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Protecting species that we can see in our own back yards, like the monarch butterfly, is both important and satisfying. But recent news of the death of the last male white rhino saddened and angered people around the world.

Can we help other exotic species before they meet the same fate? July 29 is Global Tiger Day, and you can help the 3,900 tigers left in the wild.

Wild Tigers

Tigers, the largest cat species, inspire awe around the world. But in the last century, their numbers dropped 95 percent until only 3,200 were left in the wild in 2010. In that year, the 13 tiger-range countries set an ambitious goal to stop the tigers' decline and double the number of wild tigers by 2022 — the next Year of the Tiger in the Chinese zodiac. Although progress has been made, at current population growth rates, the goal will not be met.

Tigers are an “umbrella species.” That means meeting their conservation needs — large areas of habitat, protection from poachers — ensures conservation of many other species in the same area. Protecting wild tigers also protects forests and their native biodiversity.

Direct Donations

The World Wildlife Fund (Charity Navigator score 3) is a driving force behind the Tx2 initiative. You can Adopt a Tiger through WWF or another group, like Defenders of Wildlife (Charity Navigator score 3).