and international non-governmental conservation organizations such as Phoenix, WWF-Russia, and Far Eastern fund of culture support «AzArt», active schoolteachers and volunteers. For the reported period the Committee held three meetings that

Traditionally the holiday started with a carnival procession headed with a decorated jeep with a “tiger cub” on its hood, and bicyclists in orange T-shirts. Children and adults with colourful posters and banners with conservation mottos marched along the main street of Luchegorsk city.



Festive parade in Vladivostok

This year schoolchildren of eight villages (Nagornoye, Pozharskoye, Guberovo, Novostroika, Verkhny Pereval, Ignatievka, Svetlogorie, and Fedosievka) of the district came to participate in the parade and holiday contests. They yelled, “Let’s save tigers together and stop poaching!” When the march, that included children and their parents, all in costumes of forest dwellers, reached the city park the theatrical performance began.

resulted in developed holiday statute and approved holiday program. All school authorities in Primorye announced various tiger-oriented contests at schools. The schoolchildren started preparing costumes, posters, mottos, as well as decorations of the school columns for the Tiger Day procession. The Tiger Day Steering Committee had a meeting with the Head of Culture and Education Department of Vladivostok administration and discussed the date for the holiday celebration.

The “Sorvanets” (“Romp”) theatrical studio appeared on the stage and gave a breathtaking performance with love and tenderness towards wild animals of Ussury taiga. During the holiday the winners of different contests (paintings, poems, costumes, arts and crafts etc) were awarded with memorable prizes. The novelty of the Tiger Day was a “Striped trip” game. Eleven teams of children of Krasnoarmeisky district schools visited “stations” where they demonstrated their knowledge, talents and skills. The holiday ended with a disco.

This year Tiger Day holiday in Primorye started with celebration in Novopokrovka, Kirovka and Luchegorsk towns on September 15.



Luchegorsk city

On September 15, citizens and guests of Luchegorsk city celebrated the fifth anniversary of the Tiger Day Festival.

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Tiger Day in Luchegorsk

### Vladivostok city



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Carnival procession in Vladivostok  
September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2007

The eighth anniversary of the Tiger Day Festival in Vladivostok was celebrated on Sunday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>. As usual, the festival began with a carnival procession. The march included children and their parents, groups of schools and children's clubs, all in costumes of forest dwellers (animals, birds, insects, and plants). The carnival march was followed by various theatrical performances. The main idea of the carnival procession was as follows: Amur tiger invites tigers from other countries, such as India, Nepal, Bangladesh, Burma, China, Thailand, Laos, Vietnam, Cambodia and Malaysia to participate in the holiday celebration. Thus, many tigers from different countries, with national flags in their hands, marched with citizens and guests. Besides, there was information on all tigers on special boards set around the stage. When a carnival procession reached the central square of the city, school, children's club or a group gave a small performance and the Jury of holiday organisers chose the winner in "the best column" competition. Games and educational quizzes were an essential part of the event. The festival attracted people's attention to the most burning issues of wildlife conservation in the region, as well as giving them an opportunity to participate in their resolution. Children were pleased to paint their face and body with yellow, orange and black colours. One of the most favourite contests was drawings on asphalt. All drawings were focused on Amur tiger,

the master of Ussuriisky taiga. There were no scary or angry tigers on asphalt. The children drew the tiger as if it were their good friend. Over 100 children were awarded with small gifts such as tiger bookmarks, badges and sweets for taking part in contests.

In addition to support from the international community, this year we have managed to attract local businesses, news agencies, and other small sponsors that provided support and prizes. For example, a local Electronics Company "Spector" provided a TV- set, printers and scanners, local ice-cream plant provided ice-cream and mineral water bottling factory provided mineral water for all participants, local confectionery provided tasty fruitcakes for the contests' winners. In addition, City administration provided Grand Prix for the best column of schoolchildren. As a result of the contest, the gymnasium №1 of Vladivostok city was awarded with music equipment. "Chudo Chado" magazine for parents awarded the winners with tickets to the local circus and theatre. We think that it is a very good result, as initially the Phoenix Fund planned to interest the local administration, travel agencies, businesses etc. in Tiger Day celebration and persuade them that such a



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Tiger Day in Partizansk

holiday would attract more investors, tourists and customers. Both wildlife and people can benefit from this festival.

On September 23, the Tiger Day was also celebrated in the Far Eastern Zoological Garden in the city of Khabarovsk. The Tiger





Day festival, the second in Terney town history, was organized on September 24, 2007. In October, the Tiger Day was celebrated in Partizansk and Lazo cities.

### Partizansk

This year the Tiger Day Festival was celebrated for the second time in Partizansk city, southern Primorye. Over 300 people from the nearby and remote villages (Zolotaya Dolina, Frolovka, Novolitovsk, Nokolaevka and other villages) came to take an active part in the festival. Headed by three cheerful tigers, a festive procession of children and their parents in animal costumes went down the main town street to the Central Square and gathered many people on their way.

The main holiday activities were organized on the Central Square. Groups of children presented shows, performances, dances and songs about tigers to the audience. Games, quizzes and entertainments were an essential part of the holiday. Sixty-four people took part in the “Tiger drawing on asphalt” contest. Over 100 people wanted their faces painted in tiger colours. Forty-five people received memorable prizes for their animal costumes. During the celebration the organizers also collected 503 signatures under the appeal to the Governor to help save Amur tigers.

The Festival received a warm welcome in Partizansk town and we hope that it will grow in the years to come.

In 2007, the range of Tiger Day holiday as well as number of participants has increased in comparison with the previous years. Such positive changes result from effective work of our educators in seven districts of Primorye and continues support from the international community, namely 21<sup>st</sup> Century Tiger, Save the Tiger Fund, IFAW, David Shepherd Wildlife Foundation and other. We hope that thanks to such nature-oriented events the people will be

proud of Amur tiger and unique nature of the Russian Far East and help conserve it for the future generations.

## **2.2. Anti-poaching activities**

### Support for Western wildlife managers' team

The Western wildlife managers' team operates mostly in Pozharsky, Krasnoarmeisky, Tenreisky, and Dalnerechensky districts, the North of Primorye, still rich in wildlife and cedar forests. Recently, the area has become a hotbed for setting up logging practices and trade due to its proximity to the Chinese border. Besides, the team conducts joint patrols with police officers and public volunteers along the borders of Verkhnebikinsky wildlife refuge. Numerical strength is not strictly fixed. Team leader is Alexander Samoilenko, senior state officer of Hunting Management Department of Rosselkhoznadzor (Primorsky Department of Federal Service for Veterinarian and Vegetation Sanitary Supervision). For the reported period the team revealed 81 violations of hunting regulations, 6 violations of fishing regulations and 22 illegal loggings. For description and results of the project activities for the period January 01- June 30, see the Interim Report.

In August, wreckers cut tires of the patrol vehicle. The team continued patrolling the area, but no violation was revealed.

In September the team conducted seven patrols, revealed two cases of illegal woodcutting and 12 cases of illegal hunting, seized four “Husqvarna” chainsaws, five DT-75 tractors, eight “Kenwood” radio stations and seven rifles. Two criminal proceedings were initiated against illegal loggers.



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Seized illegal firearms

On September 01, while patrolling Dalnerechensky district the Western wildlife managers' team arrested two logging teams (14 people of Vedenka village and Dalnerechensk city) for illegal logging 20 km far from Vedenka village. The team seized three "Husqvarna" chainsaws, three DT-75 tractors and five "Kenwood" radio stations. The total damage of felled trees (oak, linden, ash tree) was 1,200,000 roubles (\$47,060). Criminal proceedings were initiated on the case.

On September 12, at 18:00 the team apprehended six locals of Malinovo village for illegal logging near the Verkhnyaya kontora stream. The wildlife managers confiscated two DT-75 tractors, one "Husqvarna" chainsaw and two "Kenwood" radio stations. In addition, several log stockyards were found close to the place of apprehension. Based on these facts criminal proceedings were initiated.

For the period September 14 - 21 the team was repairing its car (front axle and fuel system).

On September 23, the wildlife managers stopped a jeep near the Dikarka stream in the hunting grounds of Krasnoarmeisky district. The jeep's owner turned out to be a local of Glubinnoye village. He had a rifle IZH-27, 12-gauge without a license and a permit to hunt. The wildlife managers drew up a report on administrative violation, seized the rifle and handed it over to Krasnoarmeisky police office for further investigation.

On September 24, at 11:25 a.m. Mr. Tregub was arrested with a carbine for illegal hunting near the Berezovy stream in the hunting grounds of Krasnoarmeisky district. A report on administrative violation was drawn. On the same day later two men were arrested for illegal hunting near the Taborny stream. They had two rifles, but no gun licenses and permits to hunt. The rangers drew up two reports on violations of hunting regulations. Several minutes later the team apprehended Mr. Rykovsky with a rifle TOZ-106, 20-gauge and Mr. Manislov with a rifle "Vepr-308" near the Berezovy stream. The violator did not have a permit to hunt. In the evening, at 8:00 p.m. a jeep was stopped near the Velinku River. There was an unsheathed "Saiga" shotgun inside the vehicle. The jeep's owner did not have a permit to hunt. The wildlife managers drew up a report on administrative violation.



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Illegal woodcutting

On September 25, while patrolling the hunting grounds of Krasnoarmeisky district the team arrested Mr. Nezhdanov with IZH-58 rifle (with erased manufacturing number) near the Armu river. The violator did not have a gun license and a permit to hunt. The wildlife managers drew up a report on violation of hunting regulations, seized the rifle and handed it over to Krasnoarmeisky police office for further investigation. On the same day, at 4:50 p.m. near the Podtverzhdnie stream the team arrested Mr. Kuligin, local of Molodezhnoye village, game-keeper of "Kerry Trade Service" hunting lease, with a dog, a 16-gauge TOZ



rifle and poached squirrel. The man did not have a permit to hunt. The wildlife managers drew up a report on violation of hunting regulations, seized his rifle and handed it over to Krasnoarmeisky police office for further investigation. One hour later on the same place the team stopped a car. The car's owner had a rifle, but no permit to hunt. A report on violation of hunting regulations was drawn.



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Poached wildlife

On September 26, the wildlife managers were patrolling the hunting grounds of Krasnoarmeisky district when they met Mr. Vologtanin in the upper Valenky river who was hunting illegally. The wildlife managers drew up a report on violation of hunting regulations and seized a rifle.

On September 29, at 7:30 a.m. the team arrested Mr. Garbuz with a 12-gauge IZH-27 rifle for illegal hunting near Shiroky stream. The rifle was confiscated and forwarded to Krasnoarmeisky police office. In October the Western wildlife managers' team conducted patrols in Dalnerechensky and Krasnoarmeisky districts of Primorye, revealed 10 violations of hunting regulations, seized 6 illegal rifles, 10 poached squirrels and 2 hazel grouses. In addition, the team members revealed one violation of fishing regulation, seized two fishing nets and 5 fish (lenok species). While patrolling in Dalnerechensky district, the team revealed five unauthorized logging, seized 2 tractors and 2 chainsaws. In Krasnoarmeisky district the wildlife managers arrested illegal loggers 500

meters far from Tazhny wildlife refuge, seized a tractor and a chainsaw.

On October 11, while patrolling Dalnerechensky district the team stopped an URAL vehicle 3 km from Lubimovka village. The vehicle was loaded with oak wood. The vehicle's owner confessed to an illegal logging.

On October 12, the team was patrolling in Krasnoarmeisky district, when the wildlife managers detained a local from Roschino village who was woodcutting illegally 50 km far from Tazhny wildlife refuge. The violator fell oak trees without a proper permit. The wildlife managers seized a *Husqvarna* chainsaw, a tractor DT-75 and a loaded rifle MTS 21, 12-gauge. The man did not have a gun license. The team transported the perpetrator to Krasnoarmeisky police office for further investigation.

On October 13, the team conducted a patrol in Dalnerechensky district and spotted an illegal logging 10 km far from Savinovka village. The loggers fell 50 cubic meters of lime-tree and walnut tree. A tractor DT-75 was found close to a logging site. The team rangers forwarded information on illegal logging to Dalnerechensky police department.

On October 22, ten kilometres close to Lubimovka village two men were detained for illegal woodcutting. One violator was a resident of Zimniki village, the other was from Malinovo village. The perpetrators harvested 100 cubic meters of lime-tree, walnut tree and oak. The wildlife managers seized a tractor DT-75 and a *Husqvarna* chainsaw, and forwarded all materials to Dalnerechensky police office.

On October 25, while patrolling the hunting grounds of Krasnoarmeisky district, the team apprehended a resident of Roschino village with a rifle IZH-94, 12-gauge. As the man did not have a gun license and a permit to hunt, the wildlife managers seized the rifle and handed it over to Krasnoarmeisky police office.



On October 16, a local of Boguslavets village with a rifle was arrested 15 km far



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Confiscated traps

from Limonniki village. His gun license was overdue. The violator was charged with an administrative violation. On the same day, while patrolling the hunting grounds of Pozharsky district, the team detained three men for illegal hunting. The men were hunting during closed hunting season and killed 10 squirrels and two hazel grouse. Two illegal rifles were seized and forwarded to a local police office. The wildlife managers drew up a report on violations of hunting regulations on each poacher.

On October 27, the team carried out a patrol in Krasnoarmeisky district and 30 km far from Limonniki village apprehended a man with a rifle IZH-18, 20-gauge. The violator did not have a permit to hunt. The wildlife managers drew up a report on violation of hunting regulations. Several hours later, 5km far from Limonniki village the team apprehended a man with a rifle and dogs for illegal ungulate hunting. The violator did not have a permit to hunt, and a serial number of the rifle was removed. The wildlife managers seized the rifle and charged the poacher with an administrative violation. On the same day, a resident of Limonniki village was arrested in the hunting grounds of Krasnoarmeisky district for illegal hunting with dogs and a rifle. The violator did not have a permit to hunt and a gun license.

On October 28, the wildlife managers patrolled the hunting grounds of Krasnoarmeisky district and apprehended a man for illegal hunting near the Amazonka stream. No proper permits were on him. The violator was charged with an administrative violation. On the same day, a resident of Lesozavodsk town was detained with two fishing nets and five fish species. The wildlife managers seized the nets, drew up a report on violation of fishing regulations and forward all materials to local fishing inspection.

On November 02, while patrolling Pozharsky district, at 4:55 p.m. the team found a rifle TOZ-BM hidden in a tree hollow, 30 km far from a cabin of logging camp. The rifles was seized and handed over to Krasnoarmeisky police office for further investigation.

On November 04, near the Udachny stream a group of three hunters was detained. One violator had a rifle "Belka", 5.6-gauge, without a gun license. The men also had a fake hunting ticket. The wildlife managers drew up a report on each violator, seized the rifle and forwarded all documents to local police department for further investigation. Some hours later, near the Vankin stream the team apprehended a local of Limonniki village with a rifle TOZ-17, 32-gauge. The violator killed two squirrels without a permit to hunt and a gun license. He was charged with an administrative violation. The wildlife managers seized the rifle and forwarded all materials to Krasnoarmeisky police office. In the evening of the same day the team found meat of poached roe deer in woodcutting area of Gerasimenko Ltd. The employees told that it was the director who had killed roe deer. The team drew up a report, confiscated poached meat and forwarded all documents to local police office for further investigation.

On November 05, a man was apprehended with a rifle IZH-58, 12-gauge near the Nezametny stream. The violator did not have a gun license and a permit to hunt. The wildlife managers drew up a report on violation of hunting regulations, seized the rifle and handed it over to Krasnoarmeisky police office. Later on, a hunter was



detained near the Malinovsky stream for illegal hunting. The poacher had entrails, hinder, hide and legs of red deer, and traps for hunting musk deer. The perpetrator did not have a gun license and a permit to hunt. The wildlife managers drew up a report, seized the rifle and handed it over to Krasnoarmeisky police office.

On November 06, a man was apprehended for hunting without a permit. A rifle TOZ-BM, 16-gauge was seized and forwarded to a local police office.

On November 07, a local of Kavalerovo village was detained with a 16-gauge smoothbore in hunted grounds of Krasnoarmeisky district. The violator did not have a permit to hunt and a gun license. He was charged with an administrative violation. On the same day a man with two rifles was arrested for illegal hunting near Melnichnoye village.

In December, the Western wildlife managers' team in cooperation with the staff of hunting leases and private inspectors conducted joint patrols in Pozharsky and Krasnoarmeisky districts, Northern Primorye to reveal violations of hunting regulations. In total, the team revealed 12 violations of hunting regulations and seized seven rifles and poached wildlife.

On December 12, the combined team detained a man who was hunting with dogs without proper permits near Krasny Yar village. The team members imposed an administrative penalty on the violator. After a couple of hours, the team apprehended a man near the Sidatun stream who was hunting ungulates with dogs without permit.

On December 13, at 11:00 a.m. a resident of Sobolinoye village with a 16-gauged rifle IZH-17 was detained near the Zvonky stream (Pozharsky district). The violator had no gun license and permit to hunt. On December 13, while patrolling hunting grounds of Pozharsky district the combined team detained Mr. Volynkin near Yasenevoye village. The violator was hunting ungulates with a rifle IZH-17, 16-gauge without proper permits. In the same area the team arrested one more violator for

hunting without permits. Then, near Sobolinoye village the team rangers arrested a man with meat of poached wild boar. When the team patrolled the Tokhalo stream, they arrested a man who had killed an Asiatic black bear and red deer. The perpetrator had no gun license and permit to hunt. The team rangers drew up a report and imposed a fine on the violator. On the same day at 3:00 p.m. the Western team apprehended a local of Bolshoy Kamen town. The perpetrator was hunting with a 16-gauged double-barrel rifle near the Serenevy stream. Later, at 5:00 p.m. the team was patrolling the hunting grounds of Pozharsky district, when the team members noticed a man with a rifle. The man turned out to be a local of Yasenevoye village who was hunting with a rifle IZH-18 without a permit.

On December 17, at the afternoon, the team rangers seized a rifle IZH-18, 12-gauge from Mr. Anisimov near Svetlogorye village. The detained man had no gun license and a permit to hunt.

On December 27, while patrolling hunting grounds of Krasnoarmeisky district, the combined team detained a local of Dalny Kut village with 10 sables and 2 illegal rifles. On December 29, the rangers apprehended a man who had killed a roe deer with an illegal rifle.

### III. Measurable objectives delivered

For the reported period, the project has successfully delivered the following measurable objectives:

- 3,037 children received 122 lessons on wildlife and the natural environment;
- 1,500 copies of the calendar with children's tiger paintings were published and are being distributed;
- 84 articles and 42 TV features and radio-materials on Amur tiger conservation took part in journalists' contest and the best ones were awarded with prizes;



- 36 many days patrols were conducted;
- 81 reports on violations of hunting regulations were drawn up;
- 28 shotguns were confiscated;
- 15 criminal proceedings initiated.

#### **IV. Acknowledgement**

This project is the result of joint efforts of many people and organizations. Thanks to support from the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Tiger, we helped keep the Amur tiger population stable in 2007, expanded the borders of our conservation projects and increased awareness the knowledge on the Amur tiger and awareness of the plight of endangered species, and fostered a positive attitude of local people towards Amur tiger. This project so desperately needs continued support to keep its anti-poaching operations, wildlife rescue, rehabilitation and education and outreach work in the local communities, alive and operational in today's Russian Far East. We show our appreciation to Ms. Sophie Darlington and Ms. Esther Conway for all patience and assistance and hope for our fruitful co-operation in the future.

**V. Attachment****Results of Western team for 2007**

<b>Activity</b>	<b>January-December 2007</b>
<b>Patrols conducted</b>	<b>36</b>
<b>Violations documented:</b>	
- Hunting	<b>81</b>
- Fishing	<b>6</b>
- Forest resources	<b>22</b>
<b>Illegal guns withdrawn</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>Poached animals</b>	
Musk deer	<b>7</b>
Red deer	<b>6</b>
Wild boar	<b>2</b>
Roe deer	<b>2</b>
Fir animals (squirrel, sable)	<b>21</b>
Feather game	<b>3</b>
Bear	<b>1</b>
Fish	<b>5</b>
<b>Poaching devices seized</b>	
Tractor	<b>11</b>
Chainsaw	<b>9</b>
Fishing nets	<b>2</b>
Radio stations	<b>7</b>
<b>Criminal proceedings initiated</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Violators already convicted</b>	<b>2</b>