

ENVIRONMENTAL INVESTIGATION AGENCY (EIA) UK - COUNTRY REPORTS FOR ASIAN BIG CAT CRIMES, 2010-2015

COUNTRY REPORTS						
CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION EXCLUDED						
2010-AUGUST 2015						
SEIZURES OF SKINS, LIVE, CARCASS, STUFFED TO CREATE TOTAL COUNT OF WHOLE ASIAN BIG CATS	TOTAL	TIGER	LEOPARD	SNOW LEOPARD	CLOUDED LEOPARD	ASIATIC LION
ADDITIONAL PARTS AND DERIVATIVES IDENTIFIED IN TRADE						
EIA-COMPILED FIGURES FOR OUTSIDE INDIA						
BANGLADESH	12	12				
BHUTAN	3	2	1			
CAMBODIA	22		3		19	
CHINA	75	47	13	14	1	
INDONESIA	54	49	5			
LAOS	13	13				
MALAYSIA	17	12	5			
MYANMAR	7	1	4		2	
NEPAL	66	25	37	3	1	
OMAN	1		1			
RUSSIA	18	17	1			
SRI LANKA	1		1			
THAILAND	96 ¹	81	15			
VIETNAM	45	41	1		3	
TOTALS	430	300	87	17	26	0
INDIA WILDLIFE PROTECTION SOCIETY OF INDIA PUBLISHED FIGURES www.wpsi-india.org	987	157	830			
TOTAL FROM PUBLIC SOURCES	1,417					

¹ Due to variance in Government and NGO reporting, the range is 96-99 Asian big cats, 81-83 tigers; minimum shown.

**ASIAN BIG CAT CRIMES – BANGLADESH
JANUARY 2010-AUGUST 2015
SEIZURES**

Incident name	Asian big cat part/product seized	Case outcome / comment	Year
Bangladesh Sundarbans Tiger Parts Seizure, February 2011	3 tiger skins, 4 tiger skulls, tiger bones		2011
Sundarbans tiger poaching and skin seizure, early December 2011	1 tiger skin	Poaching and seizure	2011
Dhaka tiger cubs seizure, June 2012	3 tiger cubs	Convictions and sentencing of at least two suspects to two years' imprisonment; additional suspects prosecuted. Officials suspended.	2012
Sundarbans tiger skins seizure, October 2014	2 tiger skins	Ammunition also seized	2014
Bangladesh tiger skin, skull, teeth and bone seizure, reported January 2015	1 tiger skin, teeth, bone, skull		2015
Dhaka tiger skin seizure, January 2015	1 skin	Imprisonment and fine	2015
Bangladesh tiger skin seizure, February 2015	1 skin		2015
Bagerhat seizure, May 2015	1 skull, 157 bones		2015
Summary Whole Asian big cats measured in skins, live, carcasses and mounted/stuffed	12 tigers plus parts	2 case outcomes recorded here	
END OF COUNTRY TABLE			

ASIAN BIG CAT CRIMES – BHUTAN			
JANUARY 2010-AUGUST 2015			
SEIZURES / POACHING			
Incident name	Asian big cat part/product seized	Case outcome / comment	Year
Bhutan tiger and leopard skin seizure, leopard poaching, reported April 2012	1 tiger skin, 1 leopard skin	Tiger skin said to be from India, leopard poached by poisoning in Nganglam. One suspect described as repeat offender. Case closed, outcome not reported	2012
Bhutan tiger skin and bones seizure, September 2013	1 tiger skin, bones	Fine, amount not stated	2013
Summary	2 tigers seized, 1 leopard plus parts	1 case outcome recorded here	
Whole Asian big cats measured in skins, live, carcasses and mounted/stuffed			
Incident name	Asian big cat poached	Case outcome / comment	Year
Leopard killed in Trongsa, July 2011	Trapping	Fine of Nu 25,000	2011
Leopard killed in Gelegphu, January 2014	Trapping	Trapping, fine of Nu. 60,000	2014
Summary	2 leopards trapped, plus 1 further leopard poached in Nganglam from which skin seized (above seizure section)	2 case outcomes recorded here	
END OF COUNTRY TABLE			

**ASIAN BIG CAT CRIMES – CAMBODIA
JANUARY 2010-AUGUST 2015
SEIZURES**

Incident name	Asian big cat part/product seized	Case outcome / comment	Year
Chinese Chamber of Commerce seizure, Phnom Penh, October 2014	19 clouded leopard skins, 3 leopard skins, 6 clouded leopard paws, other wildlife, fake tiger skin	Apparent processing operation. Fine equivalent to USD 25,000 administered, maximum under Article 98 but some species did not fall into the "endangered" category	2014
Summary Whole Asian big cats measured in skins, live, carcasses and mounted/stuffed	22 Asian big cats plus parts	1 case outcome recorded here	
END OF COUNTRY TABLE			

**ASIAN BIG CAT CRIMES – CHINA
JANUARY 2010-AUGUST 2015
SEIZURES**

Incident name	Asian big cat part/product seized	Case outcome / comment	Year	Suspected wild caught laundered through captive facilities or bred in captivity? (see EIA criteria)²
Heilongjiang Police tiger skin and bones seizure, April 2010	1 tiger skin, tiger bones	Decoy buy operation	2010	
Beijing Customs tiger skin seizure, November 2010	1 tiger skin		2010	
Shenzhen Tiger Bone Seizure, January 2010	17 pieces tiger bone	Unconfirmed link to Malaysia	2010	
Dehong Leopard Parts Seizure, April 2010	2 leopard skins, 2 leopard skeletons	Via Ruili	2010	
Hunchun Tiger Bone Seizure, July 2010	46 pieces of tiger bone	DNA testing by the Harbin National Wildlife Identification Centre	2010	
Suifenhe Tiger Skeletons Seizure, October 2010	2 tiger skeletons, 1 tiger skull		2010	
Erlian Customs Snow Leopard Skin Seizure, March 2010	1 snow leopard skin	Routine inspection	2010	
Alxa Snow Leopard Skins And Skull Seizure, April 2010	2 snow leopard skins, skull		2010	
Changchun tiger skeleton seizure, August 2010	1 tiger skeleton		2010	
Yunnan Leopard Bone Seizure, November 2010	4.5 kg leopard bone		2010	

² <https://eia-international.org/wp-content/uploads/Caged-Assets-revised.pdf>

Anhui circus tiger seizure and sentencing, June 2011	1 live tiger	Repeat offender for similar offence of illegally transporting wildlife, connected with circus. Suspect sentenced to 10 years and six months in prison	2011	Y
Shenzhen tiger skin seizure, October 2011	1 tiger skin		2011	
Jiegao Wildlife Seizure, March 2011	Tiger claws, Asian big cat teeth	Alleged drugs premises, wildlife reportedly sourced from Myanmar	2011	
Inner Mongolia Snow Leopard Skins Seizure, March 2011	2 snow leopard skins		2011	
Shenzhen Tiger Bone Seizure From Indonesia, Early 2011	12 kg tiger bone	Reported source Indonesia, species identification test	2011	
Dalian Tiger Bone Wine Seizure, May 2011	10 bottles of tiger bone wine	Reported source Korea	2011	
Suifenhe Border Tiger Skeleton, Musk Pod And Bear Knees Seizure, March 2011	2.5 tiger skeletons	Intelligence-led covert operation, two convictions secured in China. Outcome for suspects in Russia not reported	2011	
Significant Shenzhen Tiger Bones Seizure, May 2011	10 kg tiger bone, three skulls		2011	
Hobhot snow leopard skin seizure, September 2011	1 snow leopard skin	Travelled via Mongolia. Buyer of the skin sentenced to six years imprisonment, and the other three received one to one and half years.	2011	
Hangzhou skins seizure and links to CPPCC member, 2012 reported 2014	2 tiger skins, 5 snow leopard skins, 1 leopard skin	One suspect, businessman and member of political advisory body, convicted and sentenced to 11 years in prison	2012	
Taiwan seizure, May 2012	Medicinal products, at least 1 tiger skin, at least five ABC skulls, various parts		2012	
Chongzuo, Guangxi seizure, November 2012	1 tiger skin	Arrested claimed they bought the skin at Vietnam border, intending to sell within China	2012	
Manzhouli Customs tiger bone seizure, June 2012	150 g tiger bone	Tested by SFA Wildlife Test Centre	2012	
Dali To Guizhou Tiger Skeleton Seizure, August 2012	1 tiger skeleton	Convicted, sentenced to 10 years imprisonment	2012	

Significant Yunnan tiger bone wine seizure, June 2012	18.7 kg tiger bone, 22.4 kg leopard bone, 12,090 bottles tiger bone wine, 18,660 bottles leopard bone wine	Joint operation between Yunnan Forestry Police, Baoshan Forestry Bureau, Tengchong County Forest PSB and the 3rd-tier of Lianghe County Forest PSB . Four arrests, outcome unknown	2012	
Nanning tiger, rhino and ivory seizures, January 2013	1 tiger skin, 1 tiger skeleton		2013	
Pinxiang tiger skin and ivory seizure, August 2013	1 tiger skin, tiger teeth	Suspect arrested, reportedly stated he had bought the items in Pingxiang to Putian	2013	
Wuhan tiger cub seizure, September 2013	2 live tigers	Routine inspection	2013	Y
Changchun tiger skin seizure, October 2013	1 tiger skin	Routine inspection	2013	
Hunchun tiger skin seizure, October 2013	1 tiger skin	Species certified by SFA Test Centre	2013	
Kunming Customs tiger skin seizure via Lao Cai-Hekou, October 2013	1 tiger skin	Suspect reportedly claimed he was hired to transport the skin from Vietnam to China	2013	
Haerbin tiger skin enforcement, November 2013	1 tiger skin		2013	
Nanning tiger skins seizure, August 2013	2 tiger skins, bones, skull	Online trading, covert buy, suspect reportedly stated that he sourced items from Vietnam, previously sold tiger bones	2013	
Jinan Asian big cat skins and ivory seizure, June 2013	2 snow leopard skins, 1 clouded leopard skin, 1 leopard skin and bones	Suspects arrested and bailed, no update	2013	
Changbaishan tiger trading, October 2013	Tiger bones	Investigation revealed subject had sold tiger skin	2013	
Operation Skynet in Beijing, April 2013	1 snow leopard skin	Operation	2013	
Yunnan tiger skin piece seizure, December 2013	1 tiger skin piece		2013	
Dunhang Leopard And Tiger Bone Seizure And Conviction, October 2013	50 g leopard bone, 0.45 kg tiger bone, additional TCM materials	Sentenced to 6 months' imprisonment	2013	
Yunnan wildlife operation, announced January 2014	3 tiger skins, 1 tiger carcass		2013-2014	
Wenzhou tiger carcass seizure, January 2014	1 tiger carcass	Connected to circus	2014	Y

Leizhou, Guangdong tiger trade gang arrests, March 2014, and seizure in Guangxi	1 tiger carcass in Leizhou, plus 3 tigers to Guangxi	Prosecution of Guangdong-based gang responsible for trading, killing and consumption of tigers. They had previously been investigated in 2007 and 2010 and when arrested in 2014 a tiger carcass was found at the scene. Investigations found that during 2013, one suspect, a businessman, had commissioned the killing of three tigers for consumption in his home province of Guangxi. Tiger parts and other species were seized at his home. He was convicted and sentenced to 13 years in prison	2014	Y
Pu'er tiger skin seizure, reported May 2014	1 tiger skin		2014	
Operation Protector in Fujian, June 2014	1 tiger skin	Operation concerning suspects sending ivory from UK to China traced tiger skin at a relative's house. Case prosecuted.	2014	
Sanmenxi City tiger cub seizure, July 2014	1 live tiger	Investigation covered six provinces, at least nine arrests made	2014	Y
Operation seizes taxidermied tigers, reported 2014	6 stuffed tigers	Operation: Chinese authorities seized four stuffed tigers which had been purchased from a Beijing taxidermy shop; a further two stuffed tigers were seized from the postal service	2014	Y
Lanzhou leopard skins seizure, August 2014	2 leopard skins		2014	
Tianjin tiger, lion, ivory trading, August 2013-April 2014	7 tiger skeletons plus 20 skeletons of "big cats" along with other wildlife	Identified during illegal ivory investigation. In 2015, resulted in convictions of eight people with imprisonment ranging from six years to 12 years six months. Main accused sentenced to 12 years six months with RMB 40,000 (US\$ 6,400).	2014	
Tiger Falls From Shandong Building, February 2015	1 tiger carcass	Suspect fined RMB 3,000 (US\$ 480) and resigned his role in Qingdao People's Congress. Suspension and removal of local forestry employees	2015	Y

Kunming tiger skin and ivory seizure, April 2015	1 tiger skin, tiger bones		2015	
Ruili tiger skin seizure, July 2015	1 tiger skin	Six-month investigation	2015	
Additional Asian big cats counted, from reports which are split over time frames, following process of screening potential duplicate records due to overlapping timeframes:				
China reports on Operation Cobra I, January-February 2014	National level reporting indicates 10 tiger skins seized and 7 leopard skins. From this, removal of similar items seized in same time frame by same agency to exclude potential duplicates, leaving 7 tiger skins and 7 leopard skins counted.		2014	
China reports seizures to CITES, July 2010 - March 2013	Count from reports to CITES which cover several years, removing items seized in same time frame by same agency to exclude potential duplicates, leaving 4 live tigers. No update on seizures of other Asian big cats during same time frame.		2010-2013	Y
Summary Whole Asian big cats measured in skins, live, carcasses and mounted/stuffed	47 tigers, 13 leopards, 1 clouded leopard, 14 snow leopards, other ABC parts	8 case outcomes recorded here		

ASIAN BIG CAT CRIMES – CHINA JANUARY 2010-AUGUST 2015 POACHING / KILLING		
Incident name	Detail	Year
Snow leopard trapped in Xinjiang, early 2010	1 dead snow leopard (trapped). Two suspects convicted and sentenced to 8 and 10 years in prison	2010
END OF COUNTRY TABLE		

Trade observations

Since 2005, investigations by EIA and the Wildlife Protection Society of India (WPSI) have documented the sale of 461 Asian big cat skins in China and TAR. This figure does not include the number of traditional costumes decorated with tiger and leopard skins, often entire skins, documented and in use and trade in 2005-06.

**ASIAN BIG CAT CRIMES – INDONESIA
JANUARY 2010-AUGUST 2015
SEIZURES**

Incident name	Asian big cat part/product seized	Case outcome / comment	Year
Sumatra Tiger Skulls And Other Parts Seizure, July 2010	6 tiger skulls, tiger skin pieces, bones		2010
Poachers Arrested In Kerinci Seblat National Park, May 2010	1 tiger skin, 1 tiger skeleton	Reportedly prolific poacher arrested	2010
Zoo origin skin seizure, 2010	1 tiger skin	Reportedly zoo origin	2010
Sibolga tiger seizure, 2010	1 tiger skin		2010
Jakarta Tigers Seizure, February 2010	5 live tigers	Suspected captive source tigers	2010
South Tangerang Tigers Seizure, February 2010	4 live tigers	Suspected captive source tigers	2010
Payakumbuh Tiger Skin Seizure, March 2011	1 tiger skin	Conviction, Rp 3 million (c.USD 340) fine	2011
Jakarta taxidermist arrest, July 2012	14 stuffed tigers, 3 stuffed leopards		2012
Jakarta tiger and leopard skins seizure, August 2012	1 tiger skin, 1 leopard skin		2012
Pekanbaru tiger skins seizure, December 2012	11 tiger skins, other wildlife		2012
Aceh Possession Of Trophies and Convictions, Reported October 2013	2 stuffed tigers	Military court conviction, 1 sentenced to two months in prison and a fine of IND 5 million (c.USD 500) and 2 sentenced to three months imprisonment and a fine of IND 2.5 million (c.USD 250)	2013
Kerinci Seblat tiger skin seizure and convictions, September 2013	1 tiger skin	Conviction, imprisonment and fine c.480	2013
Jambi tiger skin seizure, November 2013	1 tiger skin		2013
Aceh Tiger Seizure, January 2014	At least 1 stuffed tiger, clouded leopard of unstated derivative		2014
Sumatra tiger skin seizure, January 2014	1 tiger skin		2014
Jakarta shop raid seizure of wildlife items, April 2014	7 tiger canines, 7 tiger canine		2014

	pendants, other wildlife		
West Java arrests for tiger trade, announced October 2013	1 tiger skin, tiger paws, 1 tiger claw, stuffed tiger head	Online trading, multi-agency operation	2014
Palembang tiger trader arrest, February 2015	1 stuffed tiger, 1 stuffed leopard	Suspect allegedly sold 100 tigers over a ten-year period, multi-agency operation	2015
Berbak National Park tiger skin seizure, April 2015	1 tiger skin		2015
Aceh tiger skin seizure, August 2015	1 tiger skin, bones	Four arrests	2015
Summary Whole Asian big cats measured in skins, live, carcasses and mounted/stuffed	49 tigers, 5 leopards, other Asian big cat parts	3 case outcomes recorded here	

ASIAN BIG CAT CRIMES – INDONESIA		
JANUARY 2010-AUGUST 2015		
POACHING / KILLING		
Incident name	Detail	Year
Riau province, June 2011	1 tiger (trapped)	2011
Jambi province, March 2011	1 dead tiger (electrocuted)	2011
Jambi province, February 2011	1 dead tiger (electrocuted)	2011
Bengkulu, January 2011	1 dead tiger (trapped)	2012
Gunung Leuser National Park, July 2013	1 tiger cub (trapped)	2013
Jambi Province, February 2014	1 dead tiger (shot)	2014
Summary	At least 6 tigers, Sumatran tiger skins seized in table above	
END OF COUNTRY TABLE		

**ASIAN BIG CAT CRIMES - LAO PDR
JANUARY 2010-AUGUST 2015
SEIZURES**

Incident name	Asian big cat part/product seized	Case outcome / comment	Year	Suspected wild caught laundered through captive facilities or bred in captivity? (see EIA criteria) ³
Lao PDR: live tiger seizure composite, 2010-2012	11 live tigers seized over 2010-2012 ⁴		2010-2012	Y
Golden Triangle SEZ raid, reported March 2015	At least 2 tiger skins, bottles of tiger bone wine appear to be destroyed in footage released in March 2015	Media coverage shows a multi-agency operation destroying some products, unclear if DNA evidence and prosecutions secured	2015	
Summary Whole Asian big cats measured in skins, live, carcasses and mounted/stuffed	At least 13 tigers, parts and derivatives	0 case outcomes recorded here		
END OF COUNTRY TABLE				

³ <https://eia-international.org/wp-content/uploads/Caged-Assets-revised.pdf>

⁴ Stoner, S.S., and Pervushina, N. 2013. Reduced to Skin and Bones Revisited: An Updated Analysis of Tiger Seizures from 12 Tiger Range Countries (2000–2012). TRAFFIC, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Available from: <http://www.traffic.org/home/2013/3/7/new-study-reveals-scale-of-persistent-illegal-tiger-trade.html>

**ASIAN BIG CAT CRIMES – MALAYSIA
JANUARY 2010-AUGUST 2015
SEIZURES**

Incident name	Asian big cat part/product seized	Case outcome / comment	Year
Bakri Environs Tiger Skin Seizure, June 2010	1 tiger skin	Skin processed and backed onto red material	2010
Kuala Lumpur Wildlife Seizures, October 2010	Tiger skin (unstated quantity)		2010
Malaysia tiger seizure, 2010	1 tiger carcass		2010
Malaysia Tiger Cub Seizure, October 2010	1 live tiger cub		2010
Pahang tiger parts seizure, March 2011	Tiger parts		2011
Kedah tiger skins and ivory seizure, February 2012	8 tiger skins	Convicted following repeated postponements. Result: imprisonment for 24 months	2012
Kelantan tiger and leopard seizure, September 2013	1 tiger carcass, 4 leopard carcasses	Incident near border	2013
Karak leopard carcass seizure, February 2014	1 leopard carcass	Ammunition also seized	2014
Summary	12 tigers, 5 leopards, other parts	1 case outcome recorded here	

**ASIAN BIG CAT CRIMES – MALAYSIA
JANUARY 2010-AUGUST 2015
POACHING / KILLING**

Incident name	Detail	Year
Karak leopard snaring, 2010	Leopard (suspected snared)	2010
Summary	1 leopard	
END OF COUNTRY TABLE		

**ASIAN BIG CAT CRIMES – MYANMAR
JANUARY 2010-AUGUST 2015
SEIZURES**

Incident name	Asian big cat part/product seized	Case outcome / comment	Year
Mandalay Clouded Leopard Skins Seizure, October 2010	2 clouded leopard skins	Reportedly openly displayed	2010
Muse wildlife raid, January 2015	At least 1 tiger skin, 4 leopard skins	Location near border	2015
Summary Whole Asian big cats measured in skins, live, carcasses and mounted/stuffed	At least 1 tiger, 4 leopards, 2 clouded leopards	0 case outcomes recorded here	

Trade observations

Since 2000, at least 460 whole Asian big cat skins have been observed in Myanmar at Tachilek and Mong La, of which 99 have been observed from 2010 onwards.^{5, 6}

Asian big cat	Number of skins documented, 2000-2014	Number of skins documented, 2000-2014
Tiger	91	27
Leopard	203	40
Snow leopard	2	
Clouded leopard	164	32
Total	460	99
END OF COUNTRY TABLE		

⁵ Oswell, A H. (2010). The Big Cat Trade in Myanmar and Thailand TRAFFIC Southeast Asia

⁶ Nijman, V., & Shepherd, C. R. (2015). Trade in tigers and other wild cats in Mong La and Tachilek, Myanmar—A tale of two border towns. *Biological Conservation*, 182, 1-7

**ASIAN BIG CAT CRIMES – NEPAL
JANUARY 2010-AUGUST 2015
SEIZURES**

Incident name	Asian big cat part/product seized	Case outcome / comment	Year
Nepal leopard skin seizure and conviction, November 2010 onwards	1 leopard skin	One subject fined NPR 28,000 and one subject released	2010
Bafal Chowk Leopard Skin Seizure, November 2010	1 leopard skin		2010
Bardibas Tiger Skin Seizure, November 2010	1 tiger skin		2010
Nepal leopard skin and bear seizure and conviction, September 2010 onwards	Charge of illegal trade in leopard skin; four people arrested	NPR 10,000 per person [c. USD 94] and a lump sum of NPR 40,000	2010
Nepal leopard skin seizure and fine, September 2010	1 leopard skin	Fined NRP 10,000 [c. USD 94]	2010
Kathmandu Tiger Skin Seizure, September 2010	1 tiger skin	4 suspects, one person convicted, sentenced to imprisonment of five years and three months, remaining released	2010
Bardia Tiger Skin And Bones Seizure, August 2010	Tiger skin (unstated quantity)		2010
Bhaktapur District Tiger Skin Seizure, July 2010	1 tiger skin	Convictions, fine NPR 75,000.[c.780]	2010
Kathmandu Rhino Horn And Leopard Skin Seizure, June 2010	1 leopard skin		2010
Kalanki Leopard Skin Seizure, June 2010	1 leopard skin, 0.5 kg bone	Subject fined, amount not reported	2010
Nepal leopard skin and bone seizure, April 2010 onwards	1 leopard skin, 2 kg bone		2010
Nepalgunj Tiger Skin Seizure, April 2010	1 tiger skin		2010
Shamshergunj, Banke tiger skin seizure, February 2010	1 tiger skin		2010

Dhangadi Tiger Skin Seizure, February 2010	1 tiger skin		2010
Bardia National Park Tiger Bones Seizure, January 2010	8 kg tiger bone		2010
Nepal seizure, 2010	1 tiger skin, 3 kg tiger bone		2010
Kathmandu Leopard Skin Seizure, September 2011	1 leopard skin	Case pending (late 2014)	2011
Kathmandu Leopard Skin Seizure, 2011	1 leopard skin		2011
Kanchanpur Tiger Skin And Bones Seizure, August 2011	1 tiger skin, tiger bones		2011
Marpha Snow Leopard Skins Seizure, May 2011	2 snow leopard skins, bones, carcass of one snow leopard	Poaching and seizure incident	2011
Tatopani Leopard Skin Seizure, March 2011	1 leopard skin		2011
Dhulikhel Leopard Skin Seizure, March 2011	1 leopard skin		2011
Lalitpur Environs Leopard Skin Seizure, March 2011	1 leopard skin	Fined NPR 10,000 per individual; one subject sentenced to two years' imprisonment	2011
Birgunj Tiger Bone Seizure, February 2011	15 kg tiger bone		2011
Tribhuvan Tiger Skin Seizure, February 2011	4 pieces tiger skin	Appellate Court Patan upheld initial judgement made by DoF to imprison subject, but detail of sentence not reported. However, original decision is likely same as reported in the same source as unnamed Chinese citizen, fined NPR 60,000 and imprisoned for six years, 7 months, related to 4 pieces of tiger skin.	2011
Bardia Tiger Bones Seizure, 2011	Tiger bones		2011
Baglung environs tiger skins seizure, December 2012	2 tiger skins		2012
Kathmandu big cat skins seizure, December 2012	1 leopard skin, 1 clouded leopard skin		2012
Dhading leopard skin seizure, December 2012	1 leopard skin		2012

Border tiger skin and bones seizure, November 2012	Tiger skin and bones, unstated quantities		2012
Baitadi tiger skins and bones seizure, November 2012	4 tiger skins, bones		2012
Sunachari tiger bone seizure, July 2012	10 kg tiger bone		2012
Phaperbari leopard skin and bones seizure, June 2012	1 leopard skin, 8 kg leopard bone		2012
Kathmandu tiger claw seizure, April 2012	Tiger claw		2012
Nepal trading arrests, April 2012	Charges of illegal trade in leopard skin, no details of quantity seized	Three arrests. Case pending (late 2014)	2012
Nepal leopard skin trading arrests, March 2012	Charges of illegal trade in leopard skin, no details of quantity seized	Eight arrests	2012
Nawalparasi tiger skin seizure, February 2012	1 tiger skin		2012
Gongabu tiger seizure, February 2012	4 tiger claws, 6 bones, whiskers		2012
Nepal leopard skin trading arrests, February 2012	Charges of illegal trade in leopard skin, no details of quantity seized	Five arrests	2012
Nepal leopard skins seizure, February 2012	2 leopard skins	Case pending (late 2014)	2012
Bafal leopard skin seizure, January 2012	1 leopard skin		2012
Chabahil leopard skin seizure, January 2012	2 leopard skins		2012
Chitwan leopard skin and bones seizure, June 2013	1 leopard skin, 3 kg bones		2013
Gaidakot leopard skin seizure, June 2013	1 leopard skin	Illegal firearm also seized	2013
Sunsera tiger, leopard, ivory, pangolin and other seizure, June 2013	6 pieces of tiger skin, 45 kg bone, 9 tiger teeth, various other wildlife		2013
Gajuri leopard skins seizure, March 2013	2 leopard skins		2013
Bara district tiger bone seizure, March 2013	3.5 kg tiger bone		2013

Bolebari Shaktikhor leopard skin and bones seizure, February 2013	1 leopard skin, 1 skull, 11 kg bone		2013
Kanchanpur Leopard Skins Seizure, January 2013	Leopard skin, quantity unstated		2013
Nepal tiger skins seizure, January 2013	5 tiger skins, 114 kg bones	En route to TAR	2013
Kathmandu chupa and ivory seizure, 2013	22 pieces of tiger and leopard skin, canines		2013
Manaslu tiger skins seizure, January 2013	2 tiger skins, 53 kg tiger bones	En route to TAR	2013
Kathmandu tiger skin seizure, October 2014	1 tiger skin		2014
Sallaghari tiger skin coat, September 2014	1 tiger coat (unconfirmed)		2014
Jaharsing Pauwa leopard skin seizure, August 2014	1 leopard skin		2014
Dang district leopard skins and snow leopard skin seizure, July 2014	5 leopard skins, 1 snow leopard skin		2014
Kathmandu leopard skin seizure, June 2014	1 leopard skin, 1 leopard skin piece		2014
Tulsipur leopard skins and bone seizure, May 2014	5 leopard skins, 140 pieces of bone		2014
Dhalkhu leopard skin seizure, April 2015	1 leopard skin		2015
Nepal tiger skin and bones seizure, February 2015	1 tiger skin, 21 kg bones		2015
Kanchanpur District tiger skin and bones seizures, January-February 2015	1 tiger skin, 37 kg bones		2015
Summary Whole Asian big cats measured in skins, live, carcasses and mounted/stuffed	25 tigers, 37 leopards, at least 3 snow leopards, 1 clouded leopard, other parts	8 case outcomes recorded here	

ASIAN BIG CAT CRIMES – NEPAL JANUARY 2010-AUGUST 2015 POACHING			
Tiger poached in Bardia National Park, May 2011	Poaching of 1 tiger, Nepal's first translocated tiger	4 arrested	2011
END OF COUNTRY TABLE			

ASIAN BIG CAT CRIMES – OMAN JANUARY 2010-AUGUST 2015 SEIZURES			
Incident name	Asian big cat part/product seized	Case outcome / comment	Year
Oman leopard seizure, April 2015	1 live leopard	Arrests	2015
Summary Whole Asian big cats measured in skins, live, carcasses and mounted/stuffed	1 leopard	0 case outcomes recorded here	
END OF COUNTRY TABLE			

**ASIAN BIG CAT CRIMES – RUSSIA
JANUARY 2010-AUGUST 2015
SEIZURES / KILLING**

Incident name	Asian big cat part/product seized	Case outcome / comment	Year
Primorsky Krai Tiger Skins And Bones Seizure, April 2010	3 tiger skins, tiger bones		2010
Khasansky Tiger Killing, November 2010	Tiger killed	Subject sentenced to one year, two months hard labour and fined RUB 150,000 (c. USD 5,000)	2010
Primorsky tiger paws seizure, April 2012	3 tiger paws	Subject crossing border from Russia to China	2012
Nakhodka tiger skins seizure, April 2012	2 tiger skins	Arrests, no update	2012
Arseniev tiger skins seizure, August 2012	8 tiger skins	Ammunition also seized	2012
Primorsky tiger skin seizure from train, January 2013	1 tiger skin		2013
Primorsky tiger skeleton seizure, February 2013	1 tiger cub skull, legs, rib cage	Suspect charged, no update	2013
Ussurisk tiger parts seizure, February 2013	1 tiger skin, tiger parts		2013
Primorsky highway and premises raids, October 2014	Tiger ribs, bags of bones	Additional wildlife and ammunition seized. No update	2014
Russian wildlife restaurant raid, February 2015	At least 1 tiger and 1 leopard skin, 110 lb suspected tiger and leopard meat		2015
Moscow tiger parts seizure, reported May 2015	59 tiger teeth, four 'sets' of tiger bones, 15 kg meat, tiger skin and a frozen tiger head	Covert operation	2015
Summary			
Whole Asian big cats measured in skins, live, carcasses and mounted/stuffed	17 tigers, 1 leopard, other parts	1 case outcome recorded here	

ASIAN BIG CAT CRIMES – RUSSIA JANUARY 2010-AUGUST 2015 POACHING / KILLING		
Incident name	Detail	Year
Tiger poached, November 2010	1 dead tiger (poached). Four arrests	2010
Tiger poached in Primorsky Krai, January 2010	1 dead tiger (snared), tiger caught in snare; fine of RU 200,000	2010
Tiger poached in Primorsky Krai, June 2010	1 tiger killed near Krunovka village; fine of RU 150,000	2010
Amur leopard poached in Primorye Territory, late 2011/early 2012	1 leopard Amur found dead (satellite-collared), investigation launched	2011 or 2012
Tiger poached, November 2013	1 dead tiger (shot)	2013
7 incidents of tiger cub/sub-adult tiger rescues 2012-2013		
Summary	4 dead tigers, 1 dead leopard	
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ASIAN BIG CAT CRIMES – SRI LANKA JANUARY 2010-AUGUST 2015 SEIZURES			
Incident name	Asian big cat part/product seized	Case outcome / comment	Year
Sri Lanka Leopard Skin Seizure, January 2011	1 leopard skin		2011
Summary	1 leopard	0 case outcomes recorded here	
Whole Asian big cats measured in skins, live, carcasses and mounted/stuffed			
END OF COUNTRY TABLE			

ASIAN BIG CAT CRIMES - THAILAND JANUARY 2010-AUGUST 2015 SEIZURES				
Incident name	Asian big cat part/product seized	Case outcome / comment	Year	Suspected wild caught laundered through captive facilities or bred in captivity? (see EIA criteria)⁷
Nakhon Ratchasima tiger and leopard carcasses seizure, February 2010	6 tiger carcasses, 3 leopard carcasses	Reported by Thai Government to CITES, no status update, DNA taken for tiger	2010	Y
Uthai Thani province tiger carcass seizure, March 2010	3 tiger carcasses	Reported by Thai Government to CITES, no status update, DNA taken for tiger	2010	Y
Chaiyaphum province tiger carcass seizure, April 2010	1 tiger carcass*	Reported by Thai Government to CITES, no status update, DNA taken for tiger	2010	Y
Ban Khwao district tiger cub seizure, April 2010	1 live tiger	Reported by Thai Government to CITES, no status update, DNA taken for tiger	2010	Y
Pattalung province tiger and leopard carcass seizure, July 2010	162.5 kg tiger carcasses of 2 tigers, 22 kg leopard carcass of 1 leopard	Reported by Thai Government to CITES, no status update, DNA taken for tiger	2010	Y
Suvarnabhumi Airport tiger cub seizure, August 2010	1 live tiger	Reported by Thai Government to CITES, no status update, DNA taken for tiger	2010	Y
Tak province leopard carcass seizure, May 2010	2 leopard carcasses	Reported by Thai Government to CITES, no case status update, does not specify DNA for leopard cases	2010	
Narathiwat Province leopard carcass seizure, July 2010	1 leopard carcass	Reported by Thai Government to CITES, no case status update, does not specify DNA for leopard cases	2010	
Sa Keao raid, February 2011	6 live tiger	Owner fined	2011	Y
Mekong Leopard Parts And Other Wildlife Seizure, August 2011	parts of 1 leopard		2011	Y
Suvarnabhumi Airport Live Big Cats Seizure, May 2011	4 leopard cubs, other wildlife	Suspect bailed, left country	2011	Y
Chaiyaphum Zoo Live Leopards Confiscation, July 2011	1-2 leopards (sources vary)	Facility linked to tiger laundering allegations, see entry <i>Chaiyaphum zoo live tiger confiscation, April 2012</i>	2011	Y
Tiger skins seizure, January 2012	4 tiger skins, tiger bones		2012	

⁷ <https://eia-international.org/wp-content/uploads/Caged-Assets-revised.pdf>

Bangkok processing operation raid, February 2012	3 tiger carcasses	One suspect fined; main accused found not guilty in January 2013 due to lack of evidence and witnesses	2012	Y
Suratthani tiger seizure, February 2012	1 live tiger	Reported by Thai Government to CITES, no status update	2012	Y
Kaeng Koi wildlife farm raid, March 2012	5 live tigers	Three of the confiscated tigers returned	2012	Y
Chaiyaphum zoo live tiger confiscation, April 2012	2 live tigers	DNA confirmed cubs were not offspring of tiger at farm, subject implicated in 2014 AMLO network arrests	2012	Y
Bangkok frozen tiger and leopard seizure, May 2012	3 tiger carcasses, 1 leopard carcass	Reported by Thai Government to CITES, no status update	2012	Y
Pathumthani live tigers seizure, September 2012	4-6 live tigers (sources vary)		2012	Y
Ang Thong tiger seizure, September 2012	3 live tigers	Reported by Thai Government to CITES, no status update	2012	Y
Ayutthaya tiger seizure, September 2012	8 live tigers	Reported by Thai Government to CITES, no status update	2012	Y
Thailand tiger cubs seizure, October 2012	16 live tigers	Courier bailed	2012	Y
Northeast tiger cubs seizure, February 2014	5 live tigers		2014	Y
Muang tiger cubs seizure, May 2014	4 live tigers		2014	Y
Pathiu district tiger cubs and leopard carcass seizure, June 2014	3 live tigers, 1 leopard carcass	Courier quickly bailed	2014	Y
Patthalung highway tiger parts seizure, July 2014	65 kg tiger parts consisting of two hind legs and one front leg dumped on highway	15 km from Malaysia border	2014	
Note: *Thai Government also report 1 live tiger seized in Chaiyaphum Province, April 2010, possibly same incident as Ban Khwao district seizure, so not represented here in case of duplication, which is a reclassification since information published in 2014.				
Summary				
Whole Asian big cats measured in skins, live, carcasses and mounted/stuffed	81-83 tigers, 15-16 leopards, other parts	2 case outcomes recorded here		

ASIAN BIG CAT CRIMES – THAILAND JANUARY 2010-AUGUST 2015 POACHING / KILLING		
Incident name	Detail	Year
Kha Kaeng / Thung Yai Naresuan area, March 2010	Possible poaching: 1 tiger and 2 cubs found dying	2010
Arrest of tiger poachers, July 2011	Stripes on skin from image on suspects' mobile phone matched to wild tiger from Thai forests. Two suspects convicted, one received five years in prison, one four years	2011
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ASIAN BIG CAT CRIMES – VIET NAM JANUARY 2010-AUGUST 2015 SEIZURES				
Incident name	Asian big cat part/product seized	Case outcome / comment	Year	Suspected wild caught laundered through captive facilities or bred in captivity? (see EIA criteria)⁹
Quang Tri tiger seizure, March 2010	1 tiger carcass	<i>For an analysis of prosecutions for tiger, rhino and ivory cases in Vietnam, see Education for Nature - Vietnam (ENV), Summary Report: An evaluation of the outcomes of prosecutions for serious wildlife crimes in Vietnam.⁸</i>	2010	Y
Nghe An tiger seizure, June 2010	1 tiger carcass, tiger bones, 1 leopard carcass (leopard unconfirmed)		2010	Y
Thanh Hoa tiger seizure, August 2010	1 tiger carcass		2010	Y
Hanoi tiger seizure, August 2010	1 tiger carcass		2010	Y
Hanoi Tiger Seizure, September 2010	8 tiger skeletons, leopard bones		2010	Y
Hanoi tiger carcass seizure, November 2010	1 tiger carcass		2010	Y

⁸ <http://envietnam.org/index.php/topic/env-activities/577-an-evaluation-of-the-outcomes-of-prosecutions-for-serious-wildlife-crimes-in-vietnam>

⁹ <https://eia-international.org/wp-content/uploads/Caged-Assets-revised.pdf>

Nghe An Clouded Leopard Carcasses Seizure, October 2010	2 clouded leopard carcasses (unconfirmed)		2010	
Ninh Binh tiger seizure, late 2010	2 tiger carcasses		2010	Y
Ninh Binh seizure, March 2010	1 tiger trophy, no further details in source (ENV)		2010	
Quang Ninh tiger seizure, July 2011	3 tiger carcasses		2011	Y
Ho Chi Minh City tiger seizure, December 2011	2 tiger carcasses (in wine), skull, trophy head		2011	Y
Bac Ninh tiger seizure, December 2011	1 tiger skin, 1 tiger skeleton, tiger parts		2011	
Ho Chi Minh seizure, December 2011	Tiger bones		2011	
Quang Ninh tiger seizure, February 2012	1 tiger carcass		2012	Y
Hanoi tiger carcass seizure, May 2012	1 tiger carcass		2012	Y
Nghe An tiger carcasses seizure, May 2012	3 tiger carcasses		2012	Y
Hanoi tiger seizure, July 2012	2 tiger skins, 1 tiger skeleton		2012	
Quang Binh tiger seizure, July 2012	1 carcass, 1 skeleton		2012	Y
Ha Tinh tiger seizure, September 2012	4 live tigers		2012	Y
Phu Tho tiger seizure, September 2012	1 tiger carcass		2012	Y
Hanoi tiger seizure, October 2012	1 tiger carcass		2012	Y
Thanh Hoa tiger seizure, October 2012	1 tiger carcass		2012	Y
Dak Lak tiger seizure, November 2012	1 tiger skin, tiger parts, products		2012	
Hanoi seizure, November 2012	1 tiger carcass		2012	Y
Nghe An tiger seizure, November 2012	1 live tiger		2012	Y
Ha Noi tiger carcass seizure, January 2012	1 tiger skeleton and parts		2012	
Thanh Hoa Tiger Seizure, October 2012	1 tiger skull		2012	
Nghe An tiger seizure, January 2013	1 live tiger		2013	Y
Ho Chi Minh City tiger seizure, July 2013	1 stuffed tiger		2013	
Hanoi tiger carcass seizure, November 2013	1 tiger carcass		2013	Y
Hanoi Clouded Leopard Carcass Seizure, 2013	1 clouded leopard carcass	Viet Nam CITES MA reports as a "fake tiger"	2013	
Ha Tinh seizure, May 2013	Partial remains of tiger (meat and skin), 20 kg		2013	
Nghe An live tigers seizure, June 2014	2 live tigers		2014	Y
Bien Hoa tiger carcass seizure, August 2014	2 tiger carcasses		2014	Y
Nghe An frozen tiger seizure, December 2014	1 tiger carcass		2014	Y
Bac Kan province tiger carcass seizure, January 2015	1 tiger carcass		2015	Y
Nghe An macaque operation seizes tiger, January 2015	1 tiger carcass		2015	Y

For more information and as primary or supporting source for some tiger incidents shown here, see Education for Nature - Vietnam (ENV), Summary of tiger seizures 2006-2013 ¹⁰		
Summary Whole Asian big cats measured in skins, live, carcasses and mounted/stuffed	41 tigers plus parts, 1 leopard, 3 clouded leopards	See Education for Nature - Vietnam (ENV), Summary Report: An evaluation of the outcomes of prosecutions for serious wildlife crimes in Vietnam. ¹¹
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Sources

In the absence of a complete dataset, these are the available figures at the time of writing. Additions, updates and amendments are welcome.

EIA collates and grades information on illegal trade in Asian big cats from the following sources:

- Government submissions to CITES and other multi-lateral mechanisms such as Global Tiger Initiative and international meetings on illegal wildlife trade
- Published information from national Police, Customs and other agencies and multi-agency units
- Published information from intergovernmental bodies such as LATF, ICPO-INTERPOL, ASEAN-WEN and SA-WEN
- Published information from academic papers
- Published information from the CITES-WCMC Trade Database
- Published reports, briefings, bulletins and press releases from NGOs and specialist groups
- Publicly available court records
- Journalistic media sources, both print and broadcast, in a variety of languages, corroborated where possible through pers comms and against additional sources.
- EIA's own investigations and pers comms to EIA.

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¹⁰ <http://envietnam.org/index.php/topic/env-activities/606-summary-of-tiger-seizures-2006-2013>

¹¹ <http://envietnam.org/index.php/topic/env-activities/577-an-evaluation-of-the-outcomes-of-prosecutions-for-serious-wildlife-crimes-in-vietnam>