



# TIGER FACT SHEET

- All living species of tigers are currently endangered
- Tigers have never lived in Africa. They live in Asia.
- Tigers are the largest naturally breeding cats in the world.
- Tigers rarely come together except in courting. They are solitary hunters that take advantage of the night to hunt for unsuspecting prey.
- White tigers do not occur naturally, but are the result of captive inbreeding. They are genetically unhealthy animals that have no value to conservation.
- The tiger and the jaguar are the only two big cat species that love water and are fine swimmers.
- All cats will attack people given the right circumstances, however the tiger has developed an undeserved reputation as the man-eater cat of the world. Humans are easy prey for an aged, sick, or injured cat.
- Tiger claws are up to 5 inches in length. The forefeet have 5 claws while hind paws have 4 claws. Claws are used as weapons to hunt, for grooming themselves, marking territory, tree climbing, defense, and balance.
- Tigers species occupy a variety of habitat types ranging from warm areas of India to snow covered areas of Russia.

\*For more information about Mizzou Tigers for Tigers visit <http://www.missouri.edu/~tigers> or <http://www.5tigers.org>



# Tiger Quiz



-True or False-

- Tigers are endangered T/F
- Tigers live in Africa T/F
- Tigers are the largest cats in the world T/F
- Female tigers are bigger than males T/F
- Tigers usually hunt during the day T/F
- Tigers hunt in groups T/F
- White tigers are found naturally in Russia T/F
- Tigers don't like water T/F
- 3 out of every 1000 tigers will attack people T/F
- Tiger claws can be up to 5 inches in length T/F
- Tigers only live in hot places T/F