MINISTRY OF NATURAL RESOURCES
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PRESS STATEMENT

NRES IS COMMITTED TO ENSURING THE SURVIVAL OF THE MALAYAN TIGER

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Sustainability (NRES), through the Department of Wildlife and National Parks Peninsular Malaysia (PERHILITAN), is committed to ensuring the survival of the Malayan Tiger through strategic conservation actions for tigers.

During the inauguration ceremony for Global Tiger Day (GTD), YB Dato' Sri Huang Tong Sii, the Deputy Minister of Natural Resources and Environmental Sustainability (NRES) emphasized the key achievements through the implementation of strategic actions for Malayan Tiger conservation included strengthening cross-agency enforcement cooperation via Integrated Operations Khazah, or known as Operasi Bersepadu Khazanah (OBK) and cooperation with the Community of Rangers. These Rangers consist of veterans from Malaysian Armed Forces/ Royal Malaysia Police, Orang Asli (indigenous people), and local communities.

OBK aims to enhance the effectiveness of efforts to combat forest encroachment, illegal logging, wildlife hunting and illegal mining through the implementation of the Biodiversity Protection and Patrolling Programme (BP3).

Furthermore, a new protected land of 15,000 hectares has been gazetted in Kedah, Perak, Selangor, Terengganu and Negeri Sembilan through the Ecological Fiscal Transfer for Biodiversity Conservation (EFT) instrument, contributing to the strengthening the conservation of the Malayan Tiger habitat.

Moreover, there has also been an increase in effectiveness in tackling cross-border wildlife syndicates and crimes through the establishment of the Wildlife Crime Bureau (WCB) under PDRM (Royal Malaysia Police), with total confiscations in 2024 exceeding RM2 million.

He stated that the Malayan Tiger species is categorized as 'critically endangered' by the Red List of the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN). The results of the First National Tiger Survey which was conducted in 2016 to 2020, found that the Malayan Tiger population in its natural habitat is estimated to be fewer than 150 tigers. Therefore, the involvement of State Governments and corporate organizations to strengthen the conservation of the Malayan Tiger is vital.

This year, the Global Tiger Day 2025 (GTD) celebration is also supported by the Ministry of Youth and Sports (KBS) and the Football Association of Malaysia (FAM). A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between PERHILITAN and FAM has been signed for cooperation on the Save Malayan Tiger (SHM) Campaign.

This collaboration includes disseminating information on the ongoing government conservation efforts, as well as sponsorship assistance for the implementation of activities under the campaign.

The Global Tiger Day (GTD) 2025 Celebration Ceremony was also attended by NRES Secretary-General, Datuk Dr. Ching Thoo a/l Kim, KBS Secretary-General, Dato' Ts. Dr. Nagulendran Kangayatkarasu, NRES Deputy Secretary-General (Natural Resources), Norsham Abdul Latip, PERHILITAN Director-General, Dato' Abdul Kadir Abu Hashim, and FAM President, Datuk Mohd Joehari Mohd Ayub.

GTD has been celebrated annually on July 29th since 2010 to cultivate and raise global awareness about the importance of protecting, preserving and conserving tiger species.

The organization of GTD 2025 also demonstrates cross-sector inclusivity and solidarity in mainstreaming Malayan Tiger conservation which is also supported by various relevant stakeholders.

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