



## WHY US?

Students have often been idealists and catalysts for change, and this is no less true today. Many organizations around the world are working tirelessly for tiger conservation, but students as a group have never been mobilized to this effort. Students at tiger-mascot schools have a special bond to save tigers, and we bring passion, energy and the talents to make quantum leaps forward in conservation. This is a cause that can engage students from all disciplines.

## WHY NOW?

Tigers face imminent extinction in the wild. Three of nine subspecies are extinct and a fourth survives only in captivity. The 3,200 tigers left are scattered in dozens of tiny, isolated populations, and the threats that brought them to this state – habitat destruction, poaching, and revenge killing – are still present. Extinction within the next decade is possible, but so is a dramatic recovery if we can all work together. Also, young people can carry this commitment to conservation through their lives.

## OPPORTUNITIES

Tigers range from India and Nepal east to Indonesia and north through China and Russia. Many colleges and universities already have research and educational programs in these countries, and new ones could be formed. Tiger conservation can also be carried out in the United States, through educational and outreach programs to the campus and community. Each school can develop a plan appropriate to its mission and academic programs, and we can work together on national initiatives.

## SUMMIT GOALS:

- 1 To establish a student-run national organization with partners at each participating university devoted to the conservation of tigers.
- 2 To expose students to current and new conservation needs, from experts in the field.
- 3 To select areas in which the National Coalition can become involved.



### VISION

Our vision is to form a national coalition of students from tiger-mascot universities devoted to tiger conservation. This coalition will meet regularly and learn about needs and opportunities from each other and from experts in the field. We will work together to educate and engage students and the larger communities on tiger welfare and protection. These efforts are intended to be continuing, effective, visible, educationally valuable, and a positive reflection on the institutions we represent.

### SCHOOLS INVOLVED

Auburn University  
Brenau University  
Clemson University  
Colorado College  
Doane College  
Hampden - Sydney College  
Louisiana State University  
University of Missouri  
Princeton University  
Rochester Institute of Technology  
SUNY-Cobleskill  
Towson University  
Trinity University

### APPRECIATIONS TO

Tiger Trust India  
International Fund for Animal Welfare  
U.S. Fish and Wildlife  
National Wildlife Refuge Association  
Big Cat Rescue  
Central Florida Animal Reserve  
Society of Conservation Biology



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