



# GLOBAL TIGER PATROL

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## View from the Chair

**Amanda Bright**  
Chair of Trustees



Over the last year, we have seen a host of news events cataloguing the threats against the wild tiger. Tiger numbers in India have fallen by more than half in just ten years confirming conservationists' worst fears that previous "official" figures, of 3,624 wild tigers (2002 census) were overstated. The recent announcement by the Indian government confirms the appalling reduction in tiger numbers currently stands at 1,411.

Some of the blame for the decrease in tiger numbers can be laid at the door of rampant poaching, habitat encroachment and a high demand in China and Tibet for tiger skins and body parts. China's economic boom has

increased the demand for tiger based remedies on an unprecedented scale. The decline is also driven by depressed reproduction and increased mortalities caused by over-hunting of the tiger's prey.

In 2007, China planned to re-open their domestic market in trade in tiger parts, using farmed tigers which now number up to 5,000. This proposed trade also threatens wild tigers. A high-level Chinese delegation lobbied the Indian government for support in lifting the ban ahead of a meeting of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES). Supporters of the scheme said that using farmed tigers would provide a viable long-term source of body parts for traditional Chinese medicine and therefore reduce demand for illegal supplies of tiger which come mainly from poachers in India. However an international coalition (see International Tiger Coalition piece on page 7), now

numbering 41 of the world's leading tiger conservation groups, including Global Tiger Patrol, condemned the plans, saying it would have precisely the opposite effect - fuelling demand, increasing poaching and hastening the demise of the species. The ban on selling tiger parts is essential if the species is to survive. For a few pounds a tiger can be poached set against the cost of rearing a tiger in captivity estimated at £2,000-5,000.

There are simply too few tigers left in the wild to risk reopening trade of any kind from any source. We dare not risk an entire species for the short-term financial gain of a handful of Chinese tiger farm owners and their investors. Chinese officials claim "to save the tiger you have to sell it". [The Tiger Coalition's message to China is:](#)

**"END TIGER TRADE:  
THE EYES OF THE WORLD ARE  
WATCHING".**





### **Nilgiri Biosphere Reserve (NBR), Southern India**

The project was to survey the NBR to see the extent and realities in terms of conservation, observing its management, the encroachment problems and the possibilities for future conservation strategy. It is believed that this region might be the last bastion of the tiger and elephant in India in years to come, as well as it being the repository of some of the world's unique and endemic plants, insects, reptiles, birds and other species.

Around 6,000 kilometres were covered, over a ten month period, and over three seasons. This has resulted in recommendations being given to GTP and the other co-funder of the project, Rainforest Concern, concerning future donations and the best way forward to work in the area. The conclusion was that the NBR, together with the contiguous areas beyond NBR (perhaps as far north as Dandeli National Park on the border with Goa and south to Mudunthurai at the southernmost tip of India), is a region undoubtedly worthy of support.

### **Field Support to Project Lifeline Sundarbans**

Support has continued to this worthwhile project working in, on and around the island of Satjelya in the Sundarbans. The Sundarban area situated to the east of here, in Bangladesh, was the news in November, when it was hit by cyclone Sidr.

Herewith a report from Project Lifeline Sundarabans, dated 19 November 2007:

"We were lucky enough that the Cyclone SIDR did not do much damage to our part of Sunderban. It has grazed past our border. However, several mud houses collapsed but no casualties were reported. A large number of villagers, specially women and children, took shelter in our camp for the night of 15th November and they were properly looked after by our field staff. However, the situation in adjoining Bangladesh is very serious. The Cyclone levelled thousands of houses, uprooted trees and forced the evacuation of at least 650,000 people from the coastal areas. It is anticipated that more than 10,000 people have died due to this Cyclone, measured at 240 kms an hour.

In the meantime, one tigress entered into our village on 12th November late evening hours and took shelter in the paddy field. On the 13th morning when it was detected the villagers surrounded the field and kept watch on the tigress along with the Project Tiger Officials. They placed a cage and a goat to capture the cat. While doing all this thing a forest guard, named Uttam Biswas, was attacked by the tigress and he is presently admitted in the hospital. However, it did not enter into the cage and left for the forest on the 14th night by crossing the river, adjoining to our camp. This is an unique example of the villagers' effort in saving Sunderban tigers. I am certain that the various developmental activities of the Government and the field based NGOs like us has helped changing the attitude of the villagers." Mrinal Chatterjee



### **Tiger Conservation Fellowship, Karnataka**

This programme was initiated by the Centre for Wildlife Studies in Bangalore in recognition of the fact that localised tiger conservation efforts, spearheaded by motivated individuals, are frequently much more successful in mobilising ground-level changes while being considerably less expensive to undertake. These efforts also focus directly at broadening the local support base for tiger conservation with the community. Under this programme GTP has now supported DV Girish for many years, in his year-round work outside the boundaries of protected areas carried out strictly in compliance with all local and national laws, towards consolidating tiger habitat in and around Bhadra Tiger Reserve, one of the most important tiger conservation sites in Western Ghats.

## Felid Conference

Those of you who have followed the work of Dr Raghu Chundawat in Panna over the years will appreciate that the type of research work he was following was only possible because of the assistance he received from an outstanding vet, Dr Pradeep Malik.

Dr Malik assisted Dr Chundawat in the tranquilising of tigers and ungulates, which then enabled the scientific data to be gathered, from which stemmed Dr Chundawat's valuable papers.

GTP has contributed to Dr Chundawat's funding for many years and we were

therefore pleased to support Dr Malik in his visit to the UK in the autumn, so that he could present a paper at the Felid Conference in Oxford. It is essential that funding of projects also results in knowledge acquired during the project span to be disseminated out to a wider audience.

### ***Dr Pradeep Malik writes:***

For several years, I was part of a long term study on tigers "Ecology of tiger; to enable realistic projection of the requirements needed to maintain a demographically viable population of tigers in India". The field site of this project is Panna National Park in Central India which encompasses an area of 543 km<sup>2</sup>. The terrain is composed of extensive plateaus and gorges and the altitude varies from 20m to 534 m. Radio-collaring tigers for this study was a challenge due to the topography of the area and vegetation. We needed to immobilize tigers with a drug which has wide safety margin, a potent sedative/anaesthetic, requires low volume for delivery and has specific antidote. We selected a combination of Medetomidine and Ketamine which provided us combination of benefits needed. Medetomidine has specific antidote known as Atipamezole. This is the first time that we used Medetomidine and Ketamine combination in free ranging tigers in India.

Five females and two males were effectively immobilized on 11 occasions using 50-60 µg/kg medetomidine and 1-2 mg/kg ketamine by i.m. injection via projectile dart. All the animals were located on kills and darted from elephant back from a distance of 15-35 meters. Duration of sedation was satisfactory for all field procedures and radio collaring. Recumbency occurred in 8-11 minutes after darting and all field procedures were completed in 30-45 minutes. Reversal of the sedation was done using 25-35 mg of atipamezole intramuscularly. Recovery was smooth usually within 10-14 minutes of i.m. injection of atipamezole. Advantage of medetomidine and ketamine combination for sedation of tigers included small drug volume for darting, rapid and smooth induction, predictable duration of sedation and ability to reverse anaesthesia. It is concluded that a total dose of 10-12 mg of medetomidine and 150 mg-200 mg of ketamine provides practical and safe immobilization of tigers in free ranging conditions. The talk followed considerably good number of questions and one of the participants shared his experiences on medetomidine + ketamine combination.

The data was presented in "Felid Biology and Conservation Conference", 17-21 September, 2007 in Oxford, UK. The conference was organized by the Wildlife Conservation, Research Unit (Wild CRU) from the Zoology Department at University of Oxford, UK. The conference was participated by over 200 international researchers concerned with the study and conservation of all members of the felids. Welcome reception was held on Monday 17 September, 07 at Oxford University Museum of Natural History (OUMNH). Thomas Kaplan, Founder and Chairman of the Panthera Foundation and George Schaller addressed the reception. The venues of the conference included OUMNH for plenary talks and the Martin Wood and Lindemann Lecture theatres of the Physics Department where scientific talks were held in the afternoon hours. Closing dinner was held at Keble College of the Oxford University and the closing address was delivered by Prof. David MacDonald of WildCRU.

The opportunity to attend this conference and present our data was possible through the funding support of Global Tiger Patrol, UK. I was also able to meet several internationally renowned researchers working in ecology, genetics, health, behaviour and conservation and management aspects of felids.

I also spent some time to visit science area and the Bodleian library of the Oxford University. The entire visit and participation in the conference was very productive and valuable. I respectfully acknowledge financial help provided by Global Tiger Patrol to attend this conference.

# Mike Birkhead

Although the most well known face associated with Indian wildlife has to be the charismatic Valmik Thapar, the director who brought him to our television screens is the less well-known Mike Birkhead. Mike's distinguished career as producer and director of television programmes about the natural world, includes an impressive list of awards. GTP first worked with Mike Birkhead in 1994 when it received funds raised through the BBC's broadcast of 'Tiger Crisis'. He was also responsible for the BBC series 'Land of the Tiger', 'The Tale of The Peacock And The

Tiger', 'Tiger', 'The Tigers' Fortress', 'Danger in Tiger Paradise', 'Search for Tigers' 'Tigers of Emerald Forest', 'Guy Pearce's Ultimate Guide To Tigers and 'Tiger Zero'. His more recent work 'Battle to Save The Tiger' about three champions of tiger conservation in India – Dr Raghu Chundawat, Valmik Thapar and Belinda Wright , was broadcast last year on BBC2, narrated by Sir David Attenborough.

Mike was honoured when he received the Lion Award at Wildlife Asia's first ever Asian film festival, inaugurated in Singapore, for 'Tiger Zero' his hard-hitting film on the tiger crisis. Mike's presence in Singapore resulted in much

discussion on tigers including public engagements and the screening of his films by the Singapore National Parks Board. Together with a series of other discussions at the film festival, it helped spread the message and create greater awareness of the plight of the tiger in a consumer nation.

Our congratulations go to Mike. GTP was delighted to help, in a small way, to enable him to travel to Singapore to personally collect his award, and receive the recognition of his peers in the conservation field and to spread the word about the current tiger crisis to a wider audience.

## Further Awards -

### Ullas Karanth

GTP is pleased to offer its congratulations to Dr K Ullas Karanth who, in October 2007, received the prestigious J Paul Getty Award for Conservation Leadership by the World Wildlife Fund-US. Dr Karanth was recognised for his pioneering and outstanding leadership in conservation science. This includes successfully combing research, publications and fieldwork. Particular examples are facilitating work in and around three protected areas in the Western Ghats; innovative work on voluntary resettlement of villagers benefiting both people and wildlife; and his current focus on perfecting methods for monitoring wildlife

abundance and distribution. The award's cash prize of \$200,000 will be used to establish graduate fellowships named in honour of Dr Karanth and J Paul Getty. The fellowships will support graduate students in conservation-related fields at an institution of higher learning of the winner's choice.

Dr Karanth was also the recipient of the prestigious Sanctuary – ABN AMRO Wildlife

Lifetime Service award 2007. The winners were announced on 6 December 2007 in Mumbai, the 8th annual awards instituted to recognise and reward 'Earth Heroes'. Nine years ago, ABN AMRO Bank N.V. (India) joined hands with Sanctuary, India's leading wildlife magazine, to honour ordinary men and women engaged in an extraordinary mission – to save the planet.



## Further Awards -

### Travel Operators for Tigers (TOFT)

Travel Operators for Tigers (TOFT) won the Sanctuary ABN-AMRO 'Wind Under Wings' Award for an organisation that has supported one or more of its employees to be of service to nature. TOFT's Indian Director, Abhishek Behl, received this award for his work in six Indian parks and sanctuaries in an effort to turn responsible tourism into a conservation tool.

This award would not have been possible without the support and encouragement from all TOFT members in India and the UK.

## Skin Trade

At the 2007 Litang Horse Festival in Sichuan, China, not a single person was seen wearing genuine tiger, leopard or otter skin. This is a remarkable contrast to the scenes of 2005, when hundreds of people were wearing the skins of endangered species. The change is largely due to the success of local and international awareness campaigns. It appears that it is no longer considered "fashionable" or politically correct to wear or sell tiger or leopard skins, as these animals are protected.

EIA and WPSI documented this long-lasting and profound change in consumer attitude in Lhasa in February 2007. The progress may well be localised, but with a continued decline in what was the primary market for tiger, leopard and otter skins, there is room for hope. GTP funded the production of an educational DVD targeted at the Tibetan skin trade produced by EIA and WPSI in 2006.



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“Long-term scientific studies highlight prey depletion as a key driver in the decline of tiger numbers. Wild tiger populations exploit a secure prey base and then become highly productive, viable and stable”.

**Dr K Ullas Karanth**



because people make a difference

Abhishek Behl collecting award. Photo: Sanctuary Magazine.

# A Grrreat New Fair

**Global Tiger Patrol to benefit  
Friday 18 – Sunday 20  
April 2008**

Esher Hall at Sandown Park Racecourse is the venue for a smart new fine art and antiques fair being launched this April and Global Tiger Patrol has been nominated as the event's charity. GTP will be manning a stand with information and opportunities to win fabulous prizes for the duration of the fair. We have already been promised a grrreat 19th century tiger print by one of the exhibitors.

Some 45 specialist dealers, pre-dominantly from the British Antique Dealers' Association and LAPADA have been invited to showcase their finest pieces over the weekend of 18 – 20 April at The Esher Hall Antiques and Fine Art Fair. Fine items on offer span several centuries of fashion, including 20th century art, suitable for both traditional and contemporary interiors, jewellery and watches to melt the heart of someone special. Other treasures to furnish your home comprise magnificent bronze sculptures, beautiful antique maps and prints, oak and mahogany longcase and gilt mantel clocks, books to boost your library, oil and watercolour paintings to grace your walls, exquisite English, oriental and continental ceramics, exceptional oriental rugs, town and country furniture, glass decanters and tableware, superior silver, unusual objets d'art and decorative accessories, and a clutch of tiger and wildlife inspired fine art and antiques, with prices ranging from a few hundred pounds up to six figure sums.

The Esher Hall Antiques & Fine Art Fair is one of three small luxury antiques fairs very successfully run by Ingrid Nilson of The Antiques Dealers Fair Limited, herself also a dealer in decorative prints. Her reputation goes before her - David Moss of the Antiques Trade Gazette wrote, about another fair launched and organised by Ingrid Nilson, on 3 November 2007 saying, "There is unanimous praise for the second-to-none organisation by Ingrid Nilson, and the fair has a reputation of being among the best looking on the circuit".

## Join us for Opening Drinks

Come and join us on Friday evening (18 April) for opening night drinks between 6-8pm to celebrate.

Contact us for free tickets to this exciting new event. We hope to see you there.

## Tickets and Information

If you would like a free ticket to the fair, please send us an email at [admin@globaltigerpatrol.org](mailto:admin@globaltigerpatrol.org) marking the subject box Esher Hall TICKET or telephone 01376 520320.

For more information about the fair, visit [www.esherhallfair.com](http://www.esherhallfair.com)

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Sandown Park Racecourse  
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Bronze, c1887 from  
Garrett & Hurst Sculpture

# GTP Works With Other Organisations

## International Tiger Coalition

Global Tiger Patrol has become a member of the International Tiger Coalition, an alliance of 41 organisations across the globe, united under the common aim of stopping trade in tiger parts and products from all sources.

This unprecedented coalition, made up of environmental, zoo and animal protection organisations as well as the traditional Chinese medicine community, speaks with one voice in calling for an end to trade in tiger parts and products through increased intelligence-led law enforcement and strengthening existing tiger-trade bans. Furthermore, the coalition has joined leaders of the international traditional Chinese medicine industry in asking China to make its successful 14-year tiger-trade ban permanent.

The aim of the coalition is to coordinate research, communications and awareness-raising efforts in order to provide a well thought out and strong response to the organised crime that sustains illegal tiger trade and endangers all wild tigers.

## Travel Operators for Tigers (TOFT)

Travel Operators for Tigers is a campaign set up in 2004 by a number of concerned Indian focused Travel Operators in the UK who believed there was a need for change in the way that nature and wildlife tourism was developing in India. Working with Global Tiger Patrol, the idea is that all those involved in 'tiger tourism',

including tour operators, accommodation providers, local services, park management and of course visitors, will join together to attempt to halt the demise of the tiger. Through collective action and adherence to Codes of Conduct, the campaign aims to make wildlife tourism in India more responsible and more sustainable.

If you are planning to visit tigers in India, please can we request that you book your trip with a TOFT member. See the website for details. For an update on the work of Tour Operators for Tiger, see the article on page 8 or visit [www.toftiger.org](http://www.toftiger.org)

## 21st Century Tiger

21st Century Tiger, Global Tiger Patrol's wild tiger conservation partnership with the Zoological Society of London continues apace, having funded some 80 projects in Cambodia, China, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Russia and Thailand, since its inception in 1997.

Current projects include voluntary resettlement of forest-dwelling communities from Nagarhole National Park in southern India; environmental education and outreach with the local people of Primorye in the Russian Far East; and assisting the Indonesian government to conserve tigers and other wildlife through the development of a true conservation matrix of habitat types and land uses. This needs to be capable of supporting wildlife and ecosystem services whilst still contributing to the country's economic and social development. For updated information news and projects requiring support, please visit [www.21stcenturytiger.org](http://www.21stcenturytiger.org)



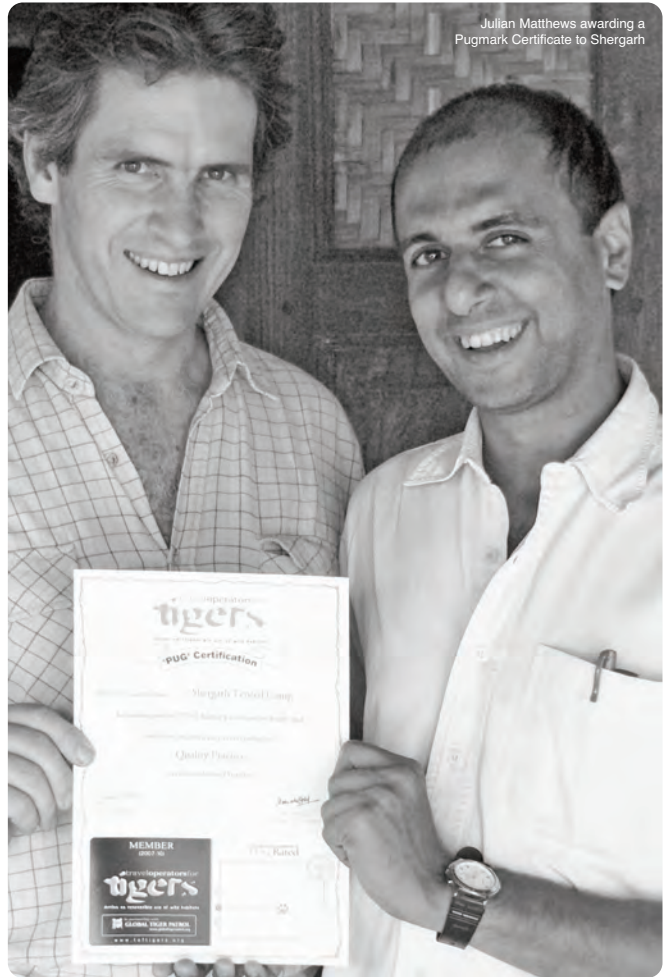
# An Update from TRAVEL OPERATORS FOR TIGERS



It has been another very busy year for the Travel Operators for Tigers (TOFT) team, and the new tiger season is back with us.

TOFT has been gaining friends and influence this season in many quarters, particularly amongst the wildlife tourism sector and amongst India's best know conservationists, with both Dr Raghunandan Chundawat and Dr Ullas Karanth now as keen supporters. The 6 key parks in which we operate, Corbett, Kanha, Bandavgarh, Panna, Pench and Ranthambhore, all have TOFT representatives, visionary individuals who are themselves passionate about what they are doing.

One of the key pillars of the campaign is to affect the very best ecotourism practices and principles into the operations of the lodge communities surrounding these parks. With tiger tourism expanding at an extraordinary rate (14 new lodges in Bandhavgarh alone this year) and a tourism growth rate of 10%



Julian Matthews awarding a Pugmark Certificate to Shergam

to 15% per year, ensuring these habitat, land and resource pressures are well managed is critical to the long-term health of these parks. The ridiculous issues experienced at the end of 2006, when Ranthambhore was closed by a court order for 10 days, under the premise that tourism was affecting the health of the tiger population, ensures that TOFT's grounds for campaigning for 'responsible use of wild habitat' is increasingly important to the long term welfare and conservation health of these parks, and to the understanding and management of tourism by park

and government officials.

Nobody can deny today that tigers are in a very bad way in India with recent reports stating statistics as few as 1,411 tigers left in the wild. The healthiest populations now exist almost entirely in parks and reserves. They also commonly exist in the greatest densities within tourism zones of key parks like those in which we focus our attention. Encouraged by the TOFT campaign, there is increasing recognition that responsible tourism does provide a key tool to India's conservationists in their battle to save tiger habitat,

reflected in our winning the prestigious ABN-AMRO's 'Wind Under the Wings' award recently, in association with Sanctuary Magazine, highlighting TOFT's growing importance and commitment, and our India Director Abhishek Behl's significant work in achieving this attitudinal change.

Madhya Pradesh parks must be congratulated on their attempts to recognise the value of tourism to their parks. They are seeking to offer new ways to enhance wilderness experiences including walking trails, hides and camping options, but still some education is needed both within the travel trade and parks to understand the mechanisms by which they can work most effectively, particularly with regards to park fees and activities.

In 2007, we ran two campaigns, one to the Prime Minister of India, to support the call for greater strategic clarity on tiger protection measures and a new independent park service, out of the clutches of

the Indian Forestry Service, because of the continuing compromised position that such a structure still has to the successful running of parks. Secondly comments to Madhya Pradesh's parks on the issue of higher park fees and distribution of these fees to support conservation efforts more successfully. We will continue to pursue our campaigns here because the situation is still not clear on either.

TOFT has to be able to measure operational standards fairly and so last summer Abhishek Behl worked on a new audit (without reinventing the audit wheel) – called the PUG rating - so that we can more effectively identify and reward best practice and help, support and influence operations that are not able or willing to make changes that affect the goals of long term conservation of the regions in which they operate.

The PUG audit takes three basic forms. A lodge's own self-assessment, a proper audit consultation and visitors'

feedback. All these processes have now been put in place and we were delighted to announce in October 2007, that we had awarded TOFT PUG Rankings to 5 lodges. We gave our second highest ranking, Quality PUG Ratings, to Shergarh Lodge in Kanha and Dev Vilas in Ranthambhore for their excellent examples, and third highest ranking, Good PUG practice to Kanha Jungle Lodge, Ranthambhore Bagh and Kipling Camp in Kanha. In the 2007/8 season we aim to cover most lodges within the TOFT designated parks, a large number of whom are now taking up the call to be audited, from some of the smaller privately owned ones as well as the luxury branded operations now increasingly part of the tourism mix in these parks.

TOFT has also written a simple handbook for lodge owners to help them with new ideas, innovations, community interactions and cost efficiencies that will help them to be both better businesses and run more sustainable operations.



Julian Matthews meeting villagers in Panpatta

Copies of this handbook have been distributed to all TOFT accommodation members or can be downloaded from our website. All TOFT lodge members will also be obliged to have a leaflet displayed in their bedrooms explaining the campaign as well as other literature to help the TOFT campaign's visibility in and around parks.

It is amazing, given the numbers of visitors into tiger parks today, that there is still no proper pocket guidebook to any of the parks\*, so we are in discussions with the well known Sanctuary Magazine to publish a series of quality guidebooks for the TOFT parks, a result of which a percentage of the cover price will be ploughed back into projects on the ground.

Whilst the lodges and resorts are at the sharp end of the campaign, all who fall within the tourism equation are critical to ensure the campaign's success. A presentation given at WWF offices in Delhi in early December 2006 to over 30 ground agents and Destination Management Companies (DMCs) resulted in gaining 16 DMC members all agreeing to similar best practice principles, encouraging and influencing their suppliers - both upstream and downstream - to become more involved and more active in their roles of developing, promoting and marketing a better and more varied range of tours and options for their clients in these wilderness areas. Thanks to all UK Tour Operators for encouraging their own agents to attend.

Massive companies who carry over 200,000 international clients a year, like Sita (now Kuoni) and Travel Inn have joined the campaign and also luxury specialists like Banyan Tours and Royal Expeditions. We are

delighted to welcome them to the campaign and see them as a critical cog. We have also continued to expand our UK membership amongst the tour operator community with new members in 2007 including large companies like Explore, Audley Travel and Scott Dunn joining us, as well as a number of other smaller ones like Indus Tours, Mongoose and Tim Best Travel. A total of 31 Tour Operators are now members of the campaign and can be found on the website.

This season 2007/8 we are setting up TOFT INDIA, a not for profit company based in Delhi, that will be overseen by invited TOFT representatives from the Indian wildlife travel arena. They will help oversee the projects and strategies implemented in each park, part of our next stage of the campaign.

Whilst TOFT is not set up to be a classic 'aid' funder, it does aim to catalyse and bring together resorts and services to consider innovative initiatives that support community development, new local employment and services, skills training and huge developmental issues like waste and water disposal. We have published project funding guidelines ([www.toftigers.org/projects/howwefund.aspx](http://www.toftigers.org/projects/howwefund.aspx)) on the website, for those who maybe interested.

In Corbett, we have helped put together a waste disposal programme operated by a new collective lodge enterprise, funded by the TOFT lodges. Also under consideration is a 'sponsor a guard post' programme in a host of parks, enhanced park guide training workshops, and £2,000 has been granted to a project run by D. V. Girish, working for consolidating the tiger habitat in and around Bhadra Tiger Reserve in the Western Ghats (see page 2).

As always, the limiting factor is more often time than money. With Abhishek Behl, our only full timer, doing a fantastic job in the field on very limited resources and me working hard outside of office hours, we are seeking to find ways of accelerating the advocacy and impact of the campaign in light of the ever increasing interest in TOFT, with new members in Australia, Sweden and I hope the US and Canada. Its all go here!

Finally we are looking for innovative sponsorship to help to develop the campaign and keep the Delhi office at full power year round - so all ideas or support are welcome (via Global Tiger Patrol). Our excellent new website, increasingly an important marketing platform for best practice operators can be seen at [www.toftigers.org](http://www.toftigers.org)

Julian Matthews

\*Global Tiger Patrol part-funded two editions of the groundbreaking Ultimate Ranthambhore Guide in 2001 and 2002, with profits going to the Ranthambhore staff welfare organisation.



# Important Please Read

## Mailing list update

GTP is trying to cut its costs. We are cleaning up our mailing list. You will already notice that we have reduced the size of the newsletter in order to keep postage costs down. However, you can help us further by letting us have your email address, so that we can alert you when the newsletter information is posted on our website. By sending us your email address, we can then also inform you electronically of future events and news. A paper version of the newsletter is available upon request.

For those who have no email address, please fill in the enclosed form to confirm your details and send it back to the GTP office.

**If we do not get a response from you, we will assume that you no longer wish to keep in touch with GTP.**

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People are highly innovative in their fundraising escapades: from the amazingly mature selflessness of 13 year old Alex Tarbun to the activities of street collectors, all of which are most gratefully received.

We would also like to thank the family of Florence Perkins who agreed that donations from her funeral mourners should be paid to GTP in her memory, as well as a legacy from her estate.

GTP is also most grateful to Rob Carter for designing and hosting its new website and Adrian Brett for designing the newsletter.

## Thank You Alex

Alex Tarbun became interested in tigers after working on a school project a couple of years ago, she was horrified to find out how endangered tigers are and has tried to find ways to help the species ever since.

She decided that her 13th birthday last year would give her a fantastic opportunity to raise funds to help tiger conservation. She held a tiger

themed birthday party and instead of guests bringing her presents she asked people to donate money to her chosen charity.

“I chose Global Tiger Patrol because it is a local charity and because it believes that if you protect the tiger you are also protecting the biodiversity within the tiger range forests”, Alex said.

A GTP trustee gave a brief talk at the party about tigers and the threats they face.

Alex raised a staggering £500.