

WILDLIFE NEWS BANDHAVGARH & KANHA FROM JAN 2009 TO MARCH 2009

A Tigress From Bandhavgarh gets tranquilized

March 04, 2009, A tigress from Bandhavgarh was finally Tran located to Panna on 4th March (Wednesday), ending a long spell of uncertainty that was caused due to unavailability of an IAF chopper. A four-year-old tigress named as Bhitari female, (a daughter of Chakradhara female and dominant male tiger B2) of Bandhavgarh T.R. was tranquilized and shifted by road to Panna in an attempt to increase the tiger population in the Panna Tiger Reserve in Chhatarpur district. In the beginning, it was planned to shift wild animal by airlifting from Bandhavgarh to Panna. However, they could not get IAF Chopper or it was not available for a few weeks.

"An enclosure was created in the Panna Reserve for trnaslocated & keeping tigress in 1.25 hectares of land. The efforts are being made to give her the surroundings akin to those in Bandhavgarh National Park. Besides, six close circuit cameras have been installed inside the enclosure and a control room has been set up to keep an eye on the activities of the wild cat," Panna Tiger Reserve's director Lalan Kumar Choudhary informed. This big cat will be released to the Jungle after a few week of observation.

The entire exercise is aimed at increasing the tiger population in Panna as in the absence of breeding among the big cat; their number had dwindled in the reserve. This was the third attempt of its kind in the country and the first one in the state of MP. Earlier under two attempts wild cats have been airlifted only to Sariska, from Ranthambhore.

Another Tigress Reaches To Panna

March, 09, 2009, another tigress reaches to Panna. This animal was today airlifted from Kanha shift to Panna Tiger Reserve, to revive the big cat population here. This was the second tigress to be trans-located in Panna, under a plan of the Madhya Pradesh forest department. However, there was persistent protest from hoteliers, tourists' guides and local people against any trans-location of the tigress from Kanha. Five days ago a tigress was trans-located in the Panna Tiger Reserve from Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve by road and was kept in a separate pocket of the reserve. Nevertheless, shifting a single tigress from Kanha does not affect the population of this reserve.

Kanha Staff and the villagers Protest against tigress shifting

March, 03, 2009, Tourist guides, taxi drivers and villagers in the Kanha Tiger Reserve in Madhya Pradesh have gone on an indefinite strike since Monday night, to protest the shifting of a tigress from the Kanha tiger reserve to Panna.

In a memorandum submitted to park officials late on Monday night, the protestors have questioned the Central Government's decision to shift a Kanha tigress to a place like Panna where, they point out, already almost all the tigers have been killed by poachers.

“They also

emphasized that the government

moved them out of a park to save the tigers. And, now the authorities are removing the tigers. Why are they taking our tigers?

Out of Kanha. It's our business and people come to see these animals," said the protestors. Officials, however, refuted that the shifting of a single tigress would have any affect. Experts say shifting of the tigers is not a bad idea but the big cat has to be a dispersing young tigress as per the guidelines of the National Tiger Conservation

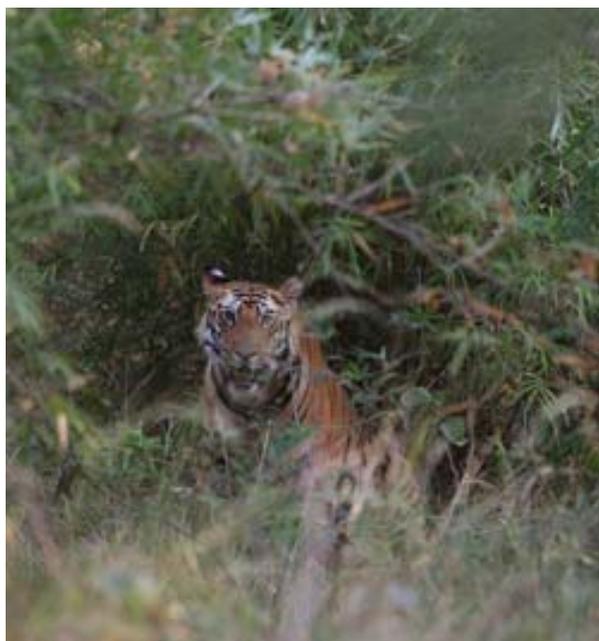
Authority and should not be confined to be a breeding tiger in the core area. They also stress on the need for an urgent inquiry into why up to 42 tigers disappeared from Panna and who was responsible for this.

A Male Tiger Is Likely To Be Translocated To Panna Either From Bandhavgarh Or Kanha Tiger Reserves

March, 10, 2009, history of translocation of two tigresses to Panna each from Bandhavgarh and Kanha tiger reserves has been completed. Unfortunately the only tiger said to be there is untraceable. It might have been wandering around the neighboring Jungles of Chhatrapur said the official authorities. However, the official authorities of MP are not in hurry in translocation of male tiger there. They are likely to wait for one more month or until the new tigresses get accustomed with new environment. Let us wait and watch; which one of the two tiger reserves, either Bandhavgarh or Kanha donates it's own male tiger to Panna to revive the growth of tigers in Panna.

TRANSLOCATED TIGRESSES FROM BTR & KTR

***BANDHAVGARH TIGRESS
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