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TIME IS RUNNING OUT: SINGAPORE TIGER WEEK 2021

*Annual conference brings together experts from around the world
to highlight urgent action needed on tiger conservation*

Monday 19 July 2021 - The Singapore Wildcat Action Group (SWAG) announced today the programme for *Singapore Tiger Week*, their annual conference on the state of tiger conservation in the world. Coinciding with International Tiger Day on 29 July, this year's theme is 'Time Is Running Out' to reflect the urgent need for action.

Running over six days from 30 July to 5 August, Singapore Tiger Week 2021 (STW2021) will bring together 19 tiger researchers, policy makers, and conservationists - the largest number of participants in the annual event so far.

The programme features 20 talks that will cover successes, challenges, and ways forward to save tigers on the brink of extinction. All talks are free with registration.

Key topics include:

- Singapore's role in the illegal tiger parts trade
- Citizen-driven indicatives to protect wildlife
- The results of the first national tiger survey of Malaysia
- Tiger recovery beyond the 2022 Year of the Tiger

"Studies show that human activities have caused global wildlife populations to plummet by more than two-thirds in the last 50 years, and the iconic tiger is critically endangered. We chose the theme "Time Is Running Out" for this year's Singapore Tiger Week to highlight the plight of the tiger, and the challenges that are decimating their populations, from here in Southeast Asia to Russia. Time is truly running out and we must act now." - Carmen Pang, Director and one of the founding members of SWAG.

Organisations participating in STW2021 include the World Wildlife Fund, the Malaysian Conservation Alliance for Tigers, TRAFFIC Southeast Asia, Animal Concerns Research and Education Society (ACRES) and the Wildlife Conservation Society.

“ACRES's investigation, and the enforcement efforts by the Singapore authorities put a huge dent in the sale of tiger parts in Singapore shops in 2010, resulting in the largest seizure of alleged tiger parts. We are confident that with more eyes and ears in the community, we can wipe out the online trade too,” said Anbarasi Boopal, Co-CEO (Advocacy), ACRES

Highlights of STW2021 Include:

Speaker	Title of Talk
<i>Dr Adrian Loo</i> Group Director, Wildlife Management Division, National Parks Board, Singapore	Singapore's Efforts In Combating The Illegal Trade In Wildlife
<i>Dato' Abdul Kadir Abu Hashim</i> Director-General, Department of Wildlife and National Parks (Perhilitan), Malaysia	Urgent Action To Save The Malayan Tiger From Extinction
<i>Dr Kae Kawanishi</i> Manager, Malaysian Conservation Alliance for Tigers	Making Sense Of Tiger Extinction In The Era Of Ecological Collapse
<i>Dr Dale Miquelle</i> Director, Wildlife Conservation Society (Russia and China Program)	Tiger Conservation In Northeast Asia: Saving The Siberians
<i>Ms Jenny Roberts</i> Director, World Wildlife Fund (Tigers Alive Initiative)	A Vision For Tiger Recovery Beyond The 2022 Year Of The Tiger

- Please see Appendix I for complete programme summary

About Singapore Tiger Week

First held in 2019, Singapore Tiger Week is one of the key activities organised by SWAG to raise awareness of wildcat conservation.

“In Singapore, tigers used to roam our once densely forested island-state up to the early 1900s. But due to expansion of agriculture and human settlement, our last wild tiger was shot in 1930 in Choa Chu Kang, which is a tragedy. Through our annual *Singapore Tiger Week* conference, we hope to have honest and impactful conversations that will galvanize the conservation community, the authorities, and the public,” said Vilma D’Rozario, Director and another founding member of SWAG.

Summary of Singapore Tiger Week 2021

Date: 30 July to 5 August

Information: <https://www.swagcat.org/stw-2021>

Register at: <https://stw2021.peatix.com/>

- All talks are free -

About the Singapore Wildcat Action Group

Established in 2019, the Singapore Wildcat Action Group (SWAG) is a non-profit organisation dedicated to the conservation of wildcats of the world, many of which are critically endangered.

Our mission is to create awareness of the urgent need for wildcat conservation, and to raise funds for the Malaysian Conservation Alliance for Tigers who are racing to protect the few remaining Malayan tigers living in the wild.

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